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First Look: Grady-White Debuts 28' COASTAL EXPLORER

Grady-White to debut the all-new 281 CE at the 2023 Miami Boat Show.

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Grady-White has announced that they will debut the all new [281 Coastal Explorer](#) at the 2023 [Miami International Boat Show](#). This versatile inshore-offshore boat is built on Grady-White's legendary SeaV²® hull and is the second hull in their Coastal Explorer line.



Coastal Explorer is a term that Grady-White coined for their 25-foot bay or inshore boat, the Grady-White 251 CE, designed primarily for the angler that wants a shallow-water fishing boat. The bow is built with a casting deck and low gunnels that provide anglers easy access to the water when boating a fish but have a shallower draft to allow them to fish in “skinny” inshore waters. Set up like a center console boat, the Grady-White Coastal Explorer also has a SeaV²® hull that gives extra stability for traversing both inshore and offshore waters. Where most inshore boats would not be well-suited to go offshore, the Grady Coastal Explorer can venture offshore and still keep everyone safe and comfortable.

The 281 Coastal Explorer adds even greater offshore adaptability along with Grady-White’s latest functional, stylish, and ergonomic innovations. Stay tuned as we’ll check out the debut at the Miami Boat show in February.

Grady-White 281 CE Main Specifications

- **Beam Amidships:** 9’4” (2.84 m)
- **Center Line Length w/o Engines:** 27’7” (8.41 m)
- **Bridge Clearance:** 7’11” (2.41 m)
- **Cockpit Depth:** 22” (0.56 m)
- **Hull Draft:** 19” (0.48 m)
- **Transom Deadrise:** 16 degrees (SeaV²® progression)
- **Maximum HP:** 600 (448 kW)
- **Fuel Capacity – Standard:** 160 gal. (606 l)



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