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Ricky Stokes' 2018 Fisherman 236
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Boating Couple Says for Fishing, Fun and Entertainment-Get the Grady-Again!

Russ and Chris Otterbine are not new to the *Anchorline*...or to Grady-White, for that matter. In 2007, they completed the Great Loop in their Grady-White *Express 330*. That trip was featured on the cover of the *Anchorline* as they shared their story with us.

This year, with the help of Dave Blair at Quality Boats, the Otterbines welcomed a new *Canyon 456*, to their boating story.

While currently Florida residents, both Russ and Chris are originally from Michigan, and return there in the summer to enjoy the fresh water boating they grew up with. They love that the *Canyon 456* is well suited for whatever they want to do on the Great Lakes, whether it's staying aboard and cruising, spending the weekend at a bike rally, or traveling with friends through the North Channel to Canada. "This boat does whatever you want it to do!" notes Chris. In the past, they have ridden on other boats that rattled and were not as well thought out as the *456*. So, they knew they wanted to get the Grady when they were ready to go to a larger boat.

Preferring center console models, the Otterbines think the *456* is the perfect boat for them. "We traveled to Canada with friends and they now understand why we bought the center console," says Chris. "There's plenty of room, both fore and aft." She goes on to say, "it's the first boat we've owned that gives us plenty of space to share with friends".

They note that, when you see the *456* in ads and boating magazines, you usually see that she's an awesome fishing boat. However, the Otterbines have added to its versatility with a bicycle rack, Mediterranean sunshade and aft dining table, which all add to why Chris refers to it as the "Great Lakes RV".

The boat, along with the additions they've made, has caused the "*End of the Line VI*", to become the boat where fellow boaters want to spend their evenings. Each time they raft-up together in the Benjamins in the North Channel, the grilling is done on the Grady. Relaxing in the shade is done on the Grady, and the frozen foods and ice are

all carried on the Grady. And, when it came time to leave the anchorage in four-foot seas, the other boats rode in the wake of the stable and quiet Grady-White *Canyon 456*.

The Otterbines also enjoy fishing on this boat and often fish for salmon and lake trout. They find they can easily troll along at two to two-and-a-half knots by going to one engine. And, with no steps on the deck to trip them up, they find this boat easy to maneuver around when fishing and cruising.

Why did the Otterbines choose the *Canyon 456*? They love the center console concept paired with the quality craftsmanship of the boat; making their selection of the Grady-White quite simple. Overall, they wanted a reliable, yet comfortable

and attractive boat, they wanted ample cabin room for a one- to two-week live-aboard, and they wanted the company support which they get from Grady-White's great Customer Relations Representatives. They not only found the *Canyon 456* to be everything it was advertised to be, they found family at



THE OTTERBINES have added to their *456*'s versatility with a bicycle rack mounted in the cockpit.

Grady-White. They have enjoyed their *456* so much, they are considering taking it on another Great Loop trip, but this time Chris says, they will take it at a little slower pace and be sure to savor every moment!



ON THE COVER



Ricky Stokes mostly uses his *Fisherman 236* to go offshore fishing in the Gulf of Mexico off Pensacola Beach, Florida. Although, sometimes he anchors it along the Pensacola Beach Boardwalk (where the picture was taken) to socialize with fellow boat owners. He gets many comments on the color and has even had some say it's too pretty to fish out of.

"I'm such a proud Grady-White owner. I have waited all my life to have a boat like this and my only regret is that I didn't get a Grady-White sooner. My family, as well as my grandchildren, truly enjoy this beautiful, highly functional, boat." – Ricky Stokes



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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 LAKE ERIE GRADY-WHITE CLUB held their summer rendezvous at the Rock and Dock Marina as eleven tall ships visited the Port of Cleveland.

The Lake Erie Grady-White Club's 2019 Walleye Tournament wrapped up with a repeat champion as Mike Pasadyn and his team battled stubborn hog walleye to win the tournament in the last couple of hours. Persistence, combined with a heavy dose of skill, won the day as the team totaled 145.25" as well as landed the largest walleye at 30.875". Although the first-place results didn't set any tournament records, the amazing turnout of 133 participants and 23 boats did!

This active club was at it again when eleven tall ships visited the Port of Cleveland. The club used the Great Lakes Tall Ship Challenge as an opportunity to schedule their summer rendezvous at the Rock and Dock Marina, located by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The trip had record attendance with 18 boats and 74 owners and their guests.

THIRTY-SEVEN PEOPLE PARTICIPATED in The Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club's Annual GradyPaloosa at Knapps Narrows Marina & Inn.

The Tidewater Grady-White Club has had a busy summer venturing away from their home docks for several excursions. Despite rainy, windy weather, members and guests didn't miss their annual Smithfield Station rendezvous in June. Six boats, including two *Express 330s*, a *Fisherman 257*, two *208 Overnighters*, and a *Canyon 306*, made the weekend trip. In July, 16 Gradys and 38 people processed down Bennet's Creek for lunch at Decoys.

The Cape Fear Grady Club wasn't deterred by the weather as 25 boats, ranging from 20 to 33 feet, and more than 100 people (and a dog!) made the trip from Atlantic Marine to Bald Head Island, North Carolina, for the day. After traveling about an hour-and-a-half, the group had lunch at Mojos, then hopped aboard rented golf carts to explore the island that's only accessible by boat. Although it was rainy, everyone had a ton of fun!



THE TIDEWATER GRADY-WHITE CLUB, braving stormy weather, held their annual Smithfield Station rendezvous in June.

The Grady Bunch, in Vero Beach, Florida, has been busy. In May, they spent four nights at Blue Marlin Cove on Grand Bahama and were excited to find a cool new spot that's an easy reach for a long weekend. With nine boats and 28 people, everyone had a great time fishing, snorkeling and enjoying some time on the water. Not knowing what to expect, they were pleasantly surprised by the accommodations and the fantastic service provided by the entire crew at Blue Marlin Cove! In July, the bunch took another great Bahamas trip through the Abaco Islands. Luckily, Mother Nature was on their side and this year's group really got to do some traveling, doing about 750 miles by boat. In addition, they had folks join

them on the trip traveling from as far away as Oregon, California and Arizona. Talk about a change of scenery! Once again, new friendships were made, the travels were great, and they all made some memories that will last a lifetime.

The Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club held their Annual GradyPaloosa at Knapp's Narrows Marina & Inn. Thirty-seven people enjoyed red and gold Tilghman Island, Maryland, sunsets while sipping spiced rum on 14 gleaming Gradys, the boats' signature white complementing nature's light show. Party highlights included an outing to Suicide Bridge for a buffet dinner on Friday, and an almost all day Saturday Pool Party featuring a catered BBQ dinner and live music.





THE GRADY BUNCH, IN VERO BEACH, spent four nights at Blue Marlin Cove on Grand Bahama.

The club also hosted a raft up in June. Six boats and about 20 members and their guests rafted up on the Rhodes River. The weather was about perfect with a water temp of 80 degrees. Added bonus, NO JELLYFISH! It proved to be a great day with good friends.

The Low Country Grady Club traveled to Tybee Island, Georgia for lunch at the popular A-J's Restaurant. The weather was hot, but the turnout was fantastic and everyone had a great meal!

Desmasdon's **Great Georgian Bay Grady-White Club** had a meet and greet social at the Ojibway Club, which like most places in Pointe au Baril, Ontario, is only accessible by boat. Everyone enjoyed drinks and appetizers as they learned about an upcoming day trip. Club members are thrilled because, for many, a day trip is something they've always wanted to do but weren't confident enough to do it on their own.



THE SOUTH FLORIDA GRADY-WHITE CLUB cruised to Key West for a fun-filled week this summer.

The South Florida Grady-White Club cruised to Key West for a week of water activities, great food and drink, a little history, and a scattering of shenanigans. The seas were a little bumpy heading down the east coast of Florida, but once around the southern tip the ride was smoother. The major excursion, and highlight of the trip, was a 70-mile trek to Dry Tortugas National Park which includes Fort Jefferson. Daytimes were spent boating, riding around in golf carts or scooters, visiting the museums and eating the fresh caught fish in the many great restaurants. The last day, the club gathered for a celebratory cook out, compliments of chefs Jon Burkert and David Miller. Members reflected on

how fast the week had flown and their many wonderful and sometimes humorously odd experiences. Summer 2019 marks another memory-making, outstanding trip for the Club!

The Delmarva Grady-White Club held its annual family potluck picnic and Coast Guard Auxiliary boat inspection. Both familiar faces, as well as some new members and their families, had a great time!

The Gulfstream Grady Group is one of our most frequent travelers having taken two more trips to the Bahama's since our last issue. Their June trip welcomed first-time crossers Tom and



THE PAMLICO GRADY CLUB met in Washington, North Carolina for docktails and to discuss upcoming trips for the coming year.



JULIE LOBSINGER made her first Bahamas crossing aboard her family's *Chesapeake 290, Sushi Bar*.

Holly Lobsinger, along with their daughter, Julie (6), aboard their *Chesapeake 290* named *Sushi Bar*. In July, seven boats and 20 people, including Grady-White's own Gwen Edwards and her husband David, made the trip again. As usual, a good time was had by all!

The Jersey Shore Grady-White Club enjoyed gathering for their annual steak night at Stu and Marita Doumaux's house in Ocean City, New Jersey.

The Pamlico Grady Club met in Washington, North Carolina for docktails and to discuss trips for the upcoming year. Having already had one successful trip to Beaufort, North Carolina, the growing group is excited about several trips planned for later this year.

Letters & Photos

What's happening? Have an interesting story or photo?
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DAVID AND LIBBY CLARK LOVE TROLLING THEIR FREEDOM 275, *Moonlight*, along the waters in Pauanui, New Zealand!



ED AND DEBORAH BUKALA enjoy catching fish on the lake in Pointe au Baril, Ontario, aboard their *Freedom 255*.

PETER TOSCANO primarily uses his boat to fish in the NE Canyons of New Jersey. The 2018 *Canyon 376, Avanti*, was fishing for bluefin tuna when this photo was taken, but he also often fishes yellowfin and marlin.





GLENN SMITH'S 2005, *FISHERMAN 222*, Sea Leggs, looks beautiful against a St. George Island, Florida, sunset.



REELIN IN THE YEARS, a *Freedom 307*, is looking good after its solo Abacos crossing where owners Moi and Cheryl Monroe celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Leaving from West Palm Beach with a smooth Gulf Stream crossing to West End, Bahamas, they cleared customs and spent one night there before heading down to Green Turtle Cay. While there, they visited numerous other cays to snorkel and they also swam with the pigs at No Name Cay. Throughout their trip, "Our Grady was spot on!!!" they said.



ALLIE BRASWELL (6) OF ATLANTIC BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA, never misses an opportunity to join her dad, as "Officer of the Watch" on their Grady-White 1992 *Explorer 24*. She even "showed him up" on her first hookup this past Father's Day with a 15" Spanish Mackerel.



DOUG GATES AND FAMILY enjoy spending the day on their new *Freedom 235*, *Dad's Decision*.

Who's Your Grady Buddy?

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



Lisa Mudrick and labradoodles, **MANDY AND IZZY** (puppy), love boating around Washburn Island on the Eel River, just a quick shot from Martha's Vineyard, on their 2014 *Fisherman 257* named *Soul Mates*.



Kevin Duffy's Grady Buddy, **HADLEY**, loves to go out on the boat with her family every weekend in Cape Cod and the Vineyard of Massachusetts.

BENSON, Mike Donahue's giant schnauzer, is the dock greeter at Southport Marina, in Southport, North Carolina on their *Express 330*, *Salt Shaker*.



Shane and Maria Sullivan say their Grady Buddy, **RAIN**, smiles when they take her out to watch dolphins on their *Freedom 307* on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.



When he's not trying to jump off the boat, David and Susan McKee's silver lab, **SKIFF**, loves "driving" their new 2019 *Canyon 306*, *Too Fly*, in Key Colony Beach in the Florida Keys. He's a very talented dog who can also go up the ladder after a swim like the McKee's previous labs did years ago on their *Chase 263*.



Rob Albrecht and Deb Letarte's salty dog, **WHISKEY**, a German shepherd, visits Cape Lookout, North Carolina, on their *Express 330*.



Dood with his Dude! John Romanosky, aka Captain, had a great day with his daughter's goldendoodle, **REMLEY**, on his 2000 *Adventure 208* coasting along the waters of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.



Arnold Giovanelli's new puppy, **GRADY**, is getting started young as the little guy goes out for his very first boat ride.



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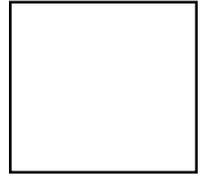


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Anchorline is looking for high resolution holiday boating photos for the cover of the December edition of *Anchorline*. Send your flotilla or holiday boat photos to anchorline@gradywhite.com with Holiday Cover Photo in the subject line.

Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:



EDDIE SMITH AND KRIS CARROLL

It's an exciting time at Grady-White as we introduce the all-new *Canyon 326* and the redesigned *Freedom 285* and *Canyon 336* for the 2020 Model Year! And what drove these new boat designs? You, our customers.

Our engineering team is always hard at work, developing new features, as well as incorporating customer suggestions and requests into every model. It's your suggestions that enhance our process of designing an all new boat or improving upon an existing one in our expansive line up of now, 28 models.

In addition to our dealers and Grady-White staff who travel to shows and events, the Grady-White Customer Relations Representatives are a key component in the design process because

they're the people that have direct contact with you every day via phone and email. We love to hear what you love about your boats. But, we are equally interested in your suggestions about what would make your Grady-White experience even better.

We tell you all the time how much we'd love to see you at our Greenville, NC, facility, but if you can't come here, we hope you'll come see us at one of the upcoming boat shows. There you'll see all the new design features our craftsmen have carefully integrated into the new 2020 line up—all with the focus of enhancing your time on the water.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing about your Grady Life!



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