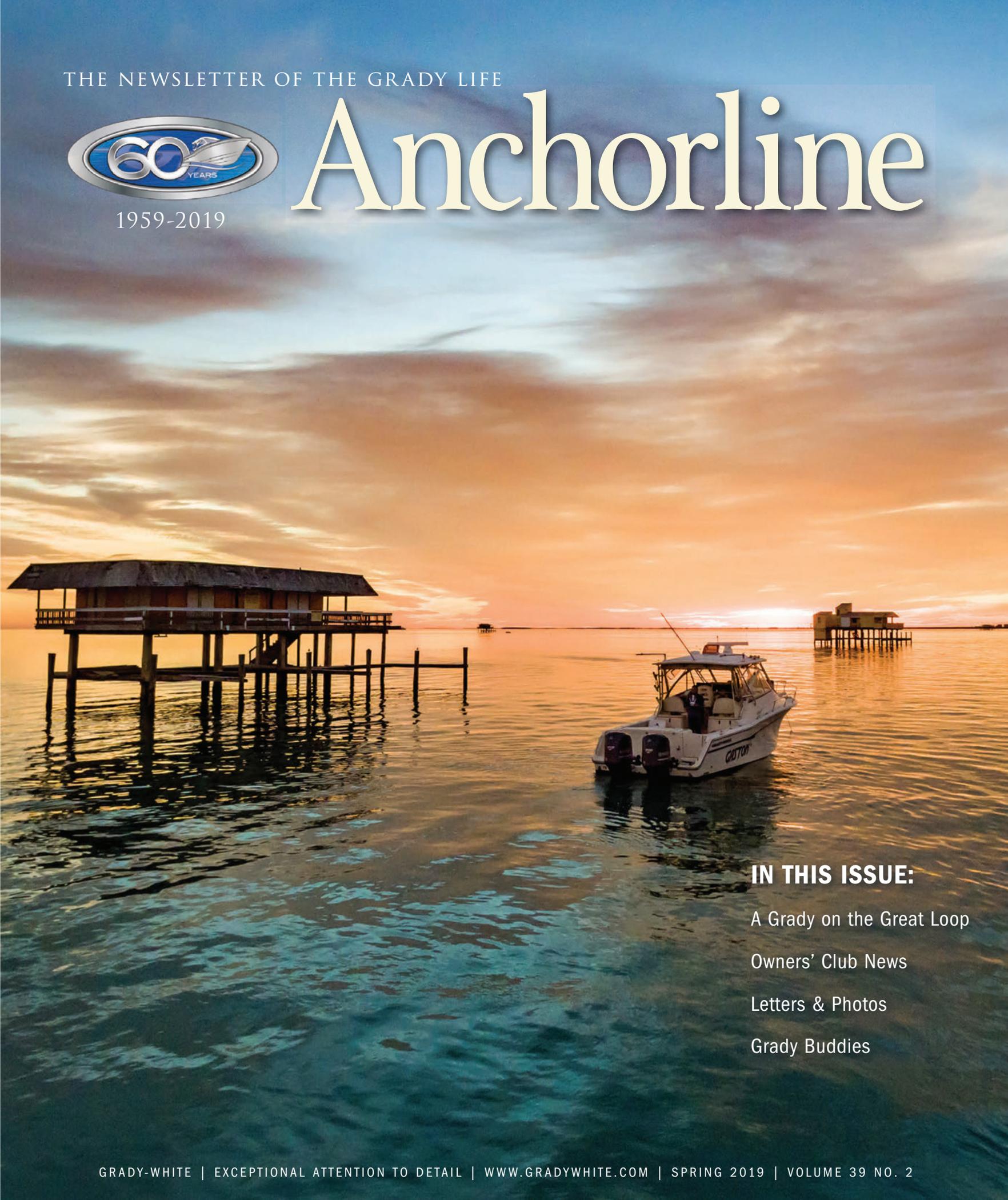


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Grady-White owner and Great Looper, Bert Allen, Hopes To Inspire Others

Long excursions are nothing new to Bert Allen. After retiring from a 20-year career in the Air Force it didn't take long to figure out how he was going to spend his time. He made a list of all the things he wanted to do, and he started doing them. He stumbled upon the Great Loop while planning for his capstone goal—sailing around the world.

The Great Loop is a 6,000 plus mile circumnavigation of the eastern United States and part of Canada by way of the

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the New York State Canals, the Canadian Canals, the Great Lakes, inland rivers, and the Gulf of Mexico. Loopers can start their travels anywhere along the way. The one requirement is you must travel aboard your own boat.

When Bert set out to find his vessel of choice, he knew he wanted a power boat that he could move around on safely and easily. Because he was traveling alone, he liked the option of being able to cross open waters in one day's



BERT ALLEN AT THE DOCK in Pointe au Baril, Canada

time. It also allowed him to take a few side trips, going off route, and still adhere to a reasonable schedule.

After a friend suggested he look at a walkaround style boat, Bert realized that would be the best. He knew about Grady-White's seaworthy reputation and the high-quality boats they manufacture, so he began to investigate what model might work for him. Ultimately, the *Gulfstream 232* offered the ability to move around the boat easily and provided a cabin large enough to stand. Having backpacked for months at a time, he knew his comfort level when it came to space and the 232 checked all the boxes from comfortable living quarters, to speed, to handling the boat alone.

Bert began to prepare for the trip starting with a three-month boating course in Stuart, FL at the Chapman School of Seamanship. Once his boat was delivered, he spent another three weeks around the waterways in Charleston, SC, practicing what he'd learned and getting familiar with the boat he named *Tyro*, a Latin word meaning "beginner in learning something" or, "novice." Bert set off on the Great Loop on April 11, 2018.

Since the beginning of his journey, Bert has enjoyed learning about areas he'd never experienced before. Some of the highlights include getting to drive his boat into NY Harbor, as well as visiting Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Quebec. "It's exciting when all the decisions, efforts, and planning comes to



NEW YORK HARBOR



DRY TORTUGAS



QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

fruition!” noted Bert, when reminiscing about the starting weeks of the trip.

He met up with some members of Grady-White Owners’ Clubs along the way. Some just for a meal and some to give a presentation on his adventures, and perhaps inspire them to do the same. As he nears the final few months of his trip he said, “While I’m three-quarters of the way complete with the Loop, I’ve still got a lot of great experiences ahead of me, in particular, the Bahamas.”

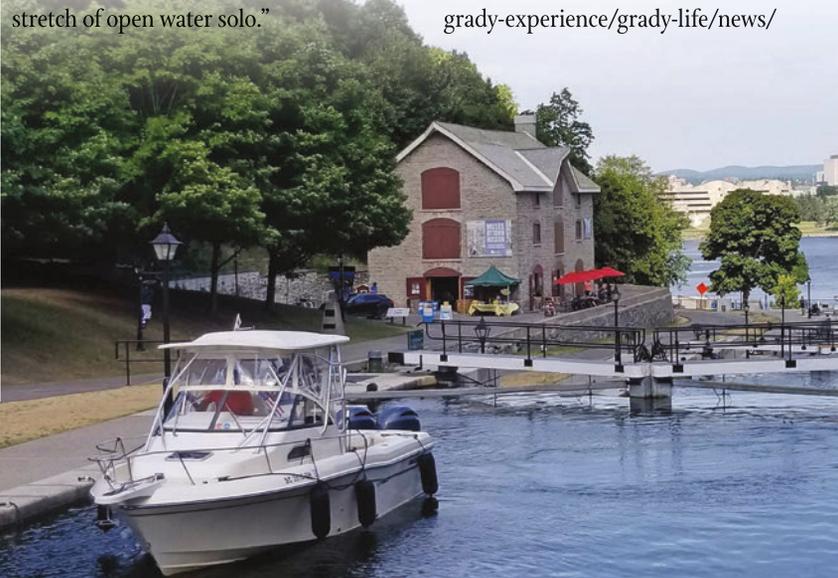
When asked about the boat and its performance, Bert happily reports it’s been great and operating it has become second nature. “It’s a strong boat, the engines work great, I can move around easily and safely. The hardware, such as the cleats, are high-quality and strong. I look at other boats and I can see they are not as good. This is really important when you’re often tying up while going through locks and docking or crossing a stretch of open water solo.”

When he crossed Lake Champlain he encountered the worst winds of the trip—with waves more than five feet high. While he had to back the boat down to just above idle, couldn’t get up on plane and water was washing over the bow, he was never worried. While that story sounds a little scary, Bert says that the trip has not been too difficult and is pretty straight forward.

What’s his key to this trip and others he’s done in the past, “Get up each day and do what needs to be done.”

To follow Bert on his adventure, check out his Touch the Horizon page at www.facebook.com/touchthehorizon. It’s a public page, so you don’t need a Facebook account to follow along. He’s pinned a link to *Tyro’s* satellite tracker to the top of the page so you can easily view exactly where he is along the journey.

To read a more detailed account of Bert’s travels, go to gradywhite.com/the-grady-experience/grady-life/news/



OTTAWA LOCKS RIDEAU CANAL

Dealer News & Events

Grady-White dealers sponsor hundreds of events every year—seminars, tournaments, trips, cookouts, sightseeing voyages and much more. See www.gradywhite.com for events in your area.



South Shore Marine’s Fishing Seminar is always well attended, and this spring was no exception. About 250 people came to the all-day event that featured three speakers. Lance Valentine of Walleye 101, discussed “Sonar Interpretation and Getting Your Bait to the Correct Depth;” Captain Juls Davis presented “Trolling with In Line Boards;” and Captain Eric Litton discussed “Big Board Trolling.” In addition to hearing what the speakers had to say, guests also had the opportunity to explore the great line up of boats at the dealership and talk with various tackle vendors who were on-hand to demonstrate and sell products. Each year people come from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and this year, even as far as New York, to hear the speakers and see what new tackle and other equipment is being displayed.

But attendees did more than learn—they also made generous donations to Walleyes for Wounded Heroes. This non-profit organization, associated with fishing and Lake Erie, was started by Mike Manion from the Lake Erie Grady-White Owners Club. Mike helps to organize a large part of the organization’s seminar. Walleyes for Wounded Heroes honors heroes injured while serving in the line of duty. The annual event, held each summer in Port Clinton, OH, hosts Heroes and Gold Star families as they enjoy outdoor activities, programs and various services. Donations cover the cost for more than 100 heroes lodging, food, charter boats, entertainment, transportation and any other needs they may have during the four-day event. This year donations more than doubled raising more than \$9,000 for the worthy cause.



SOUTH SHORE MARINE’S Fishing Seminar reeled in donations for a great cause.

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. Go to www.gradywhite.com for links to club websites.



THE FISH TALE GRADY CLUB out of Fort Myers Beach, FL, kicks off 2019 with a luncheon cruise.

On Thursday, January 3rd, from the Fort Myers Beach Club, **The Fish Tale Grady Club**, traveled up the Caloosahatchee River to the 3 Fishermen Seafood Bar and Grill in North Fort Myers. The group of 32 members and guests think they were the 1st Grady Club to host an event in 2019—at least in the US! As always, good food and fellowship was enjoyed. The beautiful 85°F day was also a highlight.

Southeastern Mariners Grady Club, sponsored by Southeastern Marine, was not deterred by the weather as several events were cancelled or altered due to mother nature. In the spring, they gathered at Willow Oaks Country Club and then in June cruised to Tides Inn on Carters Creek. Due to small craft warning

that day most of the group traveled by car but still enjoyed the lunch and exploring the grounds at the Tides Inn. The barbeque and fishing tournament planned for September were both canceled due to Hurricane Florence. But all were thankful there was not much damage in the Chesapeake Bay area.

John and Peggy Montgomery hosted a wonderful party at their Ware River Estate home in November where everyone enjoyed their beautiful home and hospitality. From October 4th–December 31st the club held a Calcutta Rockfish contest for the winter Chesapeake Bay Rockfish season. There were two categories: live bait and artificial bait. Bev and Gail Butler



SOUTHEASTERN MARINERS GRADY CLUB cruised to Tides Inn on Carters Creek in June.

provided tickets to members for the Christmas Cruise in Deltaville but it was canceled because of pouring rain.

This year started off well with a great event hosted by Tom and Corinne Nelson at their beautiful home in Kilmarnock, VA, on January 12, 2019 where the Calcutta winners were announced: Woody Cofer weighed in a 29 lb. 7.5 oz. Rockfish he caught on his *Gulfstream 232*, Steve Green on his *Seafarer 228* weighed in a 20 lb. 1 oz. fish and Steve Cunningham weighed in with a 15 lb. 13 oz. fish. Keith Deloach, who owns a *191 Coastal Explorer*, won the live bait contest with a 40 lb. 5 oz. fish. Buzz and Fran Brown won the artificial category with a 44 lb. 8 oz. fish.

Recently the **Tampa Bay Grady-White Club** met at Laishley's with guest speaker, Bert Allen, who is about to complete his year-long Great Loop trip aboard his *Gulfstream 232, Tyro*. (Read more about Bert's trip in this issue of *Anchorline*.) The club's holiday party was a great success with more than 50



TAMPA BAY GRADY-WHITE CLUB held the club's holiday party at Bonnie & Paul Hargrett's home.

THE NORTHWEST GRADY-WHITE CLUB in search of the crafty Dungeness crab.





THE GULFSTREAM GRADY GROUP

club members and guests attending the annual event held at Bonnie and Paul Hargrett's home where they enjoyed a catered dinner and continued the annual cookie exchange—always a huge hit with everyone leaving with more cookies than they brought! The weather was fantastic, allowing the members to mingle inside and out on the patio. Prizes went to the longest commute: Kevin and Journey Kennedy from Riverview, FL, and Carl and Sammie Candullo from Apollo Beach, FL (both about 50 miles round trip).

The **Northwest Grady-White Club** gathered in Langley, WA, for the second annual Crab Rodeo. The fleet set out on Saturday for the winter opener in search of the crafty Dungeness crab. The critters proved to be a bit elusive during the morning tide, only producing 11 keepers. Not to be discouraged, and knowing this was going to be dinner, the group baited up heavily for the incoming tide. An 11-foot tide swing tends to make the critters stick to the bottom like gum on a shoe. Crews went out again in the afternoon hoping for a better outcome so they could eat more than two legs per person. Fortunately, this trip the group picked up 60 keepers, and there were some fatties. Dinner followed with plenty for all, to go bags included. Great time for friends enjoying beautiful weather and time together!



THE TARPON COAST GRADY-WHITE CLUB celebrated its 13th Anniversary Celebration in Punta Gorda, Florida.

The **Gulfstream Grady Group** hosted their Annual Party on January 18th with 57 attendees, several proudly displaying their Grady gift, a throw cushion given by Grady-White. The club is thankful for Mariner Marine's generous donation and gift certificate to support the event. The club is excited to be doing some different things in terms of organizational structure as members spread out over a wide geographic area on the East Coast of Florida. They now have a regional leader that oversees three regions (North, Central and South) and are adding a Grady Ladies Advisory Group, all in an effort to enhance members enjoyment of all things Grady.

Sponsored by Ingman Marine, the **Tarpon Coast Grady-White Club** held its 13th Anniversary Celebration in Punta Gorda, Florida. More than 70 members and staff from Ingman Marine were on hand for a wonderful evening and dinner. After dinner they drew for door prizes and held a special auction for a donated custom-made rod holder. The auction raised \$1,100 for Operation Second Chance, an organization that helps wounded veterans when they return from service.

Grady Club Events



It's exciting to see the Grady Club calendar, hosted on our website, filling up for a year of exciting events. If you're not a member of a Grady Club you should visit our website (then go to The Grady Experience – Grady Life – Grady Clubs) and search for a club nearest you. If there's not one, consider working with your dealer to start a club in your area. Each club is comprised of people from all age groups with varying boating interests to include fishing and cruising in their Grady-White boats ranging from 18 to 45 feet. Everyone is welcome! Club participation gives you the comfort of traveling by group to new locations, the opportunity to learn tips and tricks from other Grady owners and overall enjoy time with a group of people that have the same love of the water and boating that you do. It's amazing how fellow Grady owners feel a kindred spirit with one another as they share in the Grady Life!



Letters & Photos

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



DAN LONDERO IS THE PROUD OWNER of the first *Marlin 300* to arrive in Sydney, Australia. Named *Fuhgeddaboudit*, he thinks she's a "ripper" and is absolutely stoked to own her. In other words, she's a magnificent boat. Chili, their Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever, recently joined the family for his first ride.



RICK NANAN AND HIS FAMILY enjoy time on their 1984 254 *Sailfish*, *White Cap*.

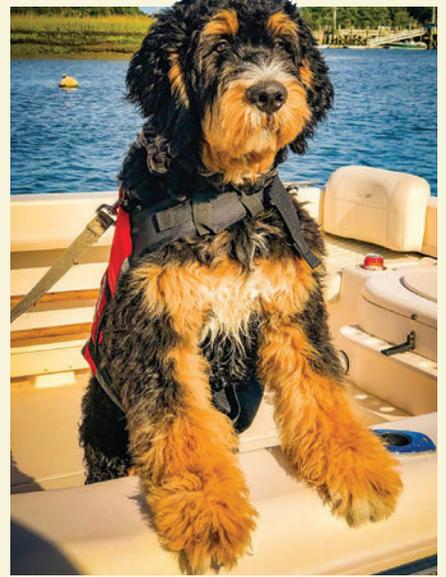




STEVE & CELESTE AMBURGEY ARE JUST THRILLED with their new 330 Express, named *Liberty*. They had a great experience working with Atlantic Marine in Port Orange, FL. One of their grandchildren, 1-year-old Luke, is checking her out. The Amburgey's have six grandchildren under 3 years of age. The tall gentleman is their son-in-law, John who is 6'8" and he fits! The first thing John did was go below to check the aft birth and was delighted to find his legs can fully extend!

Who's Your Grady Buddy?

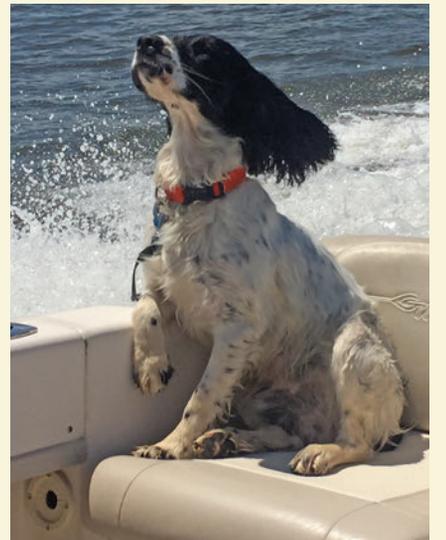
To share a photo of your furry Grady friends, email us at anchorline@gradywhite.com or write to *Anchorline*, P.O. Box 1527, Greenville, NC 27835.



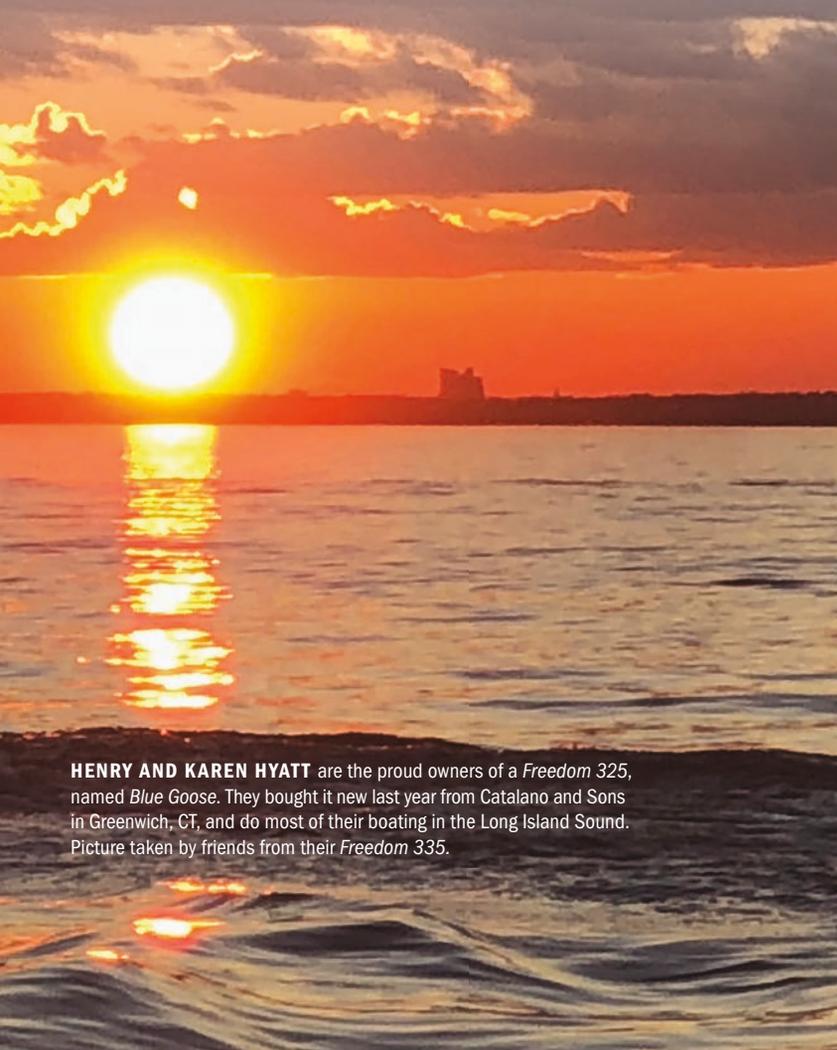
Bill McBain's family says he loves his Grady-White. And from the looks of it, so does **FOZZIE**, a bernedoodle. Along with his wife Jillian, he enjoys boating around Green Harbor, MA, in their 2010 *Seafarer 228*.



Joe Lavender's German shepherd, **KRIEGER**, enjoys a day on their 2004 *Adventure 208*, *Average Joe*. He has loved the boat since the first time he stepped aboard as a puppy.



GRADY, a field cocker spaniel and the grand dog of Steve Gentil, takes in the fresh air aboard their *Freedom 205* as they cruise in and around the York River, Mobjack Bay, New Point Comfort Lighthouse and the Chesapeake Bay.



HENRY AND KAREN HYATT are the proud owners of a *Freedom 325*, named *Blue Goose*. They bought it new last year from Catalano and Sons in Greenwich, CT, and do most of their boating in the Long Island Sound. Picture taken by friends from their *Freedom 335*.



MAX, one of John and Marlene Tilley's rottweilers, enjoys a beautiful ride in Dividing Creek off the Chesapeake Bay on their 2nd Grady-White, a 2016 *Fisherman 257*.



Meet **GRADY**, the Sleeper family's newest member.



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THE GRADY-WHITE OWNERS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:



EDDIE SMITH AND KRIS CARROLL

As spring emerges, we all start to feel the anticipation of boat season. The arrival of spring in this part of the world means longer days and more glorious sunshine to spend time with family and friends on the water. We are ready to hang up our winter jackets, start enjoying fishing tournaments, water sports, cruising to our favorite places and taking in a little vitamin D!

This model year we've been celebrating our 60th Anniversary and reflecting on you, our customers. We are grateful for your contribution to our success. Our core values, especially our customer-centered focus and our team's passionate attention to every detail, has allowed us to continue to build boats that are in a class of their own, year after year, decade after decade. Boats that are innovative while being reliable, safe and high-performing too. Refined durability and rugged elegance all wrapped into one.

Our highest honor is when you tell us how much you value the quality of your Grady-White boat--that our attention to product excellence and customer satisfaction really does

make your boating experience exceptional. We love your feedback and use it to continuously evolve our products to delight you even more.

Recently, we completed an expansion here in Greenville to better serve you. We hope you'll come for a tour and experience our company culture, centered around our dedication to you, the customer. The entire Grady-White team looks forward to continuing to exceed your expectations with new features and models in the coming years.

Happy Boating!

Kris Carroll, PRESIDENT

Eddie Smith, Jr., CHAIRMAN, CEO



CHARLIE AND LUANN WOWKANECH came for a tour to see where their *Canyon 306* was built. They have owned two Gradys. Pictured here with Executive Vice President Mark Doggett, and President Kris Carroll.