



There was a time when boats were just boats. If you weren't a sailor, you were a powerboater, and if so, you were happy to have one – any one, any size – so you could buzz around the bay, cast a line, waterski, or do whatever you loved to do on the water.

Times change, and powerboats evolved into specialized niche designs – specifically for lake or saltwater fishing, extended cruising, watersports, and more. When times were good, the lucky ones could afford multiple boats – maybe one to go fishing with the guys on Saturday, another to tool around the lake or take a river cruise, then go for a swim with the family on Sunday.

Boat designers and builders have been trying to cram multipurpose utility into boats for years, but they've only recently refined them into truly multipurpose designs. One such trend, for lack of a better term, is the "family fish boat" – a well-equipped fishing boat that has the creature comforts of a cruising day boat.

multipurpose powerboat offers fun and comfort for the whole family

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Family-Style

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GRADY-WHITE FISHERMAN 236

Grady-White's Fisherman 236 is built to the same Grady offshore standards with a composite stringer system and transom, foam flotation, and self-draining cockpit. Toerails, twin 89-quart bow fishboxes (port and starboard), a 160-quart fishbox in the transom, a 62-quart insulated and lighted aft livewell with an 800 gph pump, and eight rod holders and six rod racks make this a true midsize center-console fishing boat. Cushioned bow seating with optional foldaway forward-facing backrests, cushioned forward console seating with backrest, a foldaway transom bench seat, and swim platforms port and starboard with integrated ladder and transom door make for a comfortable daycruiser. A stand-up console head and cushioned lean bar with backrest for the skipper add to the overall comfort. gradywhite.com

LENGTH 23'7"
BEAM 8'6"
WEIGHT 3,900 LB (without engine)
MAX PERSONS 10
MAX HP 300
FUEL 115 GAL (with F250 Yamaha)

