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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRADY LIFE



Two *Freedom 275s* majestically
moored at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.



Dear Grady Friends:

It's been nearly 50 years since Grady-White introduced our first walkaround cabin boat. The *204-C Overnighter* was a pioneering concept that we strongly believed boaters would love. After its unveiling, we were delighted to find they agreed! A precursor for larger boats with the same walkaround feature, the *204-C*, and the boats that followed, became some of our most popular models. Today, fishermen, parents, and grandparents alike, continue to appreciate the comfort and convenience they experience when "camping" on the water. This model year, our ever-present desire to satisfy customers led us to introduce the wide-beamed, stylish *Adventure 218*. Take a look at this marvelous boat that comes full circle in a reimagined design, complete with the many exceptional features you've come to expect from Grady-White, all built on our signature SeaV²® hull.

Recently, a group of Grady owners coordinated the largest ever Grady-White raft up on Vieques Island, off the Puerto Rican mainland. A total of 61 boats participated in the event created to introduce Grady owners to the island's natural beauty, its tourist attractions, and raise money for families seeking medical treatment on the main island. This event not only demonstrated the camaraderie of Grady-White owners, but also their desire to give back to others. Read more about the event and see the amazing photos in this issue.

Of course, it wouldn't be *Anchorline* without highlighting Grady clubs and families – sharing your terrific photos. It makes us happy to see the joy that you get from living The Grady Life!

Eddie Smith, Jr.

Eddie Smith, Jr., Chairman, CEO

Kris Carroll

Kris Carroll, President



Mark "Opa" Hutker and his grandson, Owen, at the helm of their *Freedom 275*.



Carla Hutker and Emma, her granddaughter, enjoy an afternoon outing to Lawrence Island.

On the cover

The Hutker family and their neighbor enjoy living The Grady Life on their *Freedom 275s*. Mark Hutker says the 275 is the perfect family boat to cruise around and anchor up with all the other Grady-Whites from Cataumet Boats.

VIEQUES ISLAND, PUERTO RICO, 61 BOAT RAFT UP

A Gathering of Epic Proportions



Bill Burleson grew up in Puerto Rico on the small island of Vieques, but like many people born there, he left for professional opportunities when he was young. Now retired, Bill has a dream of improving the lives of those who still live on the island by helping to brand it as a tourist destination. He set out to do this using every network available. One of those unexpected networks was a local Grady-White Boats owners' club that his friend, David Soler, was starting up. David was born and raised in Puerto Rico also and together

with his wife, they do some wonderful philanthropy. David owns an *Express 370* and really enjoys the quality and performance of his vessel.

While working to create the Grady-White club, Bill suggested that they have a family day on the island of Vieques with the triple purpose of raising money to help the islanders with medical expenses, getting the group together, and stimulating the local economy. David loved the idea and supported moving forward. Initially, people were slow to sign up, but when

word spread that the event would help those on the island, interest began to grow.

From there, what started as a fun, family-focused day became a weekend-long event as David and Bill coordinated the raft up to take place in Sun Bay. The safety of the people attending, as well as protecting the natural habitat, was a top priority for the planners, who worked with local officials to oversee the anchoring during the raft up process. Along with food vendors, live music, and tours around the island, they also acquired the proper permits for the event.



Grady-White boats from 18 to 45 feet came together for the largest Grady-White raft up ever recorded.



Family and friends relaxed and spent time together cooling off in Sun Bay. They also were able to go ashore where there was live music, food vendors, and opportunities to experience local tourist attractions.

To be sure the event remained family oriented, David screened every person before adding them to the group chat, actually calling and asking questions to ensure they understood the expectations. Bill and David paid attention to all the details to be sure this event would be a positive experience for everyone—the islanders and the Grady-White owners—and that all involved were sensitive to respecting the beautiful environment around them.

Rafting up 61 boats is not an easy task, so Bill and David knew they needed a solid plan in place in order to make it work. At first, they planned to raft the boats by size

but soon realized that certain boats would want to be grouped together with the people they knew. Another problem was that some boats would not be staying for the night. To address these concerns, they had everyone in the group chat tell them what boats they wanted to be rafted alongside and positioned them in the lineup accordingly. They also kept track of the boats that would be leaving early and placed them on either end of the line. David and Bill had the boats leave in two groups, and once they were outside the bay, they remained there until Bill called for their boat on the radio. In the bay at the raft up location, they had a crew that moved from

boat to boat as each came in to raft up. David managed the west end from a *Fisherman 180* and Bill managed the east end from his *Express 370*. By noon all the boats were set and everyone was able to gather in the water, visit the food vendors on the beach, and take part in tours around the area. Initially, the group presented a check to Fundación Vieques En Rescate for \$10,000, but as news spread throughout the day, more money came in from not only people attending the raft up but also vendors who were selling goods



It took about two hours to get all the boats into the bay and rafted up. David and Bill stationed themselves in boats on either side and crews moved from boat to boat to assist with setting fenders and anchors.



The raft up was a real family event with people of all ages joining in the fun.

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Grady-White's own Eric Sorensen, International Sales Representative (center), pictured with Bill Burseson and David Soler, traveled to Puerto Rico to be part of this epic event.

and services on the beach. "By the end of the weekend we had raised more than \$25,000," Bill said. "One vendor that was selling turnovers donated \$5,000 and the beer distributor donated all of their proceeds from the weekend's sales.

The Mayor of Vieques and other community members showed their support and appreciation and officially requested that we make this an annual event, which we gladly accepted."

Creating a community environment among Grady-White owners was David's initial goal when he created the group, but



After a check for \$10,000 was presented to Fundación Vieques En Rescate, a local charity that provides transportation for those who need medical attention on the main island of Puerto Rico, others started donating. By the end of the weekend, they ended up collecting more than \$25,000 for the charity.

it has turned out to be so much more. Not only have they helped a local community gain recognition and receive much needed support, the new Grady-White Boat Club has brought local Grady-White owners together. Since the raft up, they've begun to coordinate other trips. For example, Bill let the group know he would be boating to St. Thomas over Labor Day Weekend and a number of boats expressed interest in joining him for the crossing. "This is what it's all about," says Bill. "We've created a true Grady Life experience!" Stay tuned for next year's Vieques raft up where Bill

and David hope to surpass their own Grady-White raft up number! "I've got people contacting us every day wanting to be a part of our group and the event," notes Bill. "And I've heard others are already trying to break our record – so we'll just have to see what happens." Whether they keep setting records or not, it's sure to be another wonderful experience for the Grady-White owners of Puerto Rico!

To learn more about the beautiful attractions on Vieques Island visit Vieques.com.



This Puerto Rico Grady-White family event brought together 61 Grady-White owners along with their families and friends. That day, they were introduced to the beautiful scenery of Vieques Island, enjoyed the beaches and camaraderie with other Grady owners, and raised money for a local non-profit organization that assists families with medical transportation.

A Beloved Classic Reimagined! The All New Adventure 218.



Adventure 218

21' Walkaround Cabin

Beam Amidships: 8'6" (2.59 m)

Center Line Length

w/o Engine: 21'3" (6.48 m)

(swim platforms not included)

LOA w/Swim Platforms: 23'3" (7.09 m)

Bridge Clearance: 5'10" (1.78 m)

w/Hardtop: 7'7" (2.31 m)

Cockpit Depth: 25" (0.64 m)

Hull Draft: 16" (0.41 m)

Transom Deadrise: 19 degrees

(SeaV2® progression)

Maximum HP: 250 (187 kW)

Fuel Capacity - Standard: 100 gal. (378.5 l)

Passenger Capacity: 8

Nearly 50 years ago, Grady-White unveiled one of the first walkaround cabin boats. Now there is an all new signature member of our legendary lineup. The *Adventure 218* honors the heritage of that first model while delivering a spacious layout with sleek updates and plentiful creature comforts. Visit gradywhite.com to learn more.



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KEN AND JUDY KULAKOWSKY

Through All of Life's Changes Grady-White Boats Stand the Test of Time

With their young family, Ken and Judy Kulakowsky wanted a way to spend time together outdoors and thought boating would be a good choice. After looking around at different options, they landed on the perfect do-it-all boat, a Grady-White 204-C Overnighter. That was 1986, and since then, the Kulakowsky family has made fishing, exploring, watersports, and cruising on their Grady-White boat part of their annual summer fun. Through the years the boats have changed, but their loyalty to Grady-White is as strong as ever. “We’ve been to the plant seven times and have personally seen the dedication Grady-White puts into every boat they build,” says Ken, who also happens to be Commodore of the Delmarva Grady-White Club. “On one of our recent club visits, a few of us spoke to all of the employees during their weekly plant update called



'Friday Focus'. We were happy for the opportunity to thank the team of people that design and manufacture such a superior boat for us to enjoy.”

The Kulakowskys' first Grady, the 204-C Overnighter, a walkaround cabin boat, was a dream come true for their young family—trailer it, camp on it, and fishing, lots of fishing! Eventually they outgrew that boat and purchased a *Seafarer 228*, a larger walkaround cabin boat, which was just right for even longer

camping and fishing trips. The family purchased a house on a canal in Ocean View, Delaware. Ken had a boat lift installed so he would not have to bottom paint the boat. It also made it even easier for them to get out on the water. Now, more offshore fishing trips became part of the family's summer routine.

As Ken and Judy's kids grew up and started having kids of their own, they were soon coming back to the beach to introduce their children to a love of boating, too. One of Ken's fondest memories on the 228 was a trip with the grandchildren when they were in elementary school. “For safety measures I'd attached a whistle to each of their life jackets,” recalls Ken. “That way if they fell in the water, they could blow the whistle. One day coming back home from an outing, the children all started blowing their whistles when they got into the canal leading to





the house—just so their mother would know they were coming back home!” Ken said they all had a good laugh about that. Like their parents, the grandkids enjoyed fishing, cruising, and exploring the local estuaries and shoreside parks. They especially love visiting James Farm Ecological Preserve where they can wade in the water as well as walk the trails on land.

Today, the grandchildren are teenagers and boating is still an activity the whole family enjoys doing together. “I’ve been teaching my grandchildren to drive the boat since they could sit on my lap,” said Ken. “Every time we go out, it’s an opportunity for a lesson in boatmanship.” They

all flock to the beach on summer weekends to spend time together on the Grady—fishing, exploring, water skiing, and visiting the local restaurants that are on the water.

Since their needs were changing again, Ken and Judy started investigating other Grady models—no other brand would do. Judy says, “Once a Grady owner, always a Grady owner!” The teenagers liked the bow seating area certain models offered. The adults liked the aft seat for extra comfort and how it can easily fold away for fishing. With these features in mind, they decided to search for the perfect Grady-White dual console. They wanted a transom door but didn’t particularly want to

go up to the 25-foot model due to the tidal change at their dock and surrounding waters. While they were still debating which boat to purchase, an issue of the *Anchorline* newsletter arrived introducing the new *Freedom 235* which included a transom door and stern boarding platforms, along with the aft folding seat, a built in livewell, and a large fishbox. What did they do? They promptly called their dealer, Taylor Marine, in Milford, Delaware, and ordered their third Grady—what is now the newest “perfect boat” for their family. Ken and Judy smile as they say, “There’s no better place to be than on the Grady-White boat with our family. We are Grady owners for life!”



Ken and Judy Kulakowsky have always enjoyed taking their family to visit James Farm Ecological Preserve. Their daughter, Jana, and her husband, Nick Salaki also love exploring these beautiful beaches with their children, Olivia and Alex.



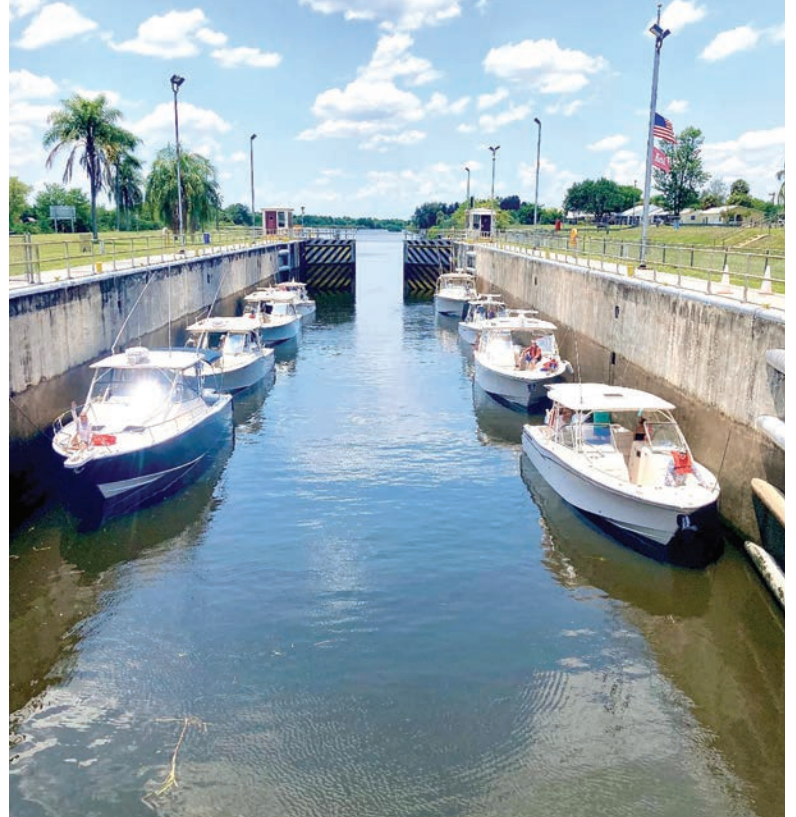
GRADY-WHITE CLUBS CREATE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Club News

Here are highlights from recent Grady Owners' Clubs events and outings. If you have Grady Club information to share or are interested in clubs in your area, email anchorline@gradywhite.com. Go to gradywhite.com for links to club websites.



The Tidewater Grady-White Club recently held their Overnight Smithfield Station Club Rendezvous in Smithfield, Virginia, where members enjoyed their Annual Poolside Cabana Picnic. This club is sponsored by Norfolk Marine in Norfolk, Virginia.



This year, the **Vero Beach Grady Bunch** logged nearly 700 miles traveling south along the east coast, west through the Keys, north up the Gulf of Mexico, then east through the locks and across Lake Okeechobee on what they call their "Round the Horn" trip. A highlight of their travels included a stop in Everglades City, a land that time truly forgot.



The Cape Fear Grady-White Club toured the factory, enjoyed lunch, and had the opportunity to hear from several members of the Grady-White team who explained what the company builds into every boat that makes owning a Grady-White such a special experience.



Twenty-four members of the **Delmarva Grady-White Club** traveled from Delaware to Greenville, North Carolina, to take a Grady-White factory tour. Part of the day's activities included participating in the Friday Focus, a weekly gathering of all Grady-White employees, where they share company achievements, recognize employees for work anniversaries and accomplishments, promote safety and personal development, and even hear from happy customers! The club also got to enjoy some of Eastern North Carolina's barbecue.



The **Lake Erie Grady-White Club** held their Middle Bass Island Rendezvous, where they enjoyed Dave's "Almost Famous" BBQ, which is quite possibly the biggest barbeque ever held on the island. Twenty-eight Grady-Whites with 109 people gathered at the event that nearly doubled the island's population! In addition to the feast there was also a walleye tournament where Don Hartwell took first place.

The **Pamlico Grady-White Club** traveled to Belhaven, North Carolina, to have brunch at Spoon River and do a little shopping. The day could not have been better for boating with light winds and temperatures in the mid 80s, a rare August occurrence for Eastern North Carolina. Members enjoyed getting to know one another and discussing possible trips for the 2023 boating season.



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Letters & Photos



Brendan Smith, Ben Norfolk, Harrison Smith, and Julian Scarborough caught a 48" Rockfish on the opening day of the Rockfish Tournament on their grandfather, Larry Haskins', *Fisherman 236* on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia.



Robin Sellinger proudly shows off her Dolphinfish caught with her husband, Mark, on their *Fisherman 257*.



Tyler Peterson captured a perfect backdrop for his *Adventure 208, No Keiki*, on the Kaneohe Bay Sandbar in O'ahu, Hawaii.



Natalie and Morgan are all smiles as they take prom photos on Keith Kaler's *Marlin 300, Reel Chaos*.



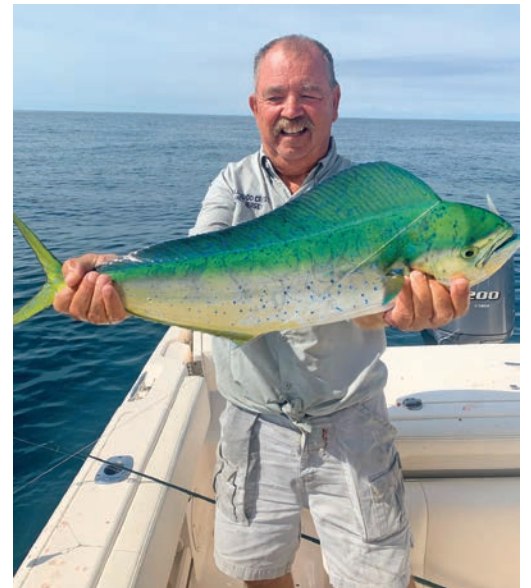
Tim and Patrick Kenny show off their Rockfish at Execution Rocks Lighthouse in Long Island Sound, New York, on their family's *Gulfstream 232, Little Star 2*.



What a nice catch for four-time Grady-White owner, Bruce Rosene, showing off a 23" Red Grouper on his 2015 Marlin 300.



It was an exciting day for Jay Parker, daughter Mia, and Jay's uncle Ray Crawly! Not only was Jay named Top Angler but he also captured first place overall on his *Express 370, My Cousin Vinny*, while fishing the Ocean Reef Dolphin Tournament in Key Largo, Florida.



Fred Mettler shows off a nice Dolphinfish caught aboard his third Grady-White, a *Fisherman 257*.



Andrew Armao of MarineMax Miami captures this beautiful image of the *Canyon 326* stating, "Only a Grady-White could be the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow."



Paul Huish's grandson wishes sweet dreams to granddad's *Adventure 208*.



Rich Rozewicz's wife and her crew enjoy a beautiful afternoon on Lake Saint Clair, Michigan, on the couple's *Fisherman 209*.

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Grady Buddies



Lucca and Rocco Orlando, with friend **Kody** (left) are not letting the Texas heat keep them from enjoying the *Fisherman 216*, where they spend almost every Friday evening.



Anne Marie and **Maggie** know how to relax as they cruise to Ocracoke, North Carolina, on the Regeis family's *Freedom 335*.



Gracie, a Golden Retriever, enjoys splashing in the waterways around Savannah, Georgia, on Scott and Betsy Howard's *Fisherman 209*.



Madison and Grady enjoy cruising the Elizabeth River around Norfolk, Virginia, on Tom Host's "still like new" *Adventure 208*.



Tilly, Dan and Sue O'Leary's buddy, rides with style on their *Freedom 192* in the Puget Sound near Point Defiance.



David and Wendy Bolland's dog, **Maizey**, enjoys a cruise on Lake Michigan in Door County, Wisconsin, aboard their *Freedom 275*.



Emilie Samet's Labrador Retriever, **Lucy**, loves cruising in their *251 CE* on the waters of Wilmington, North Carolina.



Gene Paschal and **Griffin**, a Vizsla pup, take in the beautiful day at Cape Lookout, North Carolina, on the Paschal's *Fisherman 209*.



Jorge and Marta Amador's dog, **Chewy**, helps their son Matthew spot fish on their *251 Coastal Explorer, The Hog Father*.



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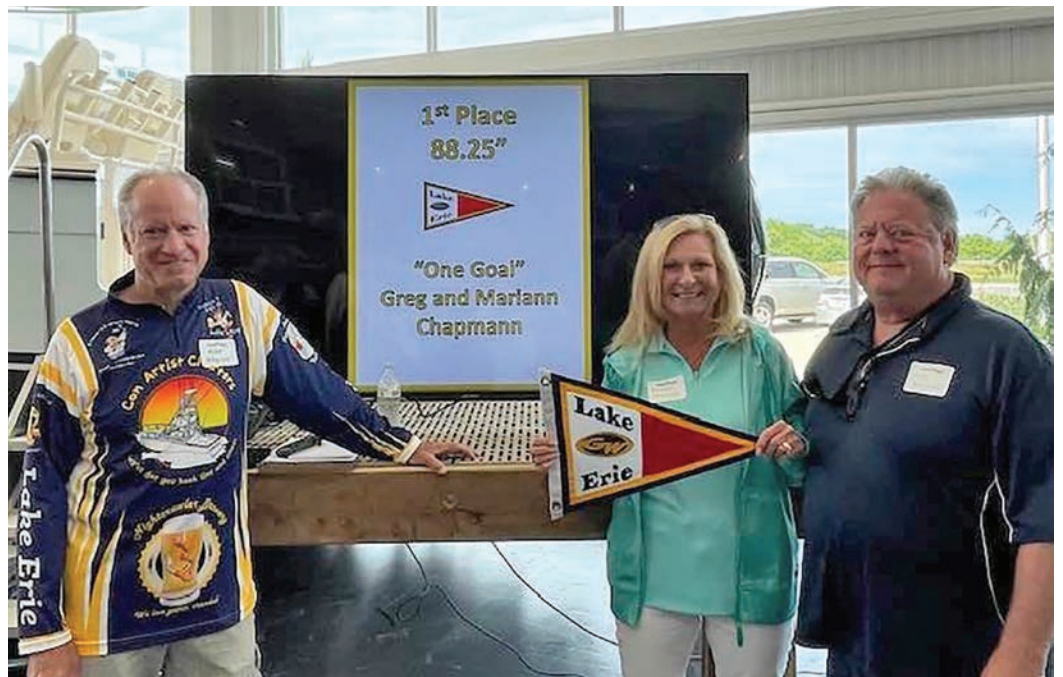


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Lake Erie Grady-White Club “Battle of the Three Headed Monster Tournament”



Thirty-five boats participated in the Lake Erie Grady-White Club “Battle of the Three Headed Monster Tournament,” which ran from April 23rd to June 3rd. The tournament champion was determined by the longest three walleyes caught over the six-week event. Mariann Chapman on *One Goal*, a *Freedom 335*, had a total of 88.25” and held the lead for most of the tournament. She was followed by Mike Manion on his *Adventure 208, Forever Three*, with a total of 87”, and third place was awarded to Donald Depasquale on *Git-Er-Done*, a *Tournament 190*, with a total of 85.50”.