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TOP NEW FISHING BOATS OF 2016

PREVIEW 20 OF THE HOTTEST NEW FISHING MACHINES TO HIT THE WATER.

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GRADY-WHITE FREEDOM 275

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Courtesy Grady-White

The retooled Freedom 275 is a dual-console model incorporates a new layout, which expands the helm and increases cockpit and storage space, improving seating and adding to a lengthy list of features.

Comfy cushions covering twin elevated boxes to port and starboard seat six comfortably at the bow. The pair of insulated compartments provide a combined capacity of 176 quarts to stash gear or keep food and drinks chilled. All-around bolsters and a removable table that also mounts in the aft cockpit round off the conveniences forward.

Moving aft, entry to the lockable portside console is now wider. Inside, a step-down head compartment comes with a mirror and a marine head, while horizontal racks allow storage of longer rods than before. A deluxe adjustable helm seat comes standard. Behind it, an optional wet bar is equipped with grill and refrigerator, and includes storage, a countertop, sink, and trash compartment. On the opposite side, a lounger in the back the wider companion seat extends into the cockpit at the touch of a button.

A hardtop with a painted aluminum frame, storage net, speakers, LED lights, radar flat and outrigger plates, four rod holders on the gunwales, a 165-quart fish box on the transom, and a lighted 32-gallon livewell come standard on the Grady-White Freedom 275, along with a walk-through tempered-glass windshield, and a windbreak door that closes the gap between the consoles.

A bench-style seat supplies seating aft and folds away when the fishing heats up. A transom door, and the integrated swim platform and ladder make it easy for swimmers to hop back on board.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- **Length:** 26'11"
- **Beam:** 8'6"
- **Draft:** 20"
- **Fuel:** 184 gal.
- **Max HP:** 500
- **Weight:** 4,972 lbs. (plus power)

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