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**NOT ALL BOATHOUSES ARE
CREATED EQUAL.**

Some are designed and equipped to accommodate people, too. Consider the striking yet intimate lakeside shelter Albertsson Hansen Architecture designed for a young family in Cohasset, Minnesota. Burrowed into the slope running down to the lake, the roughly 250-square-foot, simply furnished structure offers a cozy spot from which to enjoy the water—rain or shine.

"The idea was to create a modern version of an old garage-style boathouse—an indoor/outdoor room with an elemental connection to nature," architect TODD HANSEN, AIA, explains. "The board-formed concrete walls hold back the earth, the pitched roof adds interior height, and the overhead bifold door creates a little overhang when it's open. Refuge and prospect are a part of every house, but I think you become even more aware of them in a smaller shelter."

