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Stealth Luxury



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If you've been fortunate enough to spend some time this summer in the country's coastal regions, perhaps aboard your own vessel, the sundowner romance of watching the "real" fishing boats coming in is something that can't be beat, and might just tug at your heartstrings. Like the "gentleman farmer" movement of the past few decades, there is a "gentleman fisher" trend afoot on the waters, with high-end yachters and boaters opting for more legitimate workhorse vessels that don't sacrifice a whit to on-board luxury.

"We spent over six decades creating boats that are first and foremost a real high-performing, safe, reliable, offshore fishing boat," builder Grady-White's Vice President of Marketing Shelley Tubaugh told us. "But, we put everything into our flagship Canyon 456 boat that we ever wanted—and then amped it up to be beyond all expectations. And the market is responding. The cabin feels more like you've stepped into a luxury studio apartment in Miami or Manhattan than below decks on an offshore fishing boat."

Grady-White Canyon 456



The Grady-White Canyon 456 vessel at work... COURTESY OF GRADY-WHITE



...and at play. COURTESY OF GRADY-WHITE

At first glance, the [Grady-White Canyon 456](#) seems every inch a traditional sports fishing war horse as befits the Greenville, N.C., maker's six-decade

heritage. But the luxury devil is, as always, in the details. Sure there is on-board storage for up to 32 rods and all the features you'd expect for serious angling, but four electronically adjustable seats on the state-of-the-art center console? Why not? Smartphone remote control for power, electrical, lighting, air conditioning and seacocks? It's the digital age, after all. A sliding door gives access to the console cabin, complete with wood cabinetry, *sapele* wood dining table, full-size microwave, cooktop, a shower with teak wood floors and other stealth luxury finishes. Fishing never felt so opulent.

Length: 45 feet

Beam: 14 feet

Max. Speed: 50 knots (58 mph)

Engines: Quad 425hp Yamahas

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