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CARY FLAMM'S 2010 CANYON 336 IN THE FLORIDA KEYS
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Excursions Build Relationships While Enjoying the Grady Life



THE CAPE FEAR CLUB traveled to Charleston, SC, where they enjoyed “docktails” with the newly formed **CHARLESTON GRADY CLUB**.

If you're new to the Grady family, joining a Grady club is a great way to get to know your boat and make friends on the water! For some, making a trip with others can be far more entertaining and if you're traveling offshore, traveling in a group offers a sense of comfort. For many, the best part is not having to plan the trip—but just climbing aboard and enjoying the ride and comradery. In addition to traveling together, many Grady clubs offer classes in electronics, anchoring, etc. and some have annual fishing tournaments. There's really something for everyone. Members will tell you that joining a club allows you to enjoy your Grady experience to the fullest.

Recently, the newly formed **Charleston Grady Club** greeted the **Cape Fear Club** in Charleston with “docktails”. The Cape Fear Club, with 18 boats and 52 people, left Wrightsville Beach, NC, Thursday morning and traveled to Myrtle Beach, SC, for a lay-over before making the final journey on Friday. First time traveler, Patty Davis, had never taken her boat this far and wouldn't have felt comfortable doing it alone, but with direction from club commodore, Jordan Davis, and the other travelers, she navigated the waterway with ease. When her boyfriend couldn't make the trip, Patty solicited the help of three friends and the girls set off for an exciting journey. “We bought our *Freedom 215* last June and I was usually ‘the rider’. One thing

I wasn't too confident in was docking the boat,” said Patty, “But everywhere we went people were on the docks waiting to assist.” After the trip, she announced triumphantly, “now I've mastered it!”

Patty and her travel companions had assigned duties for each member of the crew. From Captain, co-captain, to the marine radio monitor and “bumper girl,” to the keeper of the snacks and beverages,



PATTY DAVIS OF THE CAPE FEAR CLUB readies a bow line at the dock in Charleston, SC.

THE CAPE FEAR CLUB en route to Charleston, SC, to meet the newly formed **CHARLESTON GRADY CLUB**.





THE TAMPA BAY AND TARPON COAST CLUBS met for a weekend at Palm Island Resort in Cape Haze, Florida. Forty-one members arrived on eight boats with several traveling by car on the ferry to enjoy a fun filled weekend.

they had it covered. When asked if she'd make the journey again on her own Patty said, "Oh, I wouldn't want to go without the club! This trip improved my confidence with the boat and I'm looking forward to another. We plan to make it an annual trip."

Another successful combo club "meet-up" took place when the **Tampa Bay** and **Tarpon Coast Clubs** met for a weekend at Palm Island Resort in Cape Haze, Florida. Forty-one members arrived on eight boats. The event officially kicked off Friday evening with the annual cookout—which looked more like a family reunion than a gathering of boat enthusiasts. Friday night's event included the clubs' grill masters cooking giant steaks and seafood to accompany the side dishes and desserts that filled the tables in the grotto, a recreation area with grills, tables and chairs and coolers filled with ice provided by the Tampa Club. As a token of appreciation for their loyalty to the Grady brand, members were presented with Grady-White utility totes.

Saturday morning started with a pool-side continental breakfast followed by a nature walk. The serious fishermen decided to forgo the morning events to cast their lines—and from the fish tales told later in the day it seemed they had some success. In the afternoon, club

members enjoyed the pool, paddle boarding, and the brilliant white beaches, or took the water taxi to the mainland for lunch at Leverocks. The evening's dinner events began with a cocktail party hosted by Grady-White.

The Tampa Bay Club thanked Carl and Sammie Candullo for their hard work planning the event and presented each with a Grady-White windbreaker, personalized *Silver Fox III*, the name of their boat. An after-dinner party was hosted by Mike and Debbie Festa, featuring a Left, Right, Center tournament and Mike's frozen Screaming Banana Banshee cocktails.

While some club members had to depart on Sunday, others stayed until Monday morning. "It was a terrific weekend that ended with a superb trip home," noted Paul Hargrett, Club Leader. With winds at just 4 knots it proved to be a perfect day to run offshore. One club member, who recently took delivery of a new *Freedom 275*, invited friends to join the trip. Not only were they amazed at the ride of their hosts' *Freedom 275* they were also blown away by the comradery of the club and how well everyone spoke of Grady-White. We hope they'll join the ranks of the Grady Life in time for the next big event!

Maybe you should too!

Annual Bahamas Trip Builds Confidence

Since 2008, the **Gulfstream Grady Group** has traveled to the Bahamas. This year, four boats made the voyage to Old Bahama Bay, West End, Grand Bahama with 12 people, including first time crossers, the Warner family, on their *Express 330, Happy Ours*. Bill Mahoney, regional leader, says that members with smaller boats will hop aboard a fellow member's larger boat, as they do prefer you have two engines. Because this journey takes them out of

the sight of land, it's important everyone knows how to use their electronics and which VHF channel to monitor. Bill says, "While a GPS is great, the island only shows up as a squiggly line on the radar, so the visual confirmation of the small water tower about 10 miles out is always a welcome sight." Upon return to their home inlet, it's equally rewarding to see not only the confidence that's been built, but also the desire to do it again.

12 GULFSTREAM GRADY GROUP MEMBERS traveled to the Bahamas this year.



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 NEW COASTAL EMPIRE CLUB hosted its first event boating to Defauskie Island in May. Four boats and 11 people made the trip.

The Grady Life welcomes two new clubs to the Grady Life! The Hilton Head Boathouse sponsored the **Coastal Empire Club** and Seel's Outboard sponsored the **Charleston Grady-White Club**.

The **Tarpon Coast Grady-White Club** had 28 members attend their kickoff meeting for the Grady Fishing Club at Laishley Marina. Future offshore trips were discussed and then members were provided an overview on how to prep their boat and what type of gear would be needed. These trips, for big fish in a very productive location, will be two to three hour runs offshore. They emphasized that prep and safety concerns are a priority. Some of the many regulations for keep-

ing fish were also discussed. The club is open to all Tarpon Coast members and their families.

In April, the **Chesapeake Bay Club** went to Ocean City for the weekend. A little different from the pace of their normal club meeting, most stayed at the Ocean 1 Hotel. While the weather was still a little chilly, the ocean view was fantastic. Members met for drinks and dinner at Harrisons Harbor Watch, a perfect location sitting at the end of



CHESAPEAKE BAY CLUB MEMBERS met for a weekend at the Ocean 1 Hotel in Ocean City.

the boardwalk overlooking the inlet and the Atlantic Ocean. Everyone had a wonderful time and agreed to continue this early spring gathering.

Thirty members and 11 boats came together in March as the **Gulfstream Grady Group** hosted their Munyon Island Raft Up. This annual event, held at the North Palm Beach public docks, serves as the first outdoor event of the year. The club welcomed two new members as they enjoyed hotdogs, hamburg-

ers and potluck dessert which is always a hit and a great opportunity to find new recipes.

The **Jersey Shore Grady-White Owners' Club** held a meet and greet hosted by Grady-White to introduce four new members. Currently with 12 boating families, the club is working to expand and recently had 8 families express interest. The meet and greet was an opportunity for the new people to meet the club members and talk about their interests and future club activities.

On April 27th, the **Tidewater Grady-White Club** hosted a spring picnic in Virginia Beach at the home of Ben and Ivy Carey. The Carey's *Fisherman 230* and *Express 330* looked even better with a *Sailfish 282* and a *Freedom 307* rafted up to their dock. The 24 attendees enjoyed a great meal and one another's company and are looking forward to their next club event, a trip to Smithfield Station.

The **Northwest Grady-White Club** recently returned from their annual trip to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, where they held a ling cod fishing derby. The perfect weather with calm winds, mostly clear skies and temperatures in the low 60's was savored by 40 members and 17 boats ranging in





THE GULFSTREAM GRADY GROUP MASCOT, KOJO, AND PHIPPS TWINS, affectionately known as “Conch Babies,” enjoyed the gathering as much as anyone!

size from 20' to 33'. Models included the *Freedom*, *Walk-Around* and *Express* with older and new boats including a *Sailfish 282* at 19 years old and a *Freedom 235* just purchased two days prior. Some nice fish were weighed at the derby and prizes, donated by Grady-White and local vendors and service providers, were given to all event attendees. The winner of the Derby was Michelle Nelson of Gig Harbor, Washington. This event, a popular one for the club, attracts a wide range of people, from hard core fishers to occasional cruisers—and Roche Harbor provides opportunities for them all.

The **Chesapeake Bay Club** spent Memorial Day Weekend together in Solomons Island and enjoyed fantastic weather. Kicking off with a Saturday afternoon “docktail” party the group shared great food, stories and custom margaritas, courtesy of Jackie Hampshire. The gathering went on for several hours with no bugs, a nice breeze and endless tasty snacks. Later a large group hopped down the street to Boomerangs restaurant for a delicious dinner (as if anyone needed more to eat).



Ben and Ivy Carey hosted the **TIDEWATER GRADY-WHITE CLUB** spring picnic at their home in Virginia Beach.

Sunday found club members all over the island enjoying more perfect weather and local spots for breakfast. The afternoon was spent at the Solomons Island Yacht Club where they were hosted by Les and Sue Ravitz, for a traditional barbeque. A big shout out to Robert

Warren for his generous donation to the bar tab. The trip proved to be a great opportunity to celebrate the summer season and commenced with a beverage (or two) at the world-famous Tiki Bar. Imagine that!



The **NORTHWEST GRADY-WHITE CLUB** held their annual ling cod fishing derby at Roche Harbor, San Juan Island.

Letters & Photos

What's happening? Have an interesting story or photo?
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IAN WIGGS, traveled 804 miles from Naples, to the Abacos in his *Freedom 285, Golden Gael*. The total round trip took 13 days, 341 gallons of fuel and 36 engine hours.



THE LEARY FAMILY launched their two Carolina blue custom-painted Grady-White's. *Shannonigans*, a *Canyon 376* and *Hooligans* a *Fisherman 209* are ready for summer on Buzzards Bay in Marion, Massachusetts. They think the boats are great and enjoy going out on them daily from May to October!



JOHN PEACOCK'S 2003 MARLIN 300, GLAM-MA'S HOUSE, is waxed, polished and ready for splashdown at Hidden Harbor Marina in Deale, Maryland; just a short run down the Chesapeake Bay where she'll rest in her slip at Herrington Harbor South.



LIVING ON OR NEAR THE WATER HIS ENTIRE LIFE, JOSH FLOOD recalls that his father always wanted a Grady. Last summer his dad finally found this repowered *Islander 268* and they both love the boat. They use it for island picnics, ice cream runs, and other Maine coast adventures (like Acadia!).

Who's Your Grady Buddy?

To share a photo of your furry Grady friends, email us at anchorline@gradywhite.com



ELVIS, a 1-year-old staffordshire bull terrier, loves to cruise with his family, Deborah, Michael, Ronnie and Madi West, on their 2018 Grady-White *Freedom 192* in Wrightsville Beach, NC.



RUDEE absolutely loves the water and boating on Keith and Michelle Moore's *Freedom 205* along Fenwick Island, Delaware.



KOJO likes boating around Riviera Beach, Florida with owners Dick and Nancy McKee on their *Canyon 376*.



Jim and Eleanor Stoker of Lake Murray, SC, take **TEX** on their 2017 *Freedom 192*. He guards the bait to make sure it doesn't escape!



David and Kim Adams have fun boating with **COOPER**, a 3-year-old maltipoo, who likes to cruise the beautiful bayous and beaches of the Florida panhandle on their *Freedom 235*.



Syd and Tom Hale love their second Grady-White, a 2003 *Adventure 208*, with true blue boat dog, **BLUE**, in Cotuit Harbor, Cape Cod, Massachusetts.



Patrick Doherty let **GRADY**, a Rhodesian ridgeback, take the Captain's seat for a day on his 330 *Express, Latest Mistake*, in Cape May, New Jersey.



WILLY, an Australian labradoodle, loves riding around the San Juan Islands and Puget Sound in Washington state aboard Dan and Jeri Reiner's 2017 *Freedom 235*.



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THE GRADY-WHITE OWNERS' NEWSLETTER

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Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:



EDDIE SMITH AND KRIS CARROLL

Wow, it's already July and the club activity has really started to gear up! What an exciting start to 2019. We've continued to be busy, working hard shipping beautiful boats to dealers so they can help others, like you, realize their dream of owning a Grady-White. As a team, we work exceptionally hard to produce the very best boat for your family-fun-and-fishing enjoyment. From our superior riding SeaV²® hull, to the many conveniences we incorporate into every design, our engineers never stop coming up with new and innovative ways to make your boating experience the best ever. We love to hear and see you all enjoying your boats; whether it's a family day on the water, a fishing trip or a club event. That's really what drives us every day—seeing customers delight in their boating experience. When you purchase a Grady-White you really do become part of a unique family. So, to all those out there who are long-time

Grady owners, we thank you for your trust

and dedication. To all the new owners, welcome aboard—we hope you're having the experience of a lifetime. If you haven't already, join us on social media and share your Grady Life with the thousands of Grady owners who are passionate about their boats.

A special note... We would love for you to visit us here in Greenville! Just schedule a tour online or give us a call and let us introduce you to our passionate team of craftspeople that are dedicated to building the perfect boat for you. We hope to see you soon!

Enjoy the Grady Life!

Kris Carroll, PRESIDENT

Eddie Smith, Jr., CHAIRMAN, CEO



GWEN EDWARDS, GRADY-WHITE, visits with members of the Tampa Bay and Tarpon Coast Clubs at Palm Island Resort in Cap Haze, Florida.