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First Look: ALL NEW Grady-White Adventure 218

Sleek and stylish hybrid walkaround with remarkable qualities for fishing and family fun.

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Nearly 50 years after introducing one of the first walkaround cabin boats at the 1974 New York Boat Show, Grady-White continues to improve on this signature design with the introduction of the **Grady-White Adventure 218**.

As seen in the new Adventure 218, today's Grady-White walkaround is roomy, versatile, and luxurious—or as Grady describes it, an “RV for the water”.



The Grady-White design team engineered the 218 to increase usable space with a widened beam—the largest of any 21-foot boat in its class today—that accommodates a roomy cockpit complete with cushioned deluxe helm and companion chairs. With cushioned fish boxes behind the helm seats and aft seats with Grady-White’s reversible self-stowing cushions, the 218 allows multiple passengers to ride in comfort. The 218 also boasts an extended and modernized helm dashboard providing ample space for electronics.



The addition of two integrated platforms aft, along with easy access from Grady-White's patented pivoting seat backs, make fighting fish from the stern as effortless as along the walkaround sides and bow. For families that enjoy water sports, the platforms provide easy access to and from the water with Grady's stainless steel four-step ladder off the starboard platform. The addition of an optional retractable ski pylon, a popular feature not offered on previous walkaround boats, makes setup a snap for wakeboarding, water skiing, and tubing.



The roomy cabin interior includes cozy cushions with spacious storage hatches below, as well as a covered head to the starboard side. With enough space for overnighting or for children to rest out of the elements during the day, the 218's cabin tops off the updated creature comforts on this model. Two side windows and a forward hatch keep cabin air fresh, and indirect lighting on a remote switch illuminates the way after the sun sets. Above deck, you can watch the sun rise or shooting stars at night while resting comfortably on the optional foredeck cushions that cover the flush mounted hatch.



Other definitive Grady-White features in the 218's design include well-placed, abundant storage space in the cockpit and cabin, as well as removable drop-in boxes below the aft seats that provide easy access to the bilge and batteries. Two insulated fish boxes, 106 quart at starboard and 100 quart at port, provide plenty of room for the day's catch. With storage for 10 rods, six stainless pull-up cleats, and stainless overboard draining cup holders strategically placed throughout the boat, the 218 shines with Grady-White's legendary attention to detail. Customers can suit any boating lifestyle with optional features such as a painted aluminum frame hardtop with four additional leg-mount rod holders, a 25 gallon livewell, a stainless anchor roller, and a 10-gallon freshwater shower.



Grady-White Adventure 218 Main Specifications

- **Beam Amidships:** 8'6" (2.59 m)
- **Center Line Length w/o Engines:** 21'3" (6.48 m) (swim platforms not included)
- **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
- **Weight w/o Engines:** 3650 lb. (1656 kg)

• LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRADY-WHITE ADVENTURE 218



See this reimagined boat with sleek updates and added creature comforts, as well as tried and true fishing features that make it perfect for the young, and young at heart, looking for versatile adventure on the water.

Founded in 1959, Grady-White Boats builds 28 models from 18 to 45 feet at its 500,000 sq. ft. facility in Greenville, NC. The company has been under continuous private ownership since 1968 by Eddie Smith, NMMA Hall of Fame member. Grady-White has been awarded every third-party customer satisfaction award ever presented in the marine industry, including the National Marine Manufacturers Association Customer Satisfaction Index award for all 20 years the recognition has been granted. The company was awarded Highest Ranked Customer Satisfaction in the Coastal Fishing boats segment by J.D. Power Associates for all nine years that studies were conducted in the marine industry.

Grady-White welcomes visitors to the company's award-winning factory to see first-hand the process they use to create the very best fishing and family-oriented boats, and to meet the passionately dedicated craftsmen that build them.

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