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THE GRADY-WHITE OWNERS' NEWSLETTER

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## Round the Rock

# Adventurous Northwest Club Circumnavigates British Columbia's Vancouver Island

A bold fleet of seven Grady-White boats affiliated with the Northwest Grady-White Club, sponsored by Jacobsen's Marine of Edmonds, Washington, made an epic voyage this past July around Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Traveling a distance of more than 750 miles in just over two weeks, participants enjoyed spectacular scenery, wildlife, and awesome fishing accompanied by a fun and adventurous group, truly making this the trip of a lifetime.



BY MARGO SCHADT

Ever have one of those trips where you just can't stop saying, "Wow!?" That's the reaction of the captains, crews and chroniclers of the voyage made by seven Gradys ranging from 23' to 33', most meeting in the official starting point of Nanaimo to begin the circumnavigation of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, about 135 miles from Seattle. In addition to the Northwest Grady-White Club members and guests, there were two Grady-White factory team members, Gwen Edwards and Shelley Tubaugh, and *Boating* magazine's Jim Hendricks and Bill Doster, who flew by seaplane to meet the fleet in Walters Cove on the island's west coast.

The east side of the island is in more protected waters and is the section traveled by most boaters. Up the Strait of Georgia, the Campbell River is a 75-mile run from Nanaimo. From there on to Port Hardy is an additional 105 miles, transiting the famous Seymour Narrows and up the Johnstone Strait. Johnstone can be rather nasty on an opposing wind and current, but the group met only a small stretch of rough water and overall had a good trip. White porpoise played in the wakes at Chatham Point.

On the third day out, awakening to thick fog at Port Hardy, the boaters had their first real day of fishing and then made way 27 miles to Bull Harbour on northern Hope Island, home to descendants of the Tlataskiwala, Nakumgilisala, and Yutlinuk peoples. After a night's rest it was time to start traversing the rugged and remote west coast, known for its ocean swells and superb reefs, and home to black

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WINTER HARBOUR, VANCOUVER ISLAND, BC



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bears, eagles, sea otters, Pacific dolphins, and whales, and whose sounds are abundant with salmon, halibut, lingcod, and yellow eye rockfish.

Cape Scott has a reputation for dicey conditions, and the crossing was timed for slack tide. As they neared the cape a severe rainsquall hit, with thunder and lightning in the distance. The seas increased but were manageable—after all, these were Grady-Whites! Making the rounding over the 45 miles to Winter Harbour through the fog, some stopped to fish. For three nights in Winter Harbour, the group had the convenience of freezers for the fish and a three-bedroom house right on the dock, including a kitchen where, after all the good fishing, dinners were provided by Erwin and Nancy Dow (*Seeker*), Reed Dow and Ed Paskovskis (*Rowdy Dow*), and Pete Neumann and Don Ross (*Playin Hookey*).

Things were really happening at Walters Cove Resort in the native village of Kyuquot, 51 miles from Winter Harbour! Over a four-day sojourn, Rob Powers and his crew of Blake Powers and Dave Earp arrived on *Island Time*. Flying in by seaplane were Cathi Dawson to join Wes and Jake Dawson on *Buena Vida*, Jacobsen Marine's Terry McCartney with Ann Cade, *Boating's* Hendricks and Doster, and Grady-White's Edwards and Tubaugh. The fly-ins were welcomed as crew aboard *Island Time* and Larry and J'Anna Post's *Sakana*. The lodge was exceptional, offering rooms, fishing guides, amazing meals, and a fish cleaning/packing/freezing service that made things very convenient—a very good thing, as the fishing was great!

Tahsis was the next destination, a 59-mile run. The group fished the Esperanza Inlet. Up to this point, good



weather had kept plans on course. When the forecast predicted gale warnings and 35-50 knot winds, five in the fleet headed out a day early, moving together slowly through thick fog over 104 miles to Bamfield, and then on to final return destinations of Victoria or Seattle. *Sakana* and *Seeker* stayed on to fish inshore, the last day catching their limit of kings and a coho before noon.

Club Commodore J'Anna Post writes, "Circumnavigation of Vancouver Island is a trip many dream of but most boat-

ers do not attempt even in big boats. Our Grady-Whites were perfect for making the passage and definitely the best for fishing these waters." *Knot at Anchor* Captain Tom Schadt summarized perfectly, "The trip was the absolute epitome of The Grady Life. Our boats performed magnificently, faithfully dealing with the spectrum of weather, water, and wind conditions. It was truly the trip of a lifetime, one that none of us will ever forget."



HEADING INTO KYUQUOT AS SEEN BY FLOATPLANE



ISLAND TIME FISHING IN KYUQUOT SOUND



GWEN EDWARDS (LEFT FRONT) AND SHELLEY TUBAUGH (RIGHT FRONT) caught their first Pacific salmon fishing on *Island Time* with ROB POWERS, BLAKE POWERS AND DAVID EARP.



TOM SCHADT AND DAVE MCENTEE did some cooking aboard *Knot at Anchor*, and provided a fabulous dinner for the group at Bull Harbour.



NORTHWEST GRADY-WHITE CLUB AND GUESTS, WALTERS COVE.



# The Grady Life: Owners' Clubs

Here are highlights from recent Grady Owners' Clubs events and outings. If you have Grady club information to share or are interested in information about Grady clubs in your area, email [anchorline@gradywhite.com](mailto:anchorline@gradywhite.com). Go to [www.gradywhite.com](http://www.gradywhite.com) for links to club websites.



**CAPE FEAR GRADY CLUB** members and guests enjoyed a combination navigation refresher course and lunch cruise to downtown Wilmington, NC, enjoying the Pilot House restaurant compliments of sponsor Atlantic Marine.

**Cape Fear Grady Club** members were offered a refresher on aids to navigation while enjoying a July day cruise starting from the docks of sponsor Atlantic Marine, Wrightsville Beach, NC. As the fleet headed south in the Intracoastal Waterway, members who lived or kept boats in marinas along the way joined in and then crossed into the Cape Fear River and headed up to downtown Wilmington. They passed the North Carolina Ports, under the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, and by the stern of the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial, to arrive at Port City Marina. A trolley awaited to take the crews to lunch at the Pilot House restaurant, hosted by Atlantic Marine. What a great time!

One of the goals established by the **Fish Tale Grady Club** when it started ten years ago is to support a local charity. This year the group donated \$1,000 to Hearts and Homes for Veterans of Lee County, Florida, in support of homeless and low income veterans. Hearts and

Homes assists in finding and furnishing affordable housing, provides dental service, and job placement. One hundred percent of funds received goes to help the vets! Fish-Tale Sales and Service, Fort Myers Beach, FL, sponsors this club.

The teams get better and better each year in the **Lake Erie Grady-White Club** Walleye Tournament! All the off season fishing seminars held by the club and sponsor South Shore Marine, Huron, OH, are really paying dividends! This past June there were 41 people participating, including 11 captains, whether fishing or enjoying the awards dinner. It was a close call for the biggest fish: Mike Pasadyn's was 31"; Jason Brooks checked in a 30.75" walleye, and Rick Raup weighed one at 30.5". First place winner Team SSM, captained by Pasadyn, had a total of 136.6".

In other club news, in August, faced with disruptive weather, the planned Kelleys Island Rendezvous was rerouted



**RAY JAHN (L), AND BILL BISSETT AND GEORGE PACHARIS (R)**, present a \$1000 check from the Fish Tale Grady Club to Don Payton for the benefit of Hearts and Homes for Veterans.

from the beach to Portside Marina, where nine boats with 31 resourceful guests adapted water games for land activities. Garbage can basketball, or hula hoop Frisbee, anyone?

**South Florida Grady-White Owners Club** crews aboard 14 boats ranging from 26'-37' experienced a fun-filled week in the Abacos in August. First stop from Hillsboro Inlet was West End, celebrated with a nice sunset cocktail party on the point. Then, on to Elbow Cay and the Hope Town Inn and Marina where the docktail party and pig roast were big hit. Saturday was full of fishing and sightseeing including a climb of the Elbow Reef Lighthouse and a stroll to town. Some dove at the spectacular reefs seen only in the Bahamas. A 50-lb. wahoo was the biggest catch of the trip. On Sunday at Great Guana Cay, the lively atmosphere at the Nippers and Grabbers pubcrawl kept the party going for hours. Next stop: one of the Abaco blue holes—a fresh

water spring in the middle of the island connected to the ocean. The Treasure Sands Club was a Bahamian oasis with a perfect pool and beach. Of course there was a stop at No Name Cay to feed the wild pigs. They were so much fun no one wanted to leave! A party at Tahiti Beach was the grand finale, where the tide came in so fast the sandbar disappeared as we were finishing lunch. The trip home was made in a day. What a great time, sponsored by Pompano Beach Marine Center!

America's smallest and most northerly, if unofficial, Grady-White club is the **Swan's Island Maine Grady Club**. As reported by the Rev. Peter Vorkink, "We had the good fortune of meeting Kris Carroll at the Boston Boat Show a few years ago, and we explained how three extended families all own Grady-White boats of various sizes, and summer off the coast of Maine where lobstering is the main business of this island." The group appreciates the Grady Gear sent their way. "With the addition of the Grady-White flag, we can proudly show our colors."



**THE SWAN'S ISLAND, MAINE, GRADY-WHITE CREW** is composed of three extended families that have summered on this island for many years. Everyone shown here is a relative, the youngest being nine months and sporting her Grady Baby togs.



**MEMBERS OF TEAMS SSM AND JW** placed first and second respectively in the 2016 Lake Erie Grady-White Club Walleye Tournament.

## Clubs Welcome Factory Reps on Rendezvous Weekends



**TAMPA BAY AND TARPON COAST CLUBS**  
Sarasota docktails

*The national network of Grady-White Owners Clubs knows factory sales representative Gwen Edwards as "The Queen of Clubs," and she has joined in many club adventures from coast to coast. This year her husband, David Edwards, accompanied her for the first time on two special occasions and enjoyed a royal welcome as only Grady folks can provide. The Edwards share their notes from the May 13-15 Sarasota Rendezvous of Florida's Tarpon Coast and Tampa Bay Grady-White Clubs, and the Tidewater Grady-White Club's June 11 Smithfield Station overnight. "These folks really know how to enjoy The Grady Life!"*

On a mid-May Friday morning we joined Tarpon Coast Grady-White Club members Dan and Cher Clark aboard their *Express 330, Lady Godiver*, and set out meandering through canals and past dense mangrove shorelines into Charlotte Harbor, and past the Boca Grande lighthouse into the Gulf of Mexico. Our flotilla included *Gotta Go, Lady Grady II*, and *Southern Comfort*. The gulf waters looked like finely polished turquoise, and pods of dolphin greeted us as we passed the pristine white beaches of Don Pedro Island and eventually Siesta Key and Lido Beach, making a turn inland toward Sarasota where the **Tarpon Coast and Tampa Bay Grady-White Clubs** met at the Hyatt Regency. Docktails with delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by clubbers, and lots of Grady Gear gifts, made for a great Friday evening. Saturday was just as pleasant, with Norm Englert and Bonnie and Paul Hargrett of the Tampa Bay group showing us the local color at St. Armands Circle on Lido Key. We travelled over to Long Boat Key to visit our good friends at Cannons Marina, returning for dinner at Patrick's 1481—Sarasota's version of Cheers.

The weekend revolved around good food, good fellowship, and lots of fish tales. Grady owners love to get together and talk about their boats. We kept hearing, "with proper care, these boats last forever." And so do the memories of the wonderful times spent with these two Florida clubs, sponsored respectively by Ingman Marine of Port Charlotte, and Quality Boats of Clearwater.

A month later in Virginia, on a steamy Saturday morning, we were welcomed aboard a beautiful *Freedom 275* by Paul Wentworth of Norfolk Marine, the dealership sponsor of the Tidewater Grady-White Club. We made way up Long Creek, to

Wolfsnare Creek, and into Lynnhaven Inlet on the Chesapeake Bay. The trip was filled with marvelous sights of American history and ingenuity, including Fort Monroe National Monument and Fort Wool. On the James River were the Norfolk Naval Station, and the Newport News shipyards where two aircraft carriers were docked (pretty sure that one was the *USS John F. Kennedy*). We headed onto the Pagan River and noted that every channel marker we passed was adorned with active osprey nests, and adults feeding their young. After seeing all the Navy vessels, it was only fitting that a bald eagle graced us with his presence.

We arrived at our destination at Smithfield Station, Smithfield, VA, where ten pretty Gradys dominated the dock. It was a lot of fun talking about all the history we passed along the way and, adding a historic note, one of the Tidewater clubbers, Tom Raffetto, told us his dad had bought the family's first Grady in 1961 and he was happy to be carrying on the tradition. That night after dinner, we gathered by the pool for a sing-along with Joe Miller providing guitar accompaniment. We won't forget the hospitality shown to us on such a fun weekend! Great folks that love living The Grady Life!



**THE SMITHFIELD STATION OVERNIGHT IS AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR VIRGINIA'S TIDEWATER GRADY-WHITE CLUB.**



**SOUTH FLORIDA GRADY-WHITE OWNERS CLUB AT TAHITI BEACH, BAHAMAS**



# Bred of Grady-White's Saltwater DNA, All-New *Fisherman 236* Is Feature Rich and Family Friendly



Grady-White introduces its latest center console, the *Fisherman 236*, first and foremost a great fishing boat yet full of more family friendly features than any competitor's. The 236 has unmatched sportfishing essentials—open cockpit, rod and tackle storage, plus huge capacity fish boxes and a standard livewell. The whole family will love two built-in swim platforms, the oversized enclosed head, and comfortable bow seating with optional forward facing fold away backrests. See [gradywhite.com](http://gradywhite.com) for the full list of specifications, and contact your local dealer for even more details!

Beam Amidships: 8'6" (2.59 m)  
Center Line Length: 23'7" (swim platforms not included)  
Bridge Clearance: 6'5" (1.96 m), w/T-top: 8'2" (2.49 m)  
Cockpit Depth: 25" (0.64 m)  
Hull Draft: 18.5" (0.47 m)

Transom Deadrise: 20 degrees (SeaV<sup>2</sup>® progression)  
Maximum HP: 300 (224 kW)  
Fuel Capacity - Standard: 115 gal. (435 l)  
Passenger Capacity: 10  
Weight w/o Engine: 3900 lb. (1769 kg)



## Dealer News & Events

Grady-White dealers sponsor hundreds of events every year—seminars, tournaments, trips, cookouts, sightseeing voyages and much more. See [www.gradywhite.com](http://www.gradywhite.com) for events in your area.

**Boats Incorporated**, Niantic, CT, held its 28th One Tide Challenge in August – eight hours of fishing (the largest single location fishing tournament in the state) followed by a fun night of dancing under the stars. This year, Grady-White owners swept the top six places out of 60 boats participating! *Adventure 208* Capt. Jody Gross is the new King of the Dock, amassing 125.638 points with his crew of ten-year fishing buddy Bill Scituro, 15-year-old son Jake, and 11-year-old daughter Lily. They had the largest strip-er of the tournament (27.188 lb.) and the second largest bluefish (14.375 lb.), plus Lily took second place in the junior division with a 13.275-lb. bluefish. Rounding out the "Top Five" were *Gulfstream 232* Capt. Randy Saitta who posted 92.948 points; *Journey 258* Capt. Tom Purcell, 91.184; *Freedom 285* Capt. Peter Roberge, 87.376; and *Express 330* Capt. Al Molin, 84.913. *Seafarer 226* Capt. Richard Gray (who won the very first One Tide back in 1989!) was the sixth boat.



**JODY GROSS** (L), Boats Incorporated's 2016 One Tide Challenge winner and new King of the Dock, racked up a total of 125.638 points along with his crew: son Jake, daughter Lily, and ten-year fishing buddy Bill Scituro.

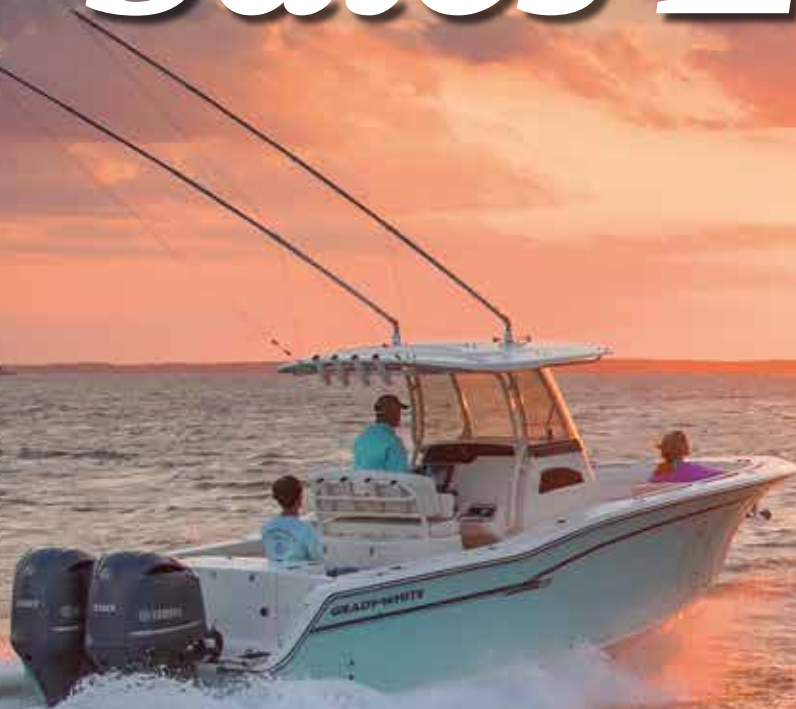


**GWEN EDWARDS**, center, represents Grady-White in congratulating Norfolk Marine's **GARLAND KIGHT, JR.**, and **JASON MURPHY**, on the occasion of the dealership's 70th anniversary.

**Norfolk Marine** marked 70 years of business with a Customer Appreciation Day in August, and over 150 folks stopped by to enjoy the celebration featuring lunch and door prizes every hour. Garland Kight, Sr., opened the dealership's first location in 1946 in downtown Norfolk, VA, and the third generation of his family continues to operate the business in its current location on East Virginia Beach Boulevard, featuring a 20,000 square foot warehouse and showroom on a 4.5-acre campus. They have sold Grady-Whites since 1968, and have maintained a strong focus on philanthropy. "Without our customers and the communities surrounding us we would be nothing," says Garland Kight, Jr., still active in the business in his retirement. "It is our civic duty to pay forward, and it's the right thing to do." His son-in-law Jason Murphy now leads the company.



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The Augustian family fishes and cruises Green Bay, WI, on a *Freedom 275*.

## Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:



EDDIE SMITH AND KRIS CARROLL

Our 2017 models are in full-swing production, and it's always satisfying to see the new line be so well received by Grady buyers and repeat owners! We've introduced two brand new 23-foot boats, both full of Grady firsts: the *Freedom 235* dual console and the *Fisherman 236* center console, each featuring built-in swim platform extensions port and starboard that double as boarding platforms, an easy-access heavy-duty transom door (you won't find that on many 23s!), and so much more fun-and-fishing versatility to please every family. Across the board, new details shine. To mention just a few, all steering wheels have knobs for easier turning, and storage box latches that were sturdy marine thermoplastic are now even sturdier stainless steel. Our all-composite stringer systems

and transoms and our full foam flotation provide assurance that your Grady-White is the best choice for your family. Ask your dealer to fill you in on all the latest features—and now during Grady Days is a perfect time to buy!

Grady owners have the greatest adventures! How about the Northwest Grady-White Club's circumnavigation of Vancouver Island this past summer? Read about that in this *Anchorline*, be inspired to chart your own trip of a lifetime, and tell us all about it when we see you at a fall boat show near you.

Happy Boating!

Kris Carroll, PRESIDENT

Eddie Smith, Jr., CHAIRMAN, CEO



**GARY AND KATHY KATTLER** toured the plant this summer to see how their new *Freedom 235* is being built. The couple previously had a 205 dual console, now owned by their son, Jason. You are cordially invited to visit us for your own plant tour, to meet the craftsmen and women and the factory representatives who make your Grady-White dreamboat! You can register for a tour online, under The Grady Experience at [www.gradywhite.com](http://www.gradywhite.com), or call us at 252-752-2111. We'd love to greet you!