

Grady-White Canyon 271 FS

KOENIG'S FIRST TAKE: *I like the looks of this boat. Couple that with Grady's reputation for smooth rides and durability and this model should be a force to be reckoned with.*

Grady-White has had success with its popular Canyon 271 center console, which is primarily a fish boat. However, after listening to customer feedback—and also, I'd have to guess, noticing market trends—Grady has decided to tweak the 271 model to make it more friendly to cruising with family and friends. To do this, the company added lots of comfortable forward seating to both port and starboard. The seats have adjustable backrests that fold away to make more room for additional guests if need be. An available option that should be quite popular for this boat is the adjustable table

that goes between the seats and can transform into a sunpad if the passengers feel like catching some rays. However, to retain the boat's undeniably fishy air, those seats are situated over 21.24-gallon, insulated, overboard-draining fishboxes. Not bad.

Another area Grady's engineers clearly spent some time dialing in is the helm, which should be notable for its excellent ergonomics, as well as a side-accessed footrest. The driver will be protected by a scratch-resistant acrylic windshield that's fully integrated with the standard T-top, making for excellent



shelter should the elements turn against you, as they are wont to do.

The Canyon 271 should enjoy a smooth ride thanks to Grady White's tried-and-true SeaV² hull design, which is notable for the safety it ensures.

This boat looks to be an all-purpose cruiser that should be fishable enough for the gentleman angler, but also versatile enough to tow water toys, function as a capable dive boat, or just excel as an everyday cruiser. Because of all that, I'm

going to make the educated guess that she is going to do quite well indeed. □

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LOA: 26'10"
BEAM: 9'6"
DRAFT (ENGINES UP): 1'11"
DISPL.: 5,790 LB.
FUEL: 186 GAL.
WATER: 18 GAL.
**STD. ENGINES: 2/300-HP
YAMAHA OUTBOARDS**
TOP SPEED: 49 KNOTS
CRUISING SPEED: 26 KNOTS