

\$1,150,000 - 521 Dorado Avenue, Fort Walton Beach

MLS® #1012145

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3 Bedroom, 4.00 Bathroom, 2,284 sqft

Detached Single Family on 0.24 Acres

SANTA ROSA ISLAND, Fort Walton Beach, FL

A true architectural treasure on Okaloosa Island, this striking mid-century modern residence was designed to stand apart--and decades later, it remains every bit as distinctive. Perched high above the shoreline with 122 feet of waterfront along the breathtaking Santa Rosa Sound and Intracoastal Waterway, this 2,284-square-foot, 3-bedroom, 3.5-bath home pairs iconic design with panoramic water views and an exceptional coastal lifestyle. Once featured in Southern Living Magazine, the home was undeniably ahead of its time and remains a rare piece of Okaloosa Island architectural history.

The experience begins before you ever step inside. A sweeping canopy of mature ligustrum creates a private, almost enchanted approach, forming a lush natural passage to the home. As you arrive, a distinctive breeze block wall--a hallmark of mid-century design--offers the first glimpse of the architectural character that awaits. Together with the custom, one-of-a-kind front door, these details create an entrance that feels both private and unmistakably original. Step inside and the home's architecture immediately takes center stage, as sweeping views of the Sound draw your eye through the living spaces and toward the water beyond.

Inside, original mid-century character blends effortlessly with contemporary sophistication. Soaring ceilings, an open-concept living,



dining, and kitchen area, and dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows create an extraordinary sense of volume, light, and connection to the outdoors. Walls of glass transform the ever-changing beauty of the Sound into living art, while built-in shelving surrounding a striking black granite fireplace provides a dramatic focal point and the perfect backdrop for art, books, and collected treasures.

Thoughtfully designed for both privacy and entertaining, each of the home's three bedrooms features its own private bath, while an additional powder room is conveniently positioned just off the main living area.

The home's connection to the water continues outdoors, where an expansive paver patio sits high above the shoreline, creating a spectacular setting for entertaining, dining alfresco, or simply watching boats glide along the Intracoastal. With 122 feet of waterfront, the property offers abundant space to embrace life on the Sound, from quiet mornings by the water to unforgettable evenings beneath the coastal sky.

A private dock places the best of the Emerald Coast within easy reach. Spend the day boating, fishing, paddleboarding, or cruising to Crab Island and Destin, then return home to the privacy and serenity of your own waterfront retreat.

Architecturally significant, effortlessly sophisticated, and unmistakably one of a kind, this is far more than a waterfront home--it is a piece of Okaloosa Island history. Properties with this combination of design, elevation, waterfrontage, and character are rarely offered. This is a home that simply must be experienced in person to be fully appreciated.

Built in 1968

Essential Information

MLS® #	1012145
Price	\$1,150,000
Bedrooms	3
Bathrooms	4.00
Full Baths	3
Half Baths	1
Square Footage	2,284
Acres	0.24
Year Built	1968
Type	Detached Single Family
Sub-Type	Detached Single Family
Style	Contemporary
Status	Active

Community Information

Address	521 Dorado Avenue
Area	12 - Fort Walton Beach
Subdivision	SANTA ROSA ISLAND
City	Fort Walton Beach
County	Okaloosa
State	FL
Zip Code	32548

Amenities

Utilities	Gas - Natural, Public Sewer, Public Water
Parking	Boat, Attached Carport, Golf Cart Garage, Guest, Carport, See Remarks, Covered
View	Bay, Intracoastal Waterwy, Sound
Is Waterfront	Yes
Waterfront	Bay, Intracoastal Wtrwy, Seawall, Sound
Water View	Bay, Intracoastal Waterwy, Sound

Interior

Interior Features	Bookcases, Cathedral Ceiling(s), Vaulted Ceiling(s), Fireplace, Kitchen Island, Recessed Lighting, Newly Painted, Pantry, Split Bedroom, Walls Mirrored, Washer/Dryer Hookup
Appliances	Cooktop, Dishwasher, Disposal, Microwave, Refrigerator, Electric Water Heater
Heating	Central, Gas - Natural

Cooling	Central Air, Ceiling Fan(s)
Fireplace	Yes
Fireplaces	Fireplace Gas
# of Stories	2

Exterior

Exterior Features	Dock, Lawn Pump, Sprinkler System
Lot Description	Aerials/Topo Availbl, Bulkhead/Seawall, Interior Lot, Within 1/2 Mile to Water
Windows	Tinted Windows, Skylight(s), Window Treatments
Roof	Flat
Construction	Block, Stucco, Wood Siding, Trim Wood
Foundation	Slab

School Information

Elementary	Elliott Point
Middle	Bruner
High	Fort Walton Beach

Additional Information

Zoning	Resid Single Family
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Listing Details

Listing Office	Coldwell Banker Realty
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