

Behind the Cover: Marine Daydream

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What a dream!

I was absolutely elated when I received the news that we would be photographing the summer cover on a sailboat! The news sent my ocean loving heart a-flutter!

Many thanks to Harrison's Landing for allowing us to live out our nautical daydreams on the Nell Betty II. Our skilled captain, Pete Meyer, sailed us masterfully and confidently despite the less than perfect weather conditions. Special thanks to our skiff captain Geoff Whirty, who gave us a secondary angle to capture the full scenic beauty of our bay voyage!

This shoot was certainly one of our more challenging productions with many moving parts (including the setting), heavy fog, unstable footing, and a few wardrobe obstacles... but we had an amazing crew that helped all of the twists & turns feel like smooth sailing!

We began styling the visual direction for this marine daydream with a special dress in mind, the Lillian West 'Shooting Star' gown, an airy creation with bell sleeves, delicate gossamer layers and a trail of beaded stars throughout. The gown was simple but unique, and the right amount of whimsy to soften the angular lines of the setting. Our stunning dress was provided by All About the Dress in Victoria. We are always so grateful for their extra effort in attaining special and exquisite gowns. This dress in particular was a bit out of reach, and it miraculously came available at the very last minute!

We complimented the dress with a silver engagement ring from A. Kenney Jewelry and elegant statement earrings by Kendra Scott, specially selected from their newly-launched bridal line.

The bride's look was completed with bare feet, and a bouquet made of white stargazer lilies wrapped with a silver rope as a nod to the setting. The white 'star' florals were echoed in the garland and surrounded by lush greenery. The gorgeous florals and special on-site installation was provided by H-E-B Blooms.

Starla Dunlavey and her team are always so efficient and generous with their time and talent, and a joy to work with!

Of course, all of those beautiful details can't come alive without our gorgeous models! Sean and Evan Hoelscher happen to be newlyweds (see spotlight pg. 18), were absolutely picture perfect, and two of the bravest, most sure-footed models we've had the pleasure of working with! Much appreciation to our beautiful couple for their time, energy, and absolute trust!

Our lovely bride, Evan, has natural beauty which was enhanced by the skilled hands of Malorie Jones, owner of Hair and Makeup by Malorie. It was absolutely mesmerizing watching her artistry firsthand when creating a romantic braided updo, and applying classic touches for a perfectly natural bridal beauty look.

Our groom, Sean, was truly adaptable and kind. We are ever so grateful for his flexibility and ability to meet every challenge with a smile and a helping hand, even as we were faced with trying to source a last-second suit for him due to the original suit being several sizes too small. The One's owner, Monica Sawyer, came to the rescue! She drove out to the Island mid-shoot to bring us her husband Ryan's assortment of suits to select from, one of which was a great fit and a perfect navy blue Kenneth Cole suit from Men's Wearhouse. The groom's look was finished off with a preppy bow tie from Ryan Gray's collection (Ryan is the other half of Deux Boheme), and Sean's own oxford brogues.

Many thanks to all of the team and contributors! We are so grateful to everyone who made this unique experience possible, and all of the support and assistance as we worked through rough patches and the foggy day. Special thanks to Raquel Espinoza, who assisted with many elements and was a joy to work with.



All hands were definitely on deck! and we are ever so grateful.

Be sure to check out our social media sites for amazing video footage provided by Danny Grantham of Atlas Visuals.

Join us June 20th from 6-8pm at Kendra Scott in La Palmera Mall for a reception celebrating our June issue! Find out more on facebook.





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