

Grady-White Launches A New Dual Console

Grady-White may have cemented its reputation for durable and seaworthy boats by building center consoles, cuddies and walkarounds, but today the company is also a player in the expanding dual console market. With the introduction of the Freedom 215, the builder's dual console lineup consists of 11 models.

Grady-White says its aim with the Freedom 215 is to offer a smaller boat with many of the same features as its larger dual consoles. The new boat has loads of comfortable seating, including bucket seats at the transom, plush

companion and helm seating, and a convertible bow lounge. There's also room for fishing rods, and a tow pylon can be inserted at the transom for water sports.

"The 19-degree progression of the running bottom on our Freedom 215 exclusive SeaV² hull has a similar wave-cutting vee at the bow area as that of our larger models," says Christian Carraway, Grady-White design engineer. "We engineered more aggressive angles in the flare from stern to bow, confident that this would accomplish superior seakeeping and sports car-like handling."

Standard power is a 200-hp Yamaha F200 4-stroke, which provides a top end of 42.6 mph and an efficient cruising speed of 24.3 mph. A Yamaha F250 is available as an option.

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