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Ocean House Ranked #10 In Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards

OH! Spa Ranked #3 in Hotel Spas Weekapaug Inn Ranks #5 in Top Inns

WATCH HILL, R.I., July 2, 2013 – As announced by *Travel* + *Leisure*, the Ocean House has been ranked #10 on its annual list of Top Resorts in the Continental U.S. in the 2013 World's Best Awards readers' survey. Ocean House also earned the #95 spot on the Top 100 Hotels Overall list. Every year *Travel* + *Leisure* magazine recognizes the top cities, hotels, islands, airlines, cruise lines, spas, airports, and more, as voted by the passionate readers of T+L. Readers rate destinations, hotels, and travel companies on various characteristics and the results are published in the August Travel + Leisure issue and on www.TravelandLeisure.com.

"We are thrilled to be voted onto the Top 100 list again this year," said Daniel A. Hostettler, President and Managing Director of the Ocean House. "We value our place on this list because we were placed there by our guests. They took the time to cast a vote and express how much they enjoyed the Ocean House. That means so much to the staff and management."

Additionally, voted onto the World's Best list for the first time is the Ocean House's onsite, Forbes Five-star OH! Spa, earning a ranking of #3 among Top Hotel Spas in the Continental U.S. and #7 in the Top 10 Spas Overall.

Ocean House sister property the <u>Weekapaug Inn</u> has been opened for less than one year and joined the list with a #5 ranking among Top Inns and Small Lodges in the Continental U.S.

The Ocean House sits high on the bluffs of Watch Hill, Rhode Island, overlooking a private stretch of beach with sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island. Originally opened in 1868 as a seasonal resort, the new year-round hotel and residence re-opened in June 2010 after a \$140 million reconstruction to provide guests and residents with a luxurious seaside resort experience. Inspired by the Victorian architecture prevalent in the local homes and in the historic hotels of the early 20th century, the Ocean House evokes a timeless elegance that captures the spirit of coastal New England and its historic beachside communities, but comes with all of the amenities of a world-class luxury resort.

Guests at the Ocean House are treated to farm-to-table cuisine in both fine and casual dining venues. The 12,000 square foot Forbes Five-Star OH! Spa features six treatment rooms, an ocean-view lap pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. A 1,000-foot expanse of private beach provides guests with an oceanfront playground complete with staffed cabanas and an array of water sports and area activities. The Ocean House also features more than 10,000 square feet of indoor and alfresco events space to accommodate private gatherings, corporate retreats, business conferences and weddings.

Ocean House is a Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-diamond property and a member of Relais & Châteaux.

About the Ocean House

The Ocean House, one of New England's last grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. The 136-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 15 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot, Forbes Five-star OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. Ocean House is a Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-diamond property and a member of Relais & Châteaux, an association of 475 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 55 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. For more information, please visit www.oceanhouseri.com or call 888-552-2588.

About the OH! Spa

The OH! Spa is the only Forbes Five-Star spa in Rhode Island, and among only 30 spas in the world to achieve the Five-Star rating. The 12,000-square-foot destination spa features six treatment rooms, an ocean-view lap pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. It offers the best of the Ocean and the Harvest in a collection of seasonal treatments and products. Rejuvenate where the rolling hills of beachside roses and lavender fields meet the New England coastline. For more information visit www.oceanhouseri.com or call 888-552-2588.

About the Weekapaug Inn

The Ocean House is joined by a sister property, The Weekapaug Inn, which reopened in October 2012. The Inn is located five miles from the Ocean House in the peaceful community of Weekapaug, Rhode Island, with sweeping views of Quonochontaug Pond, and the Atlantic just beyond. Inspired by classic Cape Cod style, the property features 27 guest rooms and four Signature Suites, with farm-to-table fine and casual dining and boutique event space. The Weekapaug Inn is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an association of 475 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 55 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. For more information please visit www.weekapauginn.com or call 888-813-7862.

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