



# Dock Lines

Your connection to *The Grady Life*



## *The Troutman Family Finds Their “Happy Place” on Grady-White Boats*

What started as a fun way to enjoy time away from work became a lifestyle for this Grady-loving family. After moving from Augusta, Georgia, to Beaufort, South Carolina, in 2011, John and Danielle Troutman started hitting the dock regularly to spend time on his father’s Grady-White *Seafarer 226*. Today, with four boys, and lots of boating friends, the Troutman family embodies what living *The Grady Life* is all about!

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### *Releasing Fish Safely*

Proper catch and release is just one of many contributions we can make to marine conservation. If you catch a fish that is out of season, endangered, under the legal size limit, or if you’re just fishing for sport, here are some tips to help you safely release it back into the water.

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### *Propeller Basics*

Every Grady-White boat’s engine package is customized for maximum performance. In partnership with Yamaha, the Grady-White engineering team works to pair the best engine(s) and prop(s) with the respective boat. In this informative video, Eric Sorensen gives insight on propeller size, performance, and functionality.

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### *High Traffic Boating Safety*

Some of the busiest boating days of the season are upon us. Protect yourself and your crew by reviewing these tips for boating in high traffic areas. Following the rules of the waterways and being a defensive captain will ensure you, and everyone boating with you, enjoy the day and returns to the dock safely.

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### *Important Fueling Information*

If you trailer your boat, finding non-ethanol fuel at the pump is becoming more difficult. When you’re unable to fill your boat with non-ethanol fuel, you’ll need to know the different fuel options that do contain ethanol and which to avoid. E-15 can be catastrophic to your engine, do not use it! E-10 can be used if you must, but Yamaha has a few recommendations that will help protect your engine from the corrosive effects of ethanol.

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### *Preparing a Marine First Aid Kit*

Every boat should be equipped with a first aid kit. You can make your own using a watertight container or purchase a prepackaged kit at a marine store or pharmacy. The number of people you’ll have on the boat and the distance you’ll be from medical help are just some things to consider when selecting the proper kit or items to include when making one.

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