

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRADY LIFE



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JEFF AND CHRIS WERE EXCITED TO TAKE DELIVERY OF THIS NEW CANYON 326 FROM QUALITY BOATS IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA.

Dear Grady Friends:

We truly hope this issue of *Anchorline* finds you well. As boat owners we've all learned to navigate the waters around us, but now we find ourselves learning to navigate something new as we adjust to social distancing. Grady owners are like family—which makes it rather hard to distance ourselves from one another. While we don't know how long we'll have to distance ourselves, we can be thankful for our Grady-White boats. We're hearing from many of you that boating has provided an escape—be it fishing, tubing, skiing or just taking in scenery that may have been missed on past cruises.

In this issue of *Anchorline* you'll see people making the most of the situation, enjoying their Gradys, the outdoors, and even bringing home a fresh caught dinner. While our clubs have had to adjust their schedules, putting planned events and trips on hold, we've included some great stories from a few Grady owners

about their boating experiences. We hope their stories will inspire you to start dreaming about and planning your next great Grady adventure, or get out on the water and introduce your children to new experiences aboard your Grady-White.

We are thankful that boating offers us all the opportunity to do something that feels “normal”. So, keep sending us your Grady Life photos! Even though we can't join you on the water, we can share the moments and the joy our Gradys provide as we look forward with hope and positivity to safer days ahead.

Happy Boating,



Kris Carroll, president



Eddie Smith, Jr., chairman, ceo



A “Get the Grady” Request Leads to a Career, Travel, and Three Generations of Fishing Enthusiasm

Don Ross’ boating experience began in western Washington where he had a ski boat. But after going out into the ocean and catching the fishing bug, Don moved on to other boats. While waiting for the ferry after fishing one day, his wife, Brenda, pointed to another boat in the ferry line and said, “If you buy a boat like that, I’ll fish with you more.” That boat was a Grady-White and this one statement kicked off a series of events in the Ross’ family that includes amazing trips, lots of fishing, and even their son’s career.

After Brenda’s comment about the Grady, Don went to see Terry McCartney at Jacobsen’s Marine in Edmonds, WA. As he was wrapping up his purchase of an *Adventure 208* he said, “Hey, do you need a yard boy? My 15-year-old, Tom, needs a job.” Terry said to

have him send over a resume. Tom got one together, went for his interview and was hired on the spot.

Taking the city bus to work, Tom started in 2002 washing boats, then moved to rigger and up through the ranks until he finally landed in his current position as a partner in the dealership.

That’s only one small part of the story though. When Don bought his second Grady, a *Seafarer 228*, Terry asked Don if he would be willing to drive a boat for him during a Grady Demo Day. It was at that event, between rides, that Don said he would like to run his Grady-White to Alaska. Terry suggested that he start a Grady Club and said he would sponsor it. Then he gave Don the names of about eight owners he thought might be interested. Don contacted them and they met in January 2007. This was the start of the Northwest Grady-White Club. Over the course of the next year and a half, they planned the Alaska trip which they took in June 2008. Six Grady-White boats set out on the 1,726-mile round trip journey. For two weeks they fished, explored bays and

were even featured on the cover of *Motorboating Magazine*. This trip and several shorter trips they took the year prior, kicked off a love of Grady travel

and fishing still enjoyed by the club today. Through these trips and their many years of boating and fishing, Don and Brenda instilled the same love for the sport in Tom. He started joining Don on fishing

“I’M A DIEHARD FISHERMAN,
SO I’M USUALLY THE FIRST
ONE OUT EVERY DAY”

– TOM ROSS



Don and Brenda Ross are enjoying their 5th Grady-White, a *Gulfstream 232*. They are both avid fisherman and navigate the waters in the Northwestern United States and Canada.



Tom started going on fishing trips when he was four and the Ross' are carrying on the tradition with Bryson.

trips when he was four and from then on they made memories every chance they could! Today, Tom and Don are instilling that same love of fishing in Bryson, Tom's son, and his daughter, Taylin, too. Every opportunity the Ross' have to fish with the club they do, including their annual spring trip to Roche Harbor off the coast of San Juan Island, WA. For 13 years, the club has taken this trip and held a Ling Cod Derby. In 2017, at the age of six, Bryson was finally old enough to participate, and that year he won the kids' division. Bryson is not the only one that enjoys this annual trip. His mother,



(Top) **Don and Tom** after a successful fishing trip in Tom's younger years.

(Bottom) **Tom and Don Ross** are instilling a love of fishing in Bryson, Tom's son, who just turned nine.

Sydney and sister, also join them. Tom says, "I'm a diehard fisherman, so I'm usually the first one out every day. Others are a little more relaxed and they might sleep in. The girls usually stay at the hotel and relax while dad, Bryson and I fish. Our family always has a great time at Roche Harbor, we were disappointed we could not go this year." Due to the pandemic the Canadian border has been closed.

Since starting the club almost 20 years ago, their numbers have increased significantly with about 50 boating families. It doesn't hurt that Tom promotes the club with every Grady-White sale. Together,

these families are forming lasting bonds and making exceptional memories as they navigate the waters in the Northwestern United States and Canada.

Today, Don and Brenda Ross are enjoying their 5th Grady-White, a *Gulfstream 232* they purchased a few months ago. Don says, "Brenda is now an avid fisherman. In fact last year she out-fished me in both number and size!" Sounds like not only is Brenda excelling at fishing, but her boat selection is also top notch. Tom notes, after years of boating on a variety of boat brands, "There are only two kinds of boats, a Grady-White and then all the others."



The Northwest Grady club's Alaska trip did not dissappoint with beautiful scenery and great fishing.

Bucket List Check Offs are Best Shared with Friends on a Grady-White

Childhood summers spent at camp along the North Carolina coast, instilled a love of boating within Libby Moose. Through the years, she's owned a variety of boats, both sail and motor. But it was at the urging of a friend, Berry Thompson-Stout, that she bought her first Grady. "I told Berry I was thinking about getting a boat and she said, 'The ONLY boat you can buy is a Grady-White!'" Not long after, Berry and her husband Ralph were taking their boat to New Bern and saw a Grady-White for sale in a shopping center parking lot. They stopped and got the phone number. The next weekend they met the owner, called Libby on the spot, and the deal was made. After being thoroughly checked out and serviced at the local Grady dealer, Berry and Libby drove the boat to

Maryland. This became Libby's first Grady-White – an *Adventure 208*. Ironically, next to her slip was an almost new *Seafarer 228*, and in 2008 when the owner decided to sell, Libby bought it and shipped the *208* to a friend in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Fast forward to 2014, when Kristen Greenaway, President of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, contacted Libby and asked if she could borrow her boat to circumnavigate the Delmarva Peninsula. Kristen explained she needed the boat to

"retrace" the path of Robert de Gast, who made the trip in a small sailboat in 1974 for his book *Western Wind, Eastern Shore*, which was soon to be a featured exhibit at the maritime museum. Libby, who'd had this trip on her bucket list for years replied, "Yes, if I can go with you!" One week later, Libby, Kristen and Kristen's nine-year old son, Andrew, cast off for the nine-day trip.

Libby had no worries about the boat. She noted, "it had been well maintained and even when the chop in the Bay became very heavy, we always felt safe". What she found most interesting was the number of very experienced boating friends that were fascinated by this little adventure and couldn't believe they did it all in a 22' Grady-White! While Libby

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YOU CAN BUY IS
A GRADY-WHITE!"*

– BERRY THOMPSON-STOUT



Andrew Greenaway peeks out of the forward hatch of Libby Moose's second Grady-White, a *Seafarer 228*.

loved the *Seafarer*, it was docked at a marina that only sold ethanol gas which over time caused motor issues. In 2019, after meeting with Taylor Marine and attending a boat show, she fell in love with Grady's *Freedom* series and that January she ordered a new *Freedom 235*.

With her new Grady-White, Libby was ready to mark another trip off her bucket list and invited Kristen and Andrew, now 12, to accompany her on a trip down the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) from St. Michaels, MD, to Charleston, SC. It's no surprise they said yes and the three headed out that August for the 1,600-mile journey. They made stops along the way in Norfolk, VA; Coinjock, NC; Oriental, NC; Beaufort, NC; South Port, NC and Georgetown, SC. Unfortunately, reports of an incoming storm caused them to end their trip there, where they relaxed for a few days before heading home. Libby noted, "On the return trip we really had to 'make time' and when we came into the Albemarle Sound it was rough but we were

able to continue running at 39 mph. The boat just cut right through the water." Summer of 2020 was slated to be another great summer as the three boaters had planned a trip to New England, but that's been put on hold. In the meantime, Libby was excited to report that Andrew, now 13, had recently received his Maryland state boaters license and she's looking forward to seeing him at the helm.

Libby sings the praises of the 235, highlighting that there is plenty of room in front of the helm for their belongings and the head is a real lifesaver. Since she purchased the 235, she's gotten a number of compliments. One day she watched a cuddly cabin style Grady-White ride by and then turn around. They rode behind her for a while looking at the boat before turning and going on their way. Then another boat owner said to her, "That's the most beautiful Grady-White ever". And to her, it is! In fact, she exclaimed, "It's the best boat I've ever had!"



Andrew, Kristen, and Libby cast off for a nine day trip to circumnavigate the Delmarva Peninsula.



The crew departs a dock in Southport, NC, to continue their trip along the Intracoastal Waterway in Libby's third Grady-White, a *Freedom 235*.

A MOTHER'S HOW-TO STORY

Instilling Children's Love for Fishing

From songs made up to call in fish, to Rods, Reels and Lines 101, Brenda Phipps makes fishing fun for nine-year-old twin girls, Ricki and Pearl. “My husband, Rick, grew up in Wilmington, NC, and he’d always been on boats,” said Brenda. “By the time we met, he’d already owned two Grady-Whites.” Needless to say, fishing and boating were a way of life for the couple from the time they started dating.

When the Phipps moved from Virginia Beach, VA, to Jupiter, FL, they took their Grady-White *Sailfish 272* with them. Not long after, they joined the Gulfstream Grady Group. In 2011, they traveled with the club to the Bahamas. “The primary purpose of the trip was to get to know the people, but we gained more than friends on that trip—we came back, unknowingly, with twins!” says Brenda.

Before the twins were born, the couple thought, “Just because we’ve started a family doesn’t mean we have to give up our love for boating.” She went on to say, “The first time we took the girls with us on the boat they were about 18 months old. It didn’t go so great. We waited another year and then started taking them again. About the time they turned five we started taking them out with us regularly.” Brenda said many of her friends ask, “How

do you get your girls to love to fish?” She tells them, “Take them with you, they will never love it if you never take them.”

Now, the girls can tie their own hooks and take their own fish off. Brenda said she really loves to see them helping boys tie their hooks and take their fish off for them. When that happens, she thinks, “Yep, that’s my girls!” To that Rick adds, “I like to share life on the water and my love for fishing with the girls, just like my parents did with me when I was growing up.”

For those wondering how she got them to this point she says, “I started by making up games and songs. That’s how the girls learned the names of the rods, reels, lines, etc.”

Some of the girls’ favorite things about going out on the boat include, jumping off the boat when they anchor up, taking their kayaks and meeting up with friends, and the excitement when they catch a fish and don’t know what it is until it gets to the boat. When asked what they would tell their friends if they were getting a boat, the girls said, “We’d tell them, they will have the time of their lives!”

We’d say there’s lots of fishing ahead for the Phipps family, who are famous for saying, “You can’t catch ‘em on the couch!”



The Phipps family share life on the water and a love for fishing. They make up games and songs to teach the twins about boating and the names of the rods, reels, lines, etc.

Pictured at right: The twins stay busy on the boat helping get lines in the water, anxiously looking for the next strike, reeling in their own fish, posing for pictures with their catch and then after a long day, taking a nap.



THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE GRADY LIFE!

Grady Clubs

Here are highlights from recent Grady Owners' Clubs events and outings. If you have Grady club information to share or are interested in Grady clubs in your area, email anchorline@gradywhite.com. Go to gradywhite.com for links to club websites.



The ladies of the **Gulfstream Grady Group** show off their pride in living the Grady Life with their own line of "Grady Lady" hats and visors!



The **Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club** enjoyed lunch at The Shark on the Harbor and the Atlantic Marine Store in Ocean City, MD, in early March.



The **Delmarva Grady-White Club** promotes the many benefits of club membership alongside this beautiful Grady at a boat show earlier this year.



The **Northwest Grady Club** didn't let a pandemic get in the way of shrimping!



The **First Coast Grady-White Club** met in February at Palm Valley Outdoors in Jacksonville, FL, to enjoy good food, great people, and time on the water.



The **Pamlico Grady-White Club** had a great time at a pre-COVID-19 gathering at the home of Deb and Bud Farrar just before boating season was about to get underway in NC.



The **Lake Erie Grady-White Club**, along with South Shore Marine, hosted presentations from Walleye Pros for more than 221 attendees and volunteers on March 7th. A collection of at-the-door donations and raffles raised more than \$9,830 for the Walleyes for Wounded Heroes and Youth Challenge.



Dick McKee and Gene Waller of the **Gulfstream Grady Group** went 26 miles off shore in Dick's 2020 *Canyon 306* to bring home this great catch!



The **Low Country Grady-White Club** attended a Tackle and Tactics seminar at the Boathouse in Hilton Head, SC.



Mike and Michelle Manion, of the **Lake Erie Club**, enjoyed dinner with Bill and Betty Mahoney of the **Gulfstream Grady Group**. The two couples are now friends for life!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? HAVE AN INTERESTING STORY OR PHOTO?
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Rick Schaupp, from Rye, NY, shows off his fishing success aboard his new *Freedom 275*.



The Drohosky family was so happy to climb aboard their new 2020 Grady-White *Freedom 215* for the first time. In February, they visited Grady-White to see their boat on the production line.



Vance and Suzanne Knight take a ride on their new Ocean Mist blue *Fisherman 216*.



Charlie Henry enjoys catching stripers with his daughters in Massachusetts Bay on their new *Canyon 271*.



Stephen Long notes this photo as a sign of a good day boating on his *Freedom 235*.

The crew of **Anniston Quinn**, a *Canyon 456*, had a great time fishing the 62nd Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament in Atlantic Beach, NC.



Milly enjoys riding on her parents, **Mary Margaret** and **Ben Vann's**, *Freedom 215*.

The **Andrea's Offshore 240**, out of Ocean View, DE, is primarily used for crabbing, clamming, and some offshore fishing. They adore this boat, saying they are "Grady people to the core."



Mark Sellinger and his wife, Robin, recently caught some great looking Wahoo, Dolphin, and Blackfin tuna off Vero Beach, FL, on their *Fisherman 257*!

Paul Schwartz's son, Sam, caught his first blue marlin off the coast of Charleston, SC, on their *Fisherman 257*.



The Roberts family's Australian shepherd, **Brady**, watches the sunset from their *Freedom 325* in Hamburg Cove in Lyme, CT.



A great distraction from these crazy times, this was **Willy's** first ride on Rick Byrd's new 2020 Grady-White *Canyon 271*.



Laurie and Patrick Doyle's dogs, **Mila and Bodhi**, are ready for an offshore fishing adventure on their *Canyon 336* in Sarasota, FL.



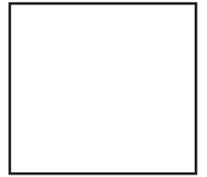
Maverick, a self-taught retriever who loves to please, is always first to the front of Moi Monroe's *Freedom 307*.



Charlie Henry says **Kona** loves his new 2020 *Canyon 271* the most and goes bananas whenever they go boating in Massachusetts Bay.



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Captain Grady: All the Answers at Your Fingertips

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If you haven't used the app in a while, or if you've never taken the time to set it up, here's a quick run-down of just a few of the many benefits you'll get from this onboard how-to guide. From boat startup to shutdown and everything in between, including trouble shooting

and video demonstrations, Captain Grady has the answers!

Can't remember how you opened that seacock last season? Captain Grady can show you.

Want to teach your first mate, be it your teenager, a friend or your wife how to operate the boat with confidence? Let them spend a little time with Captain Grady.

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model? Captain Grady can get you up to speed in no time.

We've all had that moment where everyone is finally seated on the boat and you go to start the engine(s) and it won't turn over. No worries, Captain Grady is there to save the day with the start up trouble shooting list. You probably just knocked the Yamaha lanyard off the emergency stop switch.

Captain Grady can also help you keep your boat logs from trips to the suggested maintenance schedule.

There's nothing or no one like Captain Grady to help you and everyone in your family enjoy your Grady-White.

