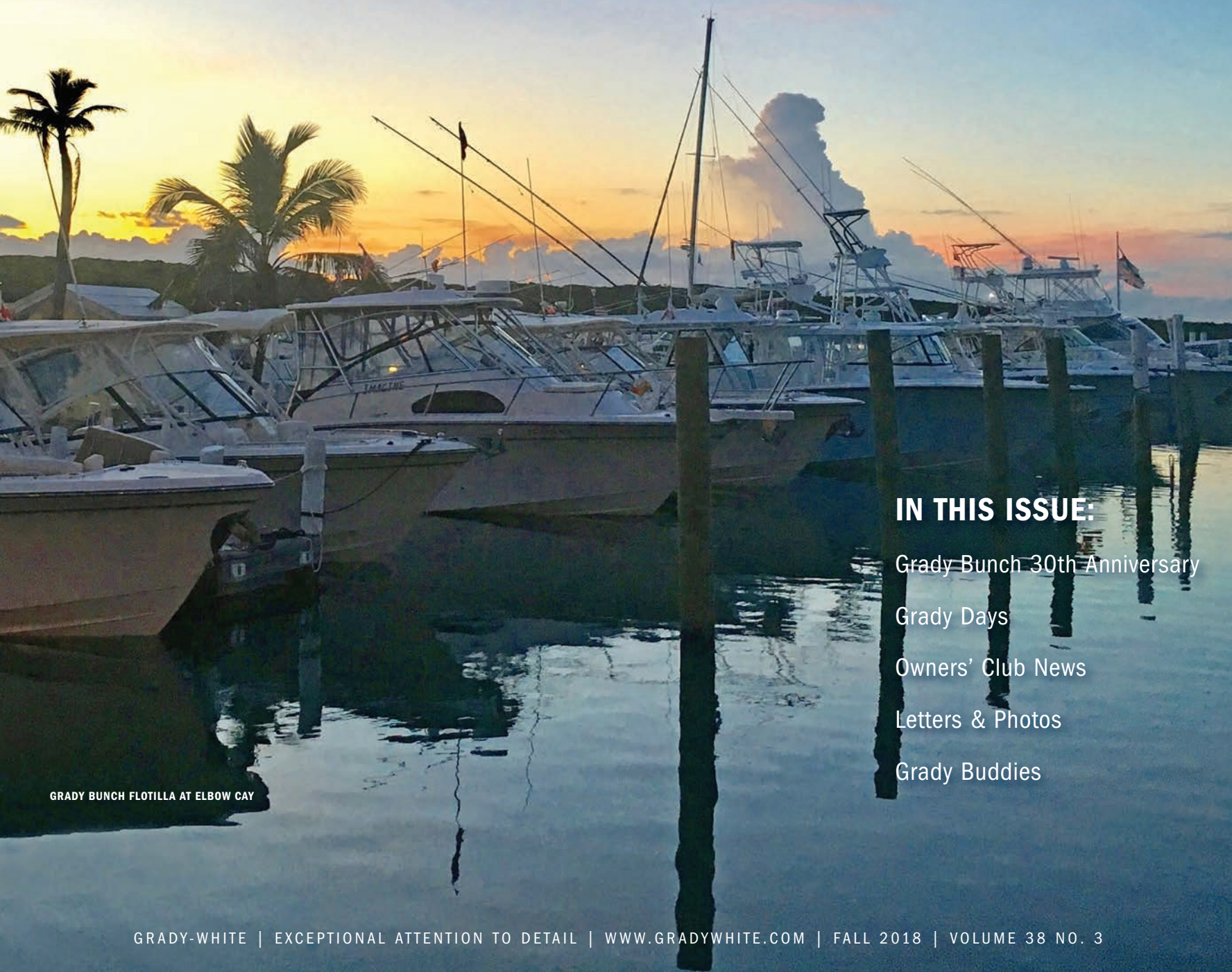


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GRADY BUNCH FLOTILLA AT ELBOW CAY

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# The Originals: Grady Bunch Grady-White Club Celebrates 30th Anniversary and Great Cruising Adventures

“We’re the oldest and most well-traveled Grady group.” – Brian Cunningham, Vero Marine Center

Back in 1988, Vero Marine Center’s Bruce McIntyre and Brian Cunningham were selling and servicing Grady-White boats to and for many a snowbird, at their east coast Florida location in Vero Beach. When storing customers’ boats after the peak season, and servicing them for year ‘rounders as well, the two would note that there could have been more engine time on those Gradys. “We realized that folks perhaps didn’t know where to go, or all the many great activities they could do with their boats,” Cunningham remembers. “We came up

with the idea of organizing events for the folks we’d sold Gradys to—like lunch getaways and weekend trips—as a way of their learning boating skills and about the local coastal area, while enjoying the company of other Grady owners.” They consulted Grady-White CEO Eddie Smith, who was enthusiastic and supportive from the get-go. Thus was born the first official Grady-White Owners Club: The Grady Bunch.

Like all Grady clubs, the Bunch offers something for everyone, in every Grady-White size range. December

through May, monthly “secret lunches” are on the calendar. These are about a half-hour to an hour’s ride to an undisclosed waterside restaurant. Seminars have covered electronics, fishing, and “women on the water” classes, and have sponsored Power Squadron/Coast Guard Auxiliary safety inspections. There are backwater cruises, providing comfortable opportunities to gain experience off the beaten path. The Grady Bunch also goes on long “3-2” weekends with runs of a couple hours away, whether north to Cocoa Beach or south to

Palm Beach. Trips to the Florida west coast or to the Keys are a bit more farther reaching—building confidence to participate in the club’s signature event: the annual Bahamas Cruise.

Since 1989, a Grady Bunch flotilla has made the four- to five-hour crossing to Old Bahama Bay on West End, Grand Bahamas, to clear customs before setting off on one of several courses of adventure. There’s Marsh Harbour and Abaco Beach Resort. Another favorite is Elbow Cay and the Sea Spray Marina, and a gaze at the reef’s candy-striped



THE GRADY BUNCH 2018, 30th Anniversary Bahamas Cruise





**GRADY BUNCH MEMBERS MARK THEIR SPOT** at Compass Cay, Exuma, Bahamas, in 2011.

lighthouse. Guaranteed every year is a sojourn at Green Turtle Cay. This year, 17 boats and plus-or-minus 60 people saw outstanding weather, great crossings, and more first timers than ever joining those

who have made the trip since the beginning. Swimming with pigs (yep, pigs), diving and snorkeling, beaching, fishing, sight-seeing, great dining—this is the ultimate in Grady vacation satisfaction.

A salute to The Grady Bunch, and to all Grady clubs, and their sponsoring Grady-White dealerships and service departments who organize and support these great traditional outings

and get-togethers, all for the enjoyment of The Grady Life. As Cunningham sums up the experience, “We become friends and family!”



**GRADY-WHITE FACTORY STAFF VISITED WITH THE GRADY BUNCH** in 2008 at Man-O-War Cay.



# The Grady Life: Owners' Clubs

Here are highlights from recent Grady Owners' Clubs events and outings. If you have Grady club information to share or are interested in information about Grady clubs in your area, email [anchorline@gradywhite.com](mailto:anchorline@gradywhite.com). Go to [www.gradywhite.com](http://www.gradywhite.com) for links to club websites.



**CHESAPEAKE BAY GRADY-WHITE CLUB** folks celebrated the Memorial Day weekend at St. Michaels, MD.

The **Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club** celebrated Memorial Day weekend with surprising sunshine, docktails, and a heroic puppy rescue! Five Gradys and 16 individuals got together at historic St. Michaels, MD, for hiking, sightseeing, shopping, eating and chatting. Club mascot Cici, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, got a bit excited and went overboard but was speedily plucked out of the water. Tri-State Marine, Deale, MD, sponsors this club.

The **Delmarva Grady-White Club** hosts quite a few events during the boating season, including raft-ups, social gatherings, and a season-long fishing tournament. Members visited the Grady factory last

spring, and enjoyed lunch with some of the Grady team. This club is sponsored by Taylor Marine Center, Milford, DE.

The **Jersey Shore Grady-White Club** held its annual family fishing tournament in June, with eight boats participating. Prizes for flounder weighed in went to Mike Collins, 19.5", 1.25 lb.; Stu Doumaux, 18.75", 1.50 lb.; and Al Cortese, Sr., 18", 1-lb. Twenty-two attended the afternoon barbecue. Island Marine Center, Ocean View, NJ, sponsors this club.

The **Lake Erie Grady-White Club** reports the results of its 2018 Walleye Tournament, held in June. Captain David Kraut turned in an excellent col-



The **DELMARVA GRADY-WHITE CLUB** visited the Grady factory last spring.

lection of five walleye totaling 149.5". His team broke the old record of 146.75" set by Jason Brooks in June of 2015. David fished on *Old Grady*, a *Tournament 190*. The largest walleye was turned in by Mike Manion's team, the *Trippin' Dippies*, at 31.1". Mike Pasadyn and Jason Brooks were tied for the old record of 31.00" set June 2016 and June of 2015 respectively. Mike fished on *Morning Star*, a *Gulfstream 232*. This tournament certainly tested Grady quality and seakeeping ability. Waves were regularly running two to four feet and three to five feet, with winds 15 to 18 MPH out of the northeast, with occasional gusts up to 20 MPH. This was a tournament of falling records: In addition to the fishing records, the

event saw the largest competing field at 20 captains, largest number of owners attending a tournament function at 27, and the largest number of tournament participants at 113. South Shore Marine, Huron, OH, sponsors this club.

In May, **Northwest Grady-White Club** members including several new ones cruised to Roche Harbor on the northwest of Washington's San Juan Island for their Spring Rendezvous and Ling Cod Derby. Vicki Powers took first place with a 14-lb. fish, earning her name on the plate of the coveted trophy. Husband Rob Powers placed second; other winners in descending order were Tamara Melvin, Jeff Melvin, Larry Post, Bill Buckingham, and J'Anna Post. Jacobsen's Marine, Edmonds, WA, is the club's proud supporter.

Roche Harbor was the site for the **NORTHWEST GRADY-WHITE CLUB** Spring Rendezvous.







The Shanty restaurant, Cape Charles, was the scene of the **TIDEWATER GRADY-WHITE CLUB's** May get-together.

Three boats with members of the **Tampa Bay Grady-White Club** (sponsored by Quality Boats of Clearwater, FL) made a crossing of the Okeechobee Waterway in May, inspired by a presentation at a club meeting last year. Meeting up at the Anna Maria Island Bridge, the group lunched on Cabbage Key and landed at Fort Myers Yacht Basin the first night. The next day they passed through the famous locks, then arrived in Stuart, FL, and settled in at the Old Colorado Inn—a highly recommended restored historic hotel.

The **Tarpon Coast Grady-White Club** saw perfect weather for its annual club picnic in June at Don Pedro State Park, Placida, FL, where they hosted wounded servicemen and their families through Operation Second

Chance. Thanks to club sponsor Ingman Marine and Fred Granger for the troop transport ship, and to Ben Knisley and Priscilla Savage for the arrangements with the veterans.

A lovely group of 35 **Tidewater Grady-White Club** folks got together for lunch at Bubba's restaurant in Virginia Beach, VA, for their annual spring meeting and party in April. Captain Paul Wentworth of club sponsor Norfolk Marine arrived in a brand-new *Fisherman 236* that drew a big crowd at the dock! The next month, 24 members traveled to Cape Charles and the harborside restaurant, Shanty, followed by a wine tasting at the Gulf Hammock. Norfolk Marine sponsors this club.

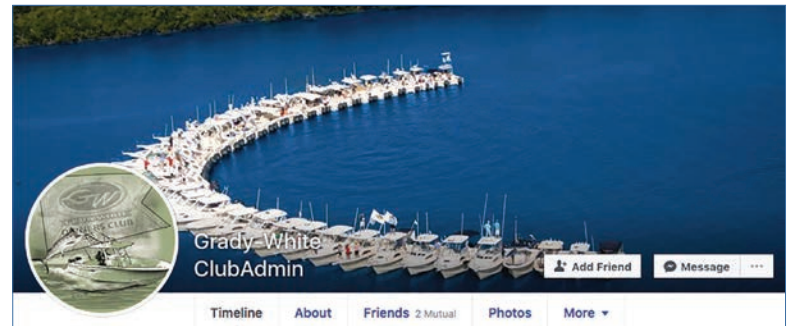


**TAMPA BAY GRADY-WHITE CLUB** members crossed the Okeechobee Waterway. From head of table, left: Paul Byrum, Paul Hargrett, Bonnie Hargrett, Judy Eckerle, Bill Eckerle, Phil Ward, Jerome Ladous, Eric Schroeder, Steve White, and Steve Rogers.



**THE TARPON COAST GRADY-WHITE CLUB** hosted wounded servicemen at their annual club picnic.

# Grady-White Club Facebook Group: Win \$1000 in the “100 Things Clubs Can Do Contest!”



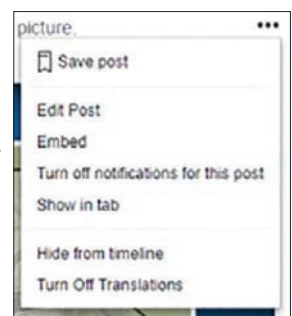
**What is the Grady-White Club Facebook Group?** This is a secret group on Facebook exclusive to members of any official Grady-White Owners' Club. This Facebook group was created for club members to share ideas—what activities work and which don't—and to share information about events including how to join up with other area club outings or find a club event in an area you are traveling to. The options are endless!

**How does one become a member of the group?** Our's being a secret group, you cannot search Facebook for the group and find it. There are only two ways you can join: (1) Have a fellow member who is already a part of the group add you, OR (2) Search for GW Clubadmin in the search bar at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Once you arrive, click on “Add Friend.” After our admin confirms you are a member of one of the owners' clubs, she will accept your friend request and add you to the group.

**What is the “100 Things” contest?** This is a competition for submitting your ideas for different events or functions that Grady-White Owners' Clubs can do throughout the year. Our goal is the have a list of 100 different club activities.

**How do I submit an idea?** First, be a member of The Grady-White Club Facebook Group. Find the post entitled “100 Things,” and comment with your GREAT idea! Be sure to include the name of your own Grady-White Owners' Club in the comment. Submit as many ideas as you like. If you do not Facebook, you may submit ideas to [clubs@gradywhite.com](mailto:clubs@gradywhite.com). We will post your idea and enter you in the drawing. Feel free to upload a picture with your idea. **Deadline to submit is Thanksgiving 2018.**

**Don't want ongoing notifications about contest messages?** After submitting your ideas, if you do not want to receive notifications about messages but you do want to look at posts of ideas at your own leisure, locate and click on the three dots at the top right-hand corner of the “100 Things” post, and select “Turn off notifications for this post” in the pull-down menu.



**How will the winner be selected?** We will use a random selection program to choose the winner from among those who submit ideas. The selected winner's Grady-White Owners' Club will receive \$1000! Become a Group member today!



# Letters & Photos

**What's happening?** Have an interesting story or photo? Email us at [anchorline@gradywhite.com](mailto:anchorline@gradywhite.com) or write to Anchorline, P.O. Box 1527, Greenville, NC 27835.



**JAY DRUMMOND CAUGHT HIS FIRST FALSE ALBACORE LAST FALL** near Race Rock Lighthouse, Niantic, CT, aboard his 2013 *Freedom 255*.



Mother's Day 2018 catch off Fort Morgan, AL! Not the season for snapper, so **MARVE BREEDING AND ANDREW HARRIS** released this 23-lb. beauty—a record catch on the Breeding family's 2012 *Canyon 271*, *Reelvelation*.

**SEVEN-YEAR-OLD TWINS RICKY AND PEARL PHIPPS** got a grin from this big mahi caught off Jupiter, FL, on the family's *Sailfish 272*. Proud mom, Brenda Phipps, figures the fish weighed about 35 lb.







**LON EPSTEIN SHOWS A VERY RESPECTABLE 29.5-LB. STRIPED BASS** from a western Long Island Sound overnight trip in May on his cousin-like-a-brother Mike Epstein's 2003 Express 265. Over 25 more were caught and released!



**TIMOTHY DOLAN IS THE HAPPY OWNER** of an Express 330, BigTime, out of Clearwater, FL. This summer he took out two families shown here as part of an annual Boat-Kids beach day event for special needs individuals.

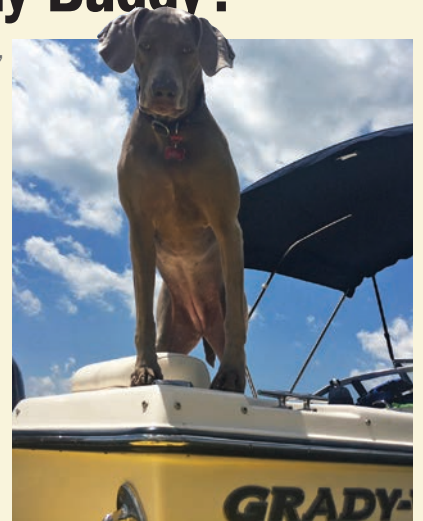
Poulsbo, WA, was the scene for a July barbecue and fireworks raft-up for family and friends of **PETE NEUMANN**, Voyager 258, Playin Hookie; **TOR TRYGSTAD**, Express 330, Kavi; **RAYMOND HALEY**, Marlin 300; and **TOM ROSS** on **JIM PENHOLLOW**'s Express 360, Dream Boat. Great time, and the kids loved it!

## Who's Your Grady Buddy?

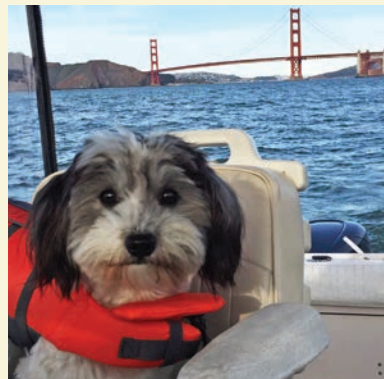
To share a photo of your furry Grady friends, email us at [anchorline@gradywhite.com](mailto:anchorline@gradywhite.com) or write to Anchorline, P.O. Box 1527, Greenville, NC 27835.



**TUCKER** was four months old here on his first boat ride on the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, FL, on the Lanny Thomas family's 2015 Freedom 225.



**LEGA TARHEEL** the Weimaraner, enjoys a day on Lake Auman in Seven Lakes, NC, on her family's 2016 Freedom 205. This is Darrin, Lisa and Dawson Cutrell's third Grady!



**FINN** takes the helm on a crabbing expedition outside San Francisco's Golden Gate, aboard Frank Hsieh's 2001 Express 265. Finn wears his PFD—the water temperature is a brisk 55 degrees.



American Cocker Spaniels **LU-SEA AND TRIPPER** love riding the bow of 20-year Grady owners Donna and John Connolly's Freedom 285.



**SEAVAR** loves to co-pilot his dad's new Fisherman 216. Here he is taking a ride on Taylor Lake, Seabrook, TX, with his folks David and Cathy Orlando. This is their second Grady.



**TAYLOR**, a 13-year-old long haired German Shepherd, relaxes on his chaise lounge aboard TNT, Bard Copper's Freedom 275 in Lake Erie.





# Wayne and Amanda's Excellent East Coast Adventure

By Dr. Wayne Poll, *Freedom 235* owner

I have always enjoyed one-on-one trips with my children, as they seem to have a different feel than whole family vacations. Both have great value. Over a week this past June, my daughter Amanda and I ran my *Freedom 235* dual console from Miami, Florida, to Charleston, South Carolina. South Shore Marine, my Grady-White dealer in our home state of Ohio, had shipped the boat down to Florida last fall in anticipation of a bit of winter use, and for this father-daughter trip that we'd planned on for a long time. This was my third Intracoastal trip. The boat performed beautifully, from one rough day flanking a storm offshore Florida, to riding up on plane at 28 MPH, carving smooth turns through the low country grasslands.

From the start in Miami we ran offshore to Cape Canaveral, and then made night stops in St. Augustine, fol-

lowed by Jekyll Island, Savannah, and Beaufort, South Carolina—with a lunch stop at Harbour Town in Hilton Head before ending up in Charleston. Amanda and I discussed her career (she teaches first grade in Chicago), among other matters, and I got up to speed about all of her friends, and learned her taste in country music which was the playlist for the trip. You should see the video she made of my dancing at the helm! The voiceover could have read, "In open water, the Grady tracks so well that a dad has plenty of time to embarrass his daughter!"

We remember St. Augustine as being a very pretty town. In Savannah, dinner at The Little Pink House was fantastic. Beaufort is as cute as a button, and it was fun to pull in to Harbour Town for lunch. Once we reached Charleston, Amanda shopped all day while I got the boat tucked away. (What are dads for,



anyway?) She flew back, and I trailered the boat to Ohio in one long day.

One of the thoughts that prompted this trip was an article I read 20 years ago in *Boating* magazine, about a trip that two dads took with their daughters across the Gulfstream to the Bahamas. It never left my imagination.

Amazingly, after one whole week of father-daughter conversations, I think Amanda rolled her eyes at me only once! I should have tried to embarrass her more. I'll do better next year: we plan on doing either the Chesapeake, or maybe New York City and the Hudson River.



AMANDA POLL



DR. WAYNE POLL, AKA "DAD"



HARBOUR TOWN LIGHTHOUSE, Hilton Head Island



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Steve and Amy Wenke sported Grady hats while on safari with friends in Zimbabwe. They love their *Fisherman 257*!

## Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:



EDDIE SMITH AND KRIS CARROLL

The sea does not compromise. Nor, at times, does the “sea of life.”

While we were wrapping up this *Anchorline*, with fond reminiscences of celebrations and good fun over the years with the Grady family of friends and relatives, our home state of North Carolina, and our neighbors, were compromised by Hurricane Florence. Our hearts and hands go out to everyone affected.

Good memories help steel us during the storms. The relationships we build on the water help us rise above challenging tides, and provide some of life’s best adventures. So, we recommend reading about our very first owners’ club, The Grady Bunch, and about other clubs’ and owners’ happy times they have shared in words and pictures. For 60 years, our network of customers and associates have enjoyed many great Grady

days. For many of us—like Grady-White Owners’ Club members—these have been some of the best days.

We hope that your Grady-White continues to be a superb bright spot in your life. Share your enjoyment with others! Celebrate The Grady Life!

Happy Boating!

Kris Carroll, PRESIDENT

Eddie Smith, Jr., CHAIRMAN, CEO



**MICHAEL MURPHY VISITED OUR FACTORY** to see his *Canyon 271* in production. Congratulations to the Murphy family on the launch of their new Grady! Visitors are welcome to tour our plant and meet the craftspeople who build our full line of saltwater-tough outboard boats ranging from 18' to 45'. To arrange your visit, call 252-752-2111 or visit The Grady Experience/Grady Built/Factory Tour at [gradywhite.com](http://gradywhite.com).