

GRADY-WHITE 251 COASTAL EXPLORER



The aft cockpit depth of Grady's 251 Coastal Explorer — an evolutionary design, introduced in 2014 — measures 20 inches. The company broke the mold in many areas with this new and innovative setup.

“This was a special new entry in the inshore/nearshore market for us, and we felt it was key to have the SeaV2 [hull] design performance characteristics yet add the shallower draft



SPECS: LOA: 24 ft. 7 in. • Beam: 8 ft. 6 in. • Transom Deadrise: 16 deg. • Draft: 1 ft. 2 in. Dry Weight: 3,550 lb. (w/o engine) • Max Power: 300 hp

(14 inches) to make this model a unique boat,” says Shelley Tubaugh, vice president of marketing. “By keeping the sharp entry, signature bow flare and continuously variable vee of the hull bottom, we were able to create a truly flexible boat that could venture into the ocean more than others in its class.”

Aside from the relatively shallow draft, the 251 comes with casting platforms fore and aft that convert to comfortable seating. Grady offers optional trolling-motor and shallow-water-anchor rigging. The bow boarding ladder, while geared toward beachgoers, also creates a convenient entry and exit for wading or surf fishing.

To enhance offshore safety, Grady's builds include ample foam flotation and overboard-draining insulated boxes so the bilge doesn't continually fill. The 251 CE accommodates the standard aft 12¾-gallon livewell and an optional 25-gallon well in the helm seating unit.

Factory testing shows a top speed of about 50 mph with the max 300 hp outboard; more than enough oomph to eat up water on a remote, though nearshore, run.



Grady's 251 Coastal Explorer features a sharp entry with some significant bow flare (above), while keeping fore and aft decks to appeal to inshore anglers.