

2020

New Boat Buyer's Guide

Grady-White

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This North Carolina based builder has introduced a trio of newbies for the 2020 model year. One of these, the Canyon 326 CC was detailed in a Fisherman product review a few months back. The other two, the Canyon 336 and the Freedom 285 are revised and reimagined versions of boats that were already in their existing lineup that received a dramatic upgrade. I spent a significant amount of quality time on all three models with Grady's VP of Marketing Shelley Tubaugh down at the recent Ft Lauderdale Boat Show and she explained the nuances of each in great detail. If you are in the market for a dual console/cross-over craft that can perform family duties, but can still fish with the best of them, consider the Freedom 285 as a must see on your short list. This is a high-tech machine, from her excellent engineering and ergonomics to her top-notch construction, in addition to the availability of just about every creature comfort.

Passengers will appreciate the port and starboard electromechanically extendable aft facing lounge seats, both of which abut perfectly to the retractable bench seat in the transom cap, creating a huge multi-person lounge area that's perfect for relaxing in the sun. When old sol gets to be too much, the optional SureShade electrically retractable shade with Sunbrella canvas is a welcomed addition. The roomy bow sitting area can also be complemented with Grady's new optional bow shade, an easily deployed screen that offers protection from the harsh mid-day sun. With its standard fiberglass bow table and optional bow insert with filler cushions that create a second roomy sun pad, the Freedom 285 is fully outfitted for a day on the water.



The optional retractable ski pole is easily put away when skiing and tubing are finished. And if you're going from a day on the water straight out to dinner, the roomy next-gen head compartment, complete with indirect lighting and a sink with pull-out faucet, makes it easy to change to dinner attire without leaving the boat. We will definitely get you a detailed analysis of the upgraded Canyon 336 in an upcoming 2020 product review, so stay tuned.