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A CANYON 376 HEADING OUT FROM
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Dear Grady Friends:

Greetings to all of our Grady-White family! We hope this message finds you healthy and well.



For the new owners, we know you're going to love being a part of the Grady Life. For our existing owners, we hope your boat has been a little oasis in the midst of all that is going on in the world today. Boating is a wonderful way to bring families together, and right now, there has never been a better time to connect with one another, and nature, aboard your Grady-White boat.

These past months, we all have had to adjust to the COVID-19 changes. Here at Grady-White, continuous improvement is our way of life and this time is no exception: we continue to refine and refresh many of our processes, design new products, and focus on delivering boats that continue to exceed customer expectations. Our fundamental belief is that everyone wants to do the right thing and takes pride in their work; and this time of adjustment is no exception. Working through the challenges of the pandemic, using ingenuity and creativity, we continue to be committed to passionately designing and building the best boats every day, for you, our customers.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Anchorline*. We chose these articles to highlight the ingenuity of our owners and the multi-generational appeal of boating. Read about one Grady-White Owners' Club's unique way to continue an annual fishing tournament that was disrupted by COVID-19. There's also a great story about two families who share a multi-generational love of boating, making lifelong memories and connections through fishing on their Grady-White boats. And, you'll hear from another Grady Club that embarked on a Bahamas trip, bringing back tales of the tenacity and spirit of the islands, and businesses reopening after Hurricane Dorian. It's so good to hear about the recovery and see them welcoming boaters again.

Your adventures inspire us—like the tournament winners we celebrate here, too—keep those stories and photos coming. We love to hear from you and share the Grady Life!

Happy Boating,


Kris Carroll, president Eddie Smith, Jr., chairman, ceo



Freedom 375

The Gulfstream Grady Group's Voyage Through the Bahamas

Throughout the years we've included many articles about Grady owners and Grady Clubs traveling by boat to the Bahamas. Many of you may have wondered, should I consider taking this trip so soon after Hurricane Dorian and in the midst of COVID-19? Here is a recount of a recent trip several Gulfstream Grady Group members embarked upon. For those of you that have never traveled there before, we hope it sparks an ambition to plan a similar trip. If you are familiar with the area, we hope the information about what's open and opening soon will be of interest to you. (To read a full recount of the Gulfstream Grady Group's trip by member, John Klaasen, visit our website www.gradywhite.com, click on "Explore", then "The Grady Life", then go to the "News" page and select the category "Grady-White Fanatics". Here you can read the details of the trip as well as notes about the exact locations they visited, where they docked, ate and enjoyed a variety of activities.)

On June 30th, 2020, three Gradys from the Gulfstream Grady Group left Palm Beach for a three-week 700 nautical mile (nm) voyage through the Bahamas. The group included John and Arlene Klaasen on their *Express 360*, Randy and Linda Brown on their *Canyon 336*, and Richard Wennet on his *Express 330*. All are seasoned boaters that have made numerous Bahamas crossings. With varied interests, from fishing and beach combing, to shopping and enjoying the quaint towns, they planned to visit some locations they had not visited in the past.

Their first day was a 152nm run across the Gulf Stream to the Green Turtle Club

and Marina on Green Turtle Cay. After clearing Bahamas customs and immigration, the voyage was officially "on"! Given the just-opened status of the Bahamas due to COVID-19, the locals gladly greeted them.

Their first stops were Green Turtle Cay and Boat Harbor at Marsh Harbor on Great Abaco, both of which were hit hard by Dorian. They found that much had been destroyed in the storm. But, on Green Turtle Cay the Green Turtle Club was open and the Bluff House was being reconstructed with plans to open in March of 2021. At Marsh Harbor's marina office and docks, one long marina dock had been rebuilt and the other five were in various stages of

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– JOHN KLAASEN



(Top) Boats getting fuel at Morgan's Bluff.

(Bottom) The group gathers for a photo along the way.



Three Grady-Whites at Treasure Cay beach

rebuilding. “It was sad to see the destruction, even after almost a year,” noted John. “However, it was also heartening to see the people’s resilience, hard work and ongoing recovery efforts.” The Club found that the water and beaches are still beautiful, and several fishing excursions along the way resulted in great catches, including blackfin tuna, yellowfin tuna and Spanish mackerel, which provided the group with a number of excellent sashimi appetizers and fresh fish meals. One of which was prepared by a chef at a local restaurant.

While the effects of Dorian and COVID-19 restrictions were obvious, they still found outdoor restaurants, and the pool and pool bar were fully operational at Boat Harbor. They also noted that the Hope Town Inn & Marina is expected to reopen in the fall of 2020, as well as many of their

favorite shops and cafes which they also found in various stages of recovery.

On the ninth day of the trip they crossed the open Atlantic. This would prove to be the first of several times they encountered local storms while moving from one location to another. However, in each instance

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they were able to communicate via VHF and use radar to successfully navigate to their destination. As the days went on, the wind began to increase. “The day we traveled from Cape Eleuthera to Staniel Cay in

the Exumas, the wind was fierce.” John said. “We had to go slow in the heavy seas until we navigated through the reef just south of Highborne Cay,” he noted. “Even on the west side shallows of the Exumas the waves were wind-whipped, smaller, but still steep and annoying for the remaining 40+nm.”

Even with the winds staying consistent, they continued on with the adventure. Speaking on behalf of the group, John said, “We’ll all remember Chris, the manager at Cape Eleuthera, for his warm and enthusiastic reception when our three boats arrived after a long day!”

It sounds like navigating through the rough seas was worth it as they noted the Exumas were spectacular; with high rock islands, beautiful sandy spots, and gorgeous colored water in the shallows, as the bottom changes from sand to corals



At Bimini the group anchored off a beautiful beach.



(Top) The boats at the new dock of the Green Turtle Club and Marina.

(Bottom) A map of the route taken on the three-week trip.

to grasses. A highlight of the trip was here where they snorkeled the “Thunderball Grotto”!

Along the way they also experienced several areas they had not visited before and enjoyed the new navigational experiences it provided. They were also pleased to receive wonderful service; from a group meeting them at the dock to secure the boats, to a fuel station owner who drove an hour to open up and fill their boats with gas. John recounted the experience. “On such a trip, you often forget the day of the week. When we pulled in to refuel we

realized it was a Saturday. Normally this would not be a problem, but because of the lack of private boat traffic in 2020, the fuel stop was not open. Luckily, the friendly folks at the harbor called the fuel station owner, and he agreed to come in to fill up three “yachts” (yes, they call our Grady’s “yachts”) that wanted 500 gallons of gas.” Unfortunately, wind and storms continued to be forecast and the group realized they would need to head back a few days early or be forced to extend their trip another week. Still they enthusiastically noted, “All in all, the trip was great! And, because

we are all easy-going and knowledgeable boaters, any challenges were overcome.” They went on to note that the Bahamas are beautiful, including the water and the people. When traveling through the marinas, you meet others with a like mind for private boat travel, and even encounter the same boats in different locations. Good stories told and heard, new experiences, and new knowledge learned. In closing they said, “We had a blast and highly recommend such trips to other Grady owners!”

Growing Up Grady

Grady-White has an extensive history of customer interaction that continues long after the sale. We love to see the photos families share with us year after year of their children, and grandchildren, growing up on a Grady. It is inspiring to see multiple generations of boaters who are instilled, early in life, with a love for boating and the many activities that can be enjoyed on the water. These short stories share the boating experiences of two young people whose lives have been enhanced by their boating mentors.

Jeff and Jared Garber

Seven years ago, Jeff Garber submitted a photo to *Anchorline* of his 7-year-old son, Jared, and the first fish he caught on their *Freedom 205*. This summer they sent an updated photo of Jared with the first fish caught on their new *Fisherman 236*.



Jared Garber then and now—loving fishing and the Grady Life!

Living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Jared is a big hockey player in the winter. But as soon as the water thaws, he's all about fishing. Growing up spending the summer weekends on the water and having lots of time together with his dad has really paid off in Jared's boating abilities. According to Jeff, "Jared is really the captain of the boat, I just drive and buy the gas." He goes on to compliment his son, saying, "He rigs the lines, tells me where to go, and even fillets the fish himself when we get back to the dock." While they don't all fish, the whole Garber family, Jeff, his wife, Jared and two other children, love spending time on the boat appropriately named *G5*. Jared and his dad are the two with the fishing bug, who both enjoy fishing inshore and offshore. Jared says with enthusiasm, "I really like to go 15 to 30 miles out and catch fish that

are exciting to reel in—like blue fish, mahi, Spanish mackerel, false albacore, sea bass and bonito. I've learned a lot about trolling."

The Garber's all love their Grady-White—which was initially a dream of Jeff's who, at age 13, visited a friend whose family had just bought a new Grady-White *Offshore 24*. From that day forward he dreamed of owning his own Grady-White. This year they bought their second. "We loved our

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— JEFF GARBER

205, but we also loved to go to the boat shows each year and look at the new models," Jeff says.

"When the *Fisherman 236* was first introduced, Jared and I fell in love with that center console model." Earlier this year they saw a new *236* on their dealer's lot and Jeff told him, "I can't believe you have this boat—it has my name on it. Work the numbers and get back to me—we've got to make this work. They did!"

Jared is not only a great fisherman, he also learned what to do with the fish when they get back to the dock. He proudly recounted an experience he had this summer. "I was filleting a fish and this guy walked by and marveled at how well I was doing. He then said, 'I don't know how you do that. All that blood would make me queasy'. Later I found out he was an orthopedic surgeon." That led to a question about what Jared wants to be when he grows up. "I don't know—maybe a surgeon." One question he did know the answer to was, what kind of Grady-White do you dream of having one day? "I want a *Canyon 271*," he quickly said. And the color? "Classic Grady White," he replied with confidence. A confidence that's evolved through the years of boating with his father's guidance.



Jack Roman in 2010 catching his first fish.

Lou Enriquez, Jack and Lily Roman

In 2010, *Marlin 300* owner, Lou Enriquez, submitted a photo of his then 6-year-old grandson, Jack Roman, catching his first fish. In the letter that accompanied the photo Lou said, “I’ve enjoyed tournaments and fishing with friends in southern California and Mexican waters. While I still enjoy fishing excursions, introducing my grandkids, Jack and Lily Roman, to the world of boating has been a real high.”

Today, at 16, Jack still loves to fish with his grandfather who says “Jack has a better knack for fishing than I do. He knows where the fish are, how to tie the knots and rig the lines and he’s 95% able to handle our upgraded boat, an *Express 330*.”

Lou said he got both Jack and Lily interested in boating when they were still in diapers. They would enjoy weekend breakfasts on Dana Point in California. After, they would fish or enjoy leisure time together. Today Lily loves spending time on the boat with her family and friends. As for Jack, he was “hooked” the moment he caught that first fish. When asked about it, Jack likes to note, “That first little fish I caught is what I use for bait today!”



Jack and his grandfather, Lou, love fishing and spending time on the water together.

Now, Lou and Jack enjoy sharing the memories that time together on the *Grady* has meant for both of them. For Jack, it’s also about learning important lessons that he will carry with him throughout his life. “I’ve learned to respect nature and how to properly care for something,” he notes.

Lou also says that from their boating experiences Jack has learned how to make good decisions—like not going out on the boat if the weather looks questionable.

Jack also appreciates the time he gets to spend with his grandfather, like a recent trip they took with a few friends. Jack recounts, “Within 5 minutes we’d caught our first fish, a 20-pound yellowtail. Then for the next five hours we caught nothing!” After lunch, they decided to try one more spot. “As we were coming up on the spot, I saw small fish jumping. We quickly got our baits in the water, and over the next two hours we caught 11 fish, all over 20-pounds each.” Jack goes on to note, “What really made that day special was catching fish alongside my grandpa. While he’s a great fishing partner, he means even more to me because he’s someone I look up to.” Jack went on to say that even if he didn’t catch a thing, he was



(Top) **Jack and Lou after a special day of fishing.** Jack says that even if they don’t catch a thing, he is happy just to be there with his grandfather.

(Bottom) **Lily Roman and her junior lifeguard group** hanging out together on the bow of her grandfather’s *Express 330*.

happy just to be with his grandfather. “Every single time we’re going fishing it’s hard to sleep the night before, no matter how tired I am,” says Jack.

Where There's a Will There's a Way—Grady Club Continues 15th Annual Fishing Tournament

The Lake Erie Grady-White Club, sponsored by South Shore Marine, is a large active club with about 114 members. They have two fishing tournaments a year, as well as numerous other events from rendezvous and fishing seminars to customer appreciation and holiday parties, all possible because of a great partnership with the dealership. “A good number of our members are on their 2nd or 3rd Grady-White and never considered another boat brand because of all the things that make a Grady a Grady, and because they wouldn’t give up being a part of the club,” notes Mike Manion, Lake Erie Grady-White Club Commodore. “When you join a club you get to experience more than you can on your own.”

A big part of club membership is the comradery that comes with club events. After cancelling a number of the events this year, Mike was looking for a way to keep club interaction alive. “One day I called a friend of mine that’s a fishing-pro to congratulate him on a tournament win, and during the conversation I commented how COVID-19 was causing us to cancel our fishing tournament,” Mike said. “The pro suggested I look into FishDonkey, an app that allows users to create and run automated fishing tournaments.” Mike took a look and decided, with a few chang-

es, this would be a good option.

One of the Lake Erie Club’s biggest events is the Annual Walleye Tournament, a one-day event that culminated with an awards dinner in the evening. On average, about 20 to 23 boats and 120 people participated. With use of the app, they changed the tournament to take place over a 5-week period. This allowed a captain to register their boat, but offered them the flexibility of taking different people fishing throughout the time period, opening it up for a lot more participants. “We had 39 boats this year,” noted Mike. They found

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that having an extended period to fish brought with it a lot of benefits. First and foremost, it eliminated scheduling conflicts, and because the walleye’s migrate quickly across about 160 miles, it allowed a wider geographic opportunity. “We have one member, Craig Lindquist, from Warren, Pennsylvania, who trailers his boat 215 miles to Huron, Ohio, to participate in our annual tournament. This new

format allowed us to interact with him over several weeks and that was a lot of fun,” said Mike. He also noted how entertaining the event was from a social media aspect. “We decided to use Facebook to post photos, since they were required for the FishDonkey app, and the Facebook approach took on a life of its own, keeping members further engaged,” said Mike. Through social media—videos, practical jokes, new member introductions, family experiences, personal achievements, and tense competitive moments, helped the tournament come alive like never before.

Lake Erie Grady-White Club member, Robert Branz, and walleye fishing enthusiast, John Gall, (find him on Facebook at Pro Walleye) won this year’s tournament with a 29" walleye! Fishing on Robert’s *Gulfstream 232* named *Dirty Laundry*, the duo took the lead with two weeks left to go in the tournament. The last two days of the event they were not able to fish and Mike said, “You better watch out, the big guns are out.” To that Robert responded, “That’s OK, the winners are sitting in my kitchen!”

How they found their winning fish is a whole other story. “I was at the fish cleaning station the week before and a guy came in with a big fish. He was walleye pro, Ryan Buddie,” said Robert. “I asked



John Gall on *Dirty Laundry* shows off the winning fish at 29"!



Mariann Chapman displays her great catch, a 25.25" walleye, from their *Freedom 335, One Goal*.



Ted Melching took this first timer out and he couldn't stop talking about it. Well done Ted!



Jim Krippel and his grandson caught a 22.75" walleye on his *Sailfish 252*.



Knot on Call was heartbroken they didn't get the win with this great catch.



Mike Buddie and his grandson, Colin, first captured the lead with this 28.75" walleye. While it wasn't the winning fish they did win 2nd place coming in just ¼ of an inch behind the winner.



Danny DePasquale on *Get-Er-Done* said he was just warming up with this 28.25" walleye.

him where he caught that fish. After he told me, I told him I was in a tournament to which Ryan replied, 'My dad's in that tournament, too!'" Ironically, Ryan's dad, Mike Buddie, took the 2nd place spot with a 28.75" walleye, but Robert and John won by fishing Ryan's spot.

In closing, Robert spoke a little bit about the club and what it means to him. "I can

never give Mike and Michelle Manion enough credit for all they do for this club." Robert goes on to say that when he decided to sell his *Fisherman 180* for a larger boat, he never considered another boat brand, in large part because of the club. "I love my Grady-White boat, it handles well in the water and it's easy to fish on. I also really enjoy participating in the

Lake Erie Grady-White Club – that's just one more thing that sells the boat!"

To enjoy some of the shenanigans the group shared during this event visit the Lake Erie Grady-White Club LLC Facebook page.

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Rob Hartwell's grandchildren, Avery, Harper and Brody, head out on his *Journey 258* on the Great South Bay in Long Island, New York.



Don St. Dennis and his three boys, Braun, Crock and Brody enjoy a successful day of fishing in Jacksonville, Florida, at the end of the red snapper season on their *Freedom 275*.



Ryan Polivnick's Grady-White Fisherman 257, Mahoney, sits proudly in front of the Sydney Harbour bridge in Australia.



John and Jill Vichi love their new Grady, a *Fisherman 216*. It's perfect for anchoring at one of their favorite spots on Fishers Island, New York, and comfortable enough to cruise all the local waters around Masons Island, Connecticut.



Dan Bair and his family got their limit of lobster by 9:00 a.m. on this *251 Coastal Explorer*.



Rod Meussner enjoys salmon fishing with his grandson, **Turner**, on his *Freedom 235* on Lower Hood Canal in Washington State.



Cason Stalls and his family enjoy a day on Jordan Lake in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, on their *Fisherman 222*.



This is the Korfin family's third summer aboard their *Fisherman 236*, named *Mahira*. They enjoy cruising around and fishing off of Block Island, Rhode Island.



Matt French, Desmasdon's Boat Works General Manager, said his kids, Hudson, Isla and Bayleigh all love wearing their Grady-White shirts.



Michael Sgarbossa with his first catch, a lake trout, aboard his family's new *Freedom 235*. This is the Sgarbossa family's first boat, and they are loving every minute boating in Collingwood on Georgian Bay in Ontario!



Jack Kent of Bayside Marine and his 13-year old son Gabe, recently caught a 150 lb. swordfish fishing out of Duxbury, Massachusetts, on a *Express 330*.



Tyler Moore's grandsons, Philip (left) and Griffin (right), love fishing, water skiing and tubing on his *Fisherman 236* in Nantucket, Massachusetts.



Gary Pharo shared this sunset photo after a day of fishing on his *Express 370* and said he has enjoyed making memories with family and friends on his Grady-White boat.



John Owen caught this cobia on his new 2020 *Fisherman 257*.



John and Linda Roukema love their *Freedom 235* and had a great time participating in the 10th Anniversary Lake Tahoe Fund "Boat Parade" in August.



Marco Rosado and his family traveled from Olatie, South Carolina, to the Florida Keys on their Grady-White *Islander 268, Blessings*. This is their first Grady-White and their second trip to the Keys.

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Grady Buddies



CoCo, a chocolate lab, and Ruger, a labradoodle, love the wind on their face and watching the other boats go by on Alyssa Nicole's 251 Coastal Explorer.



Jeff Covely's lab, **Jacks**, loves every minute on their *Canyon 336* on the bay in Ocean City, New Jersey.



Jordan Costa said his family has had an incredible summer on the water in coastal Connecticut with their new *Freedom 255*. Their golden doodle, **Layla**, whom the boat was named after, enjoys the boat as well!



Milo, a woodie (wheaton terrier and poodle mix), loves having the wind in his face and hauling lobsters aboard Michael Smith's *Fisherman 222*.



Margaret and Ned Barclay's miniature schnauzer grand dogs, **Peanut** and **Lucy**, enjoy spending time on their *Freedom 192* boating around Wilmington, North Carolina.



Rob Powers said while he didn't catch any fish on his birthday, having **Puddins** take his first boat trip on his *Express 330* and not freak out was priceless.



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A Big Day for Gradys at Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament

Gradys were the winning boats at this year's Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament, where each boat fishes one day out of three. Prizes are awarded based on different levels, starting with the heaviest tuna, expanding to other species, a small boat division and levels based on aggregate weight of up to three tuna.

Tom Tye, his son Russell, and their crew on *High Tyde*, an *Express 370*, won the tournament with a total weight of 148.1 pounds. They also caught the single largest tuna, weighing in at 52.7 pounds. As luck would have it, they also won the raffle that returns your entry fee!

When the *High Tyde* crew got to their spot, they saw the birds working. "It didn't take long before we were reeling in a fish," said Russell, "After catching a bonito, we



The crews of *Express 330*, *Knot 'N Line* and *Express 370*, *High Tyde* won big in the this years Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament.

had another strike and we knew it was big. When we got it in the boat, everyone started yelling and screaming!" They caught two more large tuna fairly quickly and got back to the dock early.

Dave Sekowski, owner of *Knot 'N Line*, an *Express 330*, had fished the first day. "I was watching the live feed when I saw *High Tyde* come in," said Dave. "My dad and I actually got Russell and his dad into

tournament fishing, so I jumped in my car and headed to the dock." Little did he know, he would be the winner of the small boat division.

Bob Sinclair, tournament director, and a Grady owner himself, said, "there was a good mixture of small and big boats in the tournament this year. Another *Grady Express 330*, *Reel Estate*,

came in eighth place."

As excited as the winners were, Jason Murphy, owner of Grady dealer, Norfolk Marine, may have been the most excited. "One of my best friends fished on *Hyde Tyde* and when I heard the news I was thrilled," said Jason. "Usually these offshore events are full of larger sportfishing boats, so for Two Grady outboards to win and another to place was a really big deal!"