

This page: Grady-White's Canyon 336 has a hullside door (top) and bait prep station (below).

GRADY-WHITE CANYON 336

"In recent years, we've seen more of these boats bought by couples, as a family purchase. That's a big change from when I started in this business 31 years ago," Shelley Tubaugh, vice president of marketing at Grady-White Boats, says of center consoles. "The buyer used to be a guy on his own, buying a boat for him and his friends. Now, the buyer and his wife are making the purchase together, and they want versatility so they can use their boat for anything they need or want to do."

On Grady-White's Canyon 336 (with a 33-foot, 6-inch centerline length and an 11-foot, 7-inch beam), which has been redesigned for 2020, the helm is protected by a wraparound windshield that meets the hardtop to block rain and wind. The dash is also enlarged, to accommodate a pair of 17-inch multifunction displays, which owners want because so much is now integrated on those screens. "Some owners even have satellite TV linked to their MFDs," says Christian Carraway, product design engineer at Grady-White.



Also on board: premium seating. Grady-White switched to a softer-density foam that's used in thicker layers on every cushion and bolster. "A man won't typically complain about the way a seat feels, but when his wife gets aboard, she'll express her appreciation when she feels comfortable," Carraway says, adding that there are flip-up bolsters and armrests at the three helm seats. "Features like that make a difference for men and women when they're traveling a long distance offshore; comfort just becomes more important."

The 336 rides on Grady-White's SeaV2 bottom, which is designed to eat up lumps in blue water. Power is triple 300-hp or twin 425-hp Yamahas with joystick steering. Cruise speed with the twins is about 26 knots at 3700 rpm, according to the builder, and top end is 46 knots. Most owners won't spend too much time running at high speed, but, says Carraway, they like to know they have power in reserve to move a boat of this size, particularly when running through an inlet or climbing up a wave. "Most people feel more comfortable when they know they have access to the power they'll need," he says. "High-speed thrust helps around the docks too."

The Canyon 336 also has a cabin with a berth, an enclosed head with a shower, and a VacuFlush head.

Grady-White didn't forget about anglers, though. "We design fishing features into the boat first, and then think about how we can make the space more comfortable around them," Carraway says. "The Canyon has all the stuff you'd expect to see on a Grady-White, including overboard-draining fishboxes, recirculating raw-water live wells and self-draining cockpit. It's all here. We'll never get away from that." §