

FOUR NEW ISLESFORD YEAR-ROUND RENTAL HOMES RENTERS SELECTED – JUNE 2025

CIRT has selected residents for our four new rental homes on Islesford, fulfilling our goal of helping people who are committed to living and working on the island year-round and contributing to the community. CIRT now has five rental homes on Islesford and five on Cranberry Island.

Late last year, we chose two established island workers -- Oscar Delagarza and Dustin Bragdon -- to occupy a three-bedroom house on Cross Road, and a one-bedroom ADU (Auxiliary Dwelling Unit) on Maple Avenue.

Oscar, a Desert Storm veteran, came to Islesford in June 2018 as a cook for the Islesford Dock Restaurant. He worked as a sternman for Ted Spurling that fall, fished with him for three years, then joined Nick Hadlock on the Mister E, where he now works. He will move into the Cross Road three-bedroom around July 1 with Cindy Palmer, his longtime partner who grew up on the island.



Oscar

Dustin, a Maine native from the Lewiston area, was invited to stay with the Palmer family three years ago while he worked at the Islesford Dock Restaurant. He then started working at the Cranberry Isles Fishermen's Co-op, where he was recently promoted to foreman. Dustin has faced a recurring challenge: having to find new housing each summer. He says he is grateful to CIRT for helping him secure stable year-round housing. "Leaving this island was never an option for me since I set foot on it; this is where I belong," Dustin says. "For the last few years I've scratched and clawed and fought to stay on Islesford." He will be settling in the Maple Avenue one-bedroom in June.



Dustin

More recently, CIRT chose tenants for two other new homes – a two-bedroom on Maple Ave., and a one-bedroom ADU on Cross Road– that should be ready for occupancy this fall.

Peter Carroll, brother of long- term summer residents Cathy Sinnott and Ted Carroll, will move into the one-bedroom home on Cross Road. Peter, who came to Islesford to work at the Co-op two years ago, is a veteran and has a long history working in landscaping and concrete construction. He is active in the Islesford Congregational Church.



Peter

For the two-bedroom home on Maple Avenue, CIRT has chosen Kate Ayrault (formerly Kate Savidge), a lifelong summer resident who, after spending the winter of 2023- 24 on Islesford, wants to live here year-round. Kate is an artist who holds a Master's degree in art education and hopes to teach art to schoolchildren in the area. Her work has been displayed at the Islesford Artist Gallery and Winters Work.



Kate

