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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GRADY LIFE



Phil Jackson and his family and friends enjoy cruising along Pensacola Beach in their *Freedom 235*.



Dear Grady Friends:

We are eager and optimistic looking toward the second half of 2023 as we prepare to introduce our new model year boats! As always, we have some exciting changes in store for you, thanks to our creative and resourceful team. We thank you for your input and suggestions that help us to be even better every year. Our team diligently researches the very best materials, design, and technology so we can create innovative new ways to delight you and deliver the ultimate boating experience!

Your love of Grady-White boats energizes us in all facets of our work. Often in our weekly plant updates, we share owners' emails about their Grady experience. We are all thrilled to hear Grady-White ownership brings you so much joy and what great fun it adds to you and your families' lives. With all the hustle and bustle in today's world, boating provides a special peace you can't find anywhere else. How lucky we are to produce something that not only brings people together but also creates so much happiness and many terrific memories!

We are also thankful that we are able to do great things in our community, our state, and our nation to improve the lives of others. From our teams volunteering locally to build playsets for children fighting cancer, to supporting programs that enhance fishery sustainability, rebuild oyster habitats, and introduce the love of boating to those who have never experienced it before, we are honored to give our resources to these life-enriching projects.

Enhancing the lives of others through our work makes every day at Grady-White a great day. Thank you for allowing us to fulfill your dreams of boat ownership and be part of your amazing adventures!

Eddie Smith, Jr.
Eddie Smith, Jr., Chairman, CEO

Kris Carroll
Kris Carroll, President



Grady-White team members and their families spread joy to children going through cancer treatment by building playsets for them to enjoy in their own backyard. "We love to see the delight on the children's faces the first time they go down the slide or climb into their playhouse," said Grady-White team member Josh Shore.



Pete Krainik shares this photo of his mother-in-law, Sandra, who has been blind since birth. "We love our Grady-White," he says. Sandra finds the wind and movement to be therapeutic as they boat around Tampa Bay at sunset on their *Fisherman 216*. Her guide dog, Jessie, loves the boat too!

Grady Owners Get Up Close View of Early Craftsmanship

When Grady-White Boats first began production in 1959, owners Glen Grady and Don White set out to handcraft smaller lapstrake hull boats that were small but tough “works of art.” In fact, their ultimate goal was to make boats that were tougher than they had to be, which some may have considered “overbuilt.” Thus began Grady-White’s history of exceptional attention to detail and high-quality construction of seaworthy, tough boats. Their success in these endeavors is evident today in the surprising number of Grady-White boats from that era that still exist. Two of these boats are on display at our factory in Greenville, North Carolina. Recently, we were excited to receive an e-mail from Grady owners Vance Knight and Willy



restoring the boat, but also gave us a rundown of what they were doing, photos of the progression, and most fascinating of all, the boat’s history. Museum curator David Bennett said the boat was donated to the museum in 1990 by the original owners. The 16-and-a-half-foot boat was purchased in Graham, North Carolina in 1965 for a total of \$768.30. Today, the boat still rests on its original 1950’s Cox brand trailer and has the same Evinrude outboard motor that it was powered with from the start.

Sobat, who are volunteers helping restore a 1965 Grady-White Pamlico for the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center at the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, North Carolina.

The museum not only introduced us to the whole team of volunteers carefully

It took a team of 16 volunteers about four weeks to get the boat restored for the 47th Annual Wooden Boat Show. The work was primarily centered on repairing paint that was peeling as a result of the high humidity in the location where the boat was stored for many years. The team



started by removing all the hardware, and then they sanded the paint off to reveal the mahogany sides and the marine plywood floor. Once all of that was complete, they were able to see how the boat was constructed more easily. Typically, boats built in that time frame were fastened together with rivets. True to Grady-White's "overbuilt" heritage, the Pamlico was fastened with screws and

nuts, and cleats were supported by backing plates – an earlier method of ensuring the highest level of craftsmanship and seaworthy capability which are similar to Grady-White's design and construction principals practiced today. Another feature the team found fascinating was the windshield setup. All three windows can be opened and locked in place at 30, 60, and 90 degrees.

After sanding was complete, they began varnishing the boat in pairs, a technique introduced by Tim White, a Harvey W. Smith Watercraft boatbuilder. One person lays down the varnish while the other person watches to be sure there are no streaks, bubbles, or missed areas. After the varnish was complete, they applied paint to the sides and reinstalled all the hardware.



Though the volunteers feel certain the Pamlico is as seaworthy today as it was when it was first built, boats owned by the state and placed in the museum's permanent collection are required to stay on land. While it will go back into storage after the boat show, the museum hopes to eventually expand, allowing the Pamlico to be on permanent display.

The watercraft center staff and volunteers have a passion for preserving North Carolina's boat building heritage and find their work very fulfilling. David noted that the work gets harder as proper materials become scarce. While this Grady-White was built with mahogany, many boats built on the North Carolina coast were built with Atlantic cedar. "Today, it is more difficult and expensive

to source quality Atlantic white cedar," he said. "After being heavily forested for boat building and roofing materials, the wood can now only be found deep in the forest, leading large commercial harvesting operations to abandon their supply. Now, only a few small hobby operations harvest Atlantic cedar. "Eventually we'll have to look toward more modern methods of refurbishing the boats," David said.



Grady-White Career Turns First-Time Boater into Lifetime Boat Lover

Shelley Tubaugh, Vice President-Marketing

Whoever thought a girl from Oregon, not familiar with boating at all, would end up working for a boat manufacturer and falling in love with cruising and fishing? Well, that's me!

In 1988, I moved to my husband, Jeff's, home state of North Carolina. In need of a job, I was fortunate to be offered a position at Grady-White Boats as the Customer Service Administrator. Boating was a fun topic and I quickly learned everything I could about boating and Grady-White. Most importantly, I was surrounded by great people who were very willing to help! The team in Customer Service (now called Customer Relations) were patient and knowledgeable. In their effort to help me learn, two co-workers, Greg Idol and Doug Leister, took several of us out for offshore fishing trips on many occasions. I loved it! My enthusiasm was genuine, and you can imagine my excitement when I was later asked to be the Grady-White representative at several customer fishing tournaments held at our dealerships. There, I met terrific people, caught a lot of fish, and became an even more passionate ambassador for The Grady Life!

When I came home and said we needed a boat to use near our home on the river



and at the beach for offshore fishing, my husband was thrilled. I informed him that of course there was only one brand we could buy: a Grady-White. We saved up the money and in 1992, we started the process of looking for a used Grady-White. With the help of Doug Gomes, my boss at that time, we purchased a 1984 *Tournament 170* dual console with a Yamaha 115 HP outboard engine. We enjoyed the boat on the Pamlico River and trailered it to nearby Harker's Island and Atlantic Beach to fish along the North Carolina Outer Banks. One especially fun memory I have was trailering the boat up to Oregon Inlet over Thanksgiving and fishing for bluefish with our family under the Oregon Inlet bridge. I had never seen such a huge school of fish in my life, and once they were in a feeding frenzy, those fish bit like piranhas! After a few years, we

sold that Grady-White to a friend. Last I heard, he still had that boat and had repowered it with a new four stroke Yamaha. Just one of many examples that show a Grady-White boat lasts a LONG time.

After selling the 170, we traded up to a new *Escape 209* center console with a Yamaha 150 HP engine. By that time, we had our first daughter, Sarah, and fortunately, she loved the boat too! Back then we made what was called a Sprayhood (or a dodger) that formed a protected space up in the bow. Sarah loved to hang out up there, to play out of the sun and wind, or to take a little nap. After our second daughter, Rebecca, was born, we purchased a small farm, and sold the boat. I vowed that I would have another Grady one day.

My husband passed away in 2011 and I was overwhelmed with the love and support of my Grady-White family far and wide. Those deep friendships encouraged me and helped our family through that difficult time. I became even more keenly aware of something I'd always known, that from helping hands, to health initiatives, team training in all facets of life, and even our reading program (we are all paid to read books that enrich our lives and develop us as people), our company is a very special place where you can have a fulfilling, and even fun, meaningful lifelong career!



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Freedom 235

Contributing to the success of our company has brought me so much satisfaction. During my years at Grady-White, the work has always been interesting and challenging. I have been given numerous opportunities to learn and grow, work in many departments, and succeed in many different roles. I have fished all over the United States with our dealers and customers from the Great Lakes to New England, to Southern California, Florida, and of course, North Carolina. It's been a life-long learning experience combining boating and fishing for work and pleasure.

One of the most memorable trips was in 2014, when we took several team members offshore fishing out of Ocracoke Inlet. That day, I fished with some terrific Grady-White teammates: Eddie Rowe, Christian Carraway, and Stephanie Davis on a *Freedom 375* with our captain, Cameron Boltes, and fishing guide, Richard Andrews (Tar-Pam Guide Service). We had an awesome day filling the fishbox with mahi!

Another of my boating highlights occurred in the summer of 2018 during a fishing trip on Yellowstone Lake – a personal vacation with my current husband, Brian. I wanted to fish there specifically because they use Grady-White boats for their lake charters! Being so far north, it stays light late into the evening, which makes for a full day of adventure and fun. That allowed us to start the day with a hike then fish from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Although it was July, it was cold, but we hardly noticed because we caught so many lake trout and native cutthroat trout (carefully caught and released) that I lost count!

That same summer, my long-time colleague, Gwen Edwards and I had the opportunity to travel to the Pacific Northwest for the adventure of a lifetime. The Northwest Grady-White Club, sponsored by Jacobsen's Marine of Edmunds, Washington, was taking a trip they called Around the Rock - a 600-mile round trip circumnavigating Vancouver Island, British Columbia. We met the hardy travelers just past their halfway point, in a small island community named Kyuquot. Jim Hendricks and Bill Doster from Bonnier Corporation's Boating Magazine accompanied us to cover the event. For several days, we enjoyed the company of our customers on their boats with the help of the local fisherman who were members of the First Nations, the indigenous tribes of the area. Like my trip to Yellowstone, it was summer, but it was cold. However, we still fished to our hearts' content and caught some beautiful salmon in water depths of 200-300 feet. in the Pacific Ocean. I was again proud to see that, just like in Yellowstone, the headquarters for this trip (Walter's Cove Marina), also used Grady-White boats for their charters. How lucky could a girl be to fish in both Montana and British Columbia on Grady-White boats in one month! I finished out that summer with the unveiling of our *Canyon 456* and a media writers' event offshore at Morehead City, North Carolina. The team of writers taught me about a "triple rig," and I happily caught a string of triggerfish. Working at Grady-White has helped me develop in many ways, including my sense of determination and tenacity. That day fishing, I kept at it when others had given



up, and eventually landed a barracuda that was the biggest catch of the day.

After that incredible summer, I knew it was time for another boat, and Brian agreed. We chose the *Freedom 235* dual console and anxiously awaited its delivery in the spring of 2019. Every afternoon, after my workday was done, I would walk out to the factory and take a few pictures

of our boat coming through the factory. I even said a blessing over it as it neared its completion. I was thankful to know that



Grady-White Boats. What wonderful opportunities I've had meeting interesting and delightful customers,

all of my team members put the same exceptional attention to detail into my boat as they have done for so many customers over the years. Excitedly, we drove her home in April and immediately began the next chapter in our Grady Life.

Our whole family enjoys cruising, anchoring out, fishing, and overnight trips across the Pamlico Sound to Ocracoke Island. We have also taken the boat by water to River Dunes, near Oriental, North Carolina, and trailered it to the local ocean towns of Emerald Isle and Beaufort for our vacations. Every time we take her out, I am so grateful for our terrific and expert

craftsmen who give their time and talent each day to create our beautiful, safe, and durable boats. Last summer, we caught our first Red Drum over the July 4th holiday—another first on our 235! Today, our children are now 24, 26, and 29. Rebecca, Luca, and Sarah, along with many friends have been able to enjoy the 235 with us. So much so, that we're excited for summer to return so we can start making more Grady Life memories.

For me, it's amazing to realize how quickly 34 years have passed. Every day I am incredibly thankful for landing in North Carolina, and especially at

dealers, suppliers, and coworkers. It's exciting to think of the years I still have ahead of me to enjoy my days at Grady-White. I figure if Grady-White President, and my wonderful boss, Kris Carroll, can be here 48 years, I don't have to retire any time soon. And, that's good news, because I love my Grady-White life! I can't wait to see what's on the horizon, not only for my career, but also for which Grady-White boat might end up on our lift next. Thank you to all my coworkers, our dealers, suppliers and customers for all I have learned from each of you over the years.



Boat Ride Request Fulfills Both Patient and Grady Owners

When Grady-White employee and boat owner, Stephanie Davis, saw a social media post looking for someone with a Lamborghini to fulfill a terminally ill patient's dream of riding in one, she felt led to respond. While she didn't have a Lamborghini for this patient, she explained to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare in Wilmington, North Carolina, that she and her husband, Jordan, of Atlantic Marine, had a Grady-White 251 CE and would love to assist anyone wishing for a boat ride.

A month later the call came with a request. LifeCare patient, Dave Smith, wanted to take all four generations of his family out on the intracoastal waterway



Jordan and Stephanie's boat, Miss Carson, a 2021 Grady-White 251 Coastal Explorer.



(l to r) Caitlin Leber, RN - Lower Cape Fear Life Care, Dave Smith - Patient, Jason Hicks - Lower Cape Fear Life Care, Jordan Davis

where he used to spend hours fishing. He wanted to relive his time on the water and capture the moment with photos so his great-grandson, Luke, could look back on this day when he was older.

Two days later, Jordan met Dave, his family, and a hospice nurse at the marina where they climbed aboard. The boat, *Miss Carson*, is named after Stephanie and Jordan's daughter, who they lost five years ago to a congenital heart defect. Their experience gave them a unique understanding of the importance of hospice and palliative care to patients and their families, making them especially happy to be part of making Dave's wish come true.

The group spent about two hours on the water where they fulfilled a second wish of Dave's as they stopped for a beer and a deli sandwich. Later that day Dave's daughter, Stacey, sent a message to Jordan. "Daddy spent his life on the water," she said. "It was precious to all of his family to see him able to get out there again today! We've sent videos and pictures to family in North Dakota and Mama was thrilled to hear all about it when

we got home."

While creating this memory was special for Dave and his family, Jordan also benefited from the experience. "This was absolutely the most rewarding thing I've done with our Grady-White," he said.



(l to r in front of console) Collin, Emily, Dave, Stacey, Luke, Ashlyn. Jordan at the helm.

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 **Northwest Grady-White Club's** Spring Lingcod Derby at Roche Harbor was a great success with 24 boats and more than 46 anglers participating and many new members attending. The existing members showed our newest members how to catch lingcod, and it was a fun and friendly competition for everyone involved.



We had a great turnout for the first meeting of the new Charleston, South Carolina **Holy City Grady-White Club**. Jay Tronco has agreed to be the commodore and everyone is excited to get on the water and grow this club. Live in the Charleston area and interested in joining? Contact club sponsor, Seel's Outboard or Jay Tronco at jaytronco@gmail.com. You can also like Holy City Grady Owners club on Facebook.



While the **Swan's Island, Maine Grady-White Club** is small, they make up for their size in fun!



The **Suncoast Grady-White Club**, sponsored by Cannons Marina, had its first meeting and has already scheduled several events for this year! Club commodores are Mike and Mary Robinson. If you're interested in becoming a member, contact Cannons Marina or like the Suncoast Grady-White Club Facebook page.



Thirteen members and seven boats from the **Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club** gathered in Ocean City, Maryland, for a weekend excursion. Though the offshore forecast of 16-20 feet confirmed the group's decision to arrive by land, these hardy souls proved a good time could still be had by all. Laughs and smiles were shared over conversations ranging from "my first boat" to "my dream boat."

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Letters & Photos



Chris Thompson caught this mahi down in Marathon, Florida, on his *Canyon 306*, *Bout Time*.



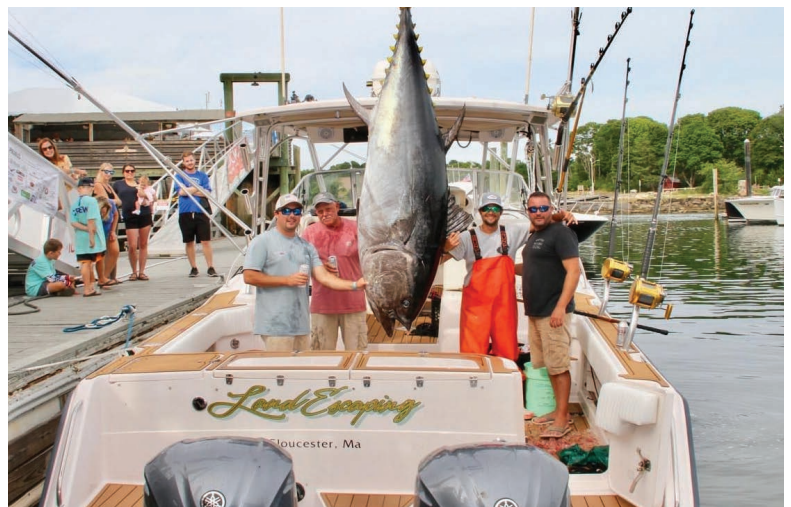
Roger and Cara Solis enjoy fishing and cruising the beaches on their *Express 330*.



Mike "Knots" Briody fishes out of Oyster Bay, New York, on his *Seafarer 228*.



Steve Witten, along with his wife and dog, took their inaugural trip from their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to the Keys where they spent five nights on their *Freedom 375* in Islamorada.



Nick DeCoste and crew fished on his *Express 330* in the Gloucester, Massachusetts Bluefin Blowout benefiting the Alzheimer's Association.



Captain Jeff Cox relaxes on his 251 *Coastal Explorer* after his first Grady voyage.



Joey Trahan recently refinished his brother's 1985 *Offshore 241*, and it looks GREAT!



Bruce Burg reeled in this nice Cobia on Bud Dropps' *Freedom 275*, five miles out from Wiggins Pass, Gulf of Mexico.



Mike Robinson and his son, **Captain Max**, landed a massive wahoo off the coast of Anna Maria Island, Florida, on their *Freedom 307*.



Jr Peelman and his father, **John**, caught this massive bluefin tuna on their *Marlin 300* near San Diego, California.

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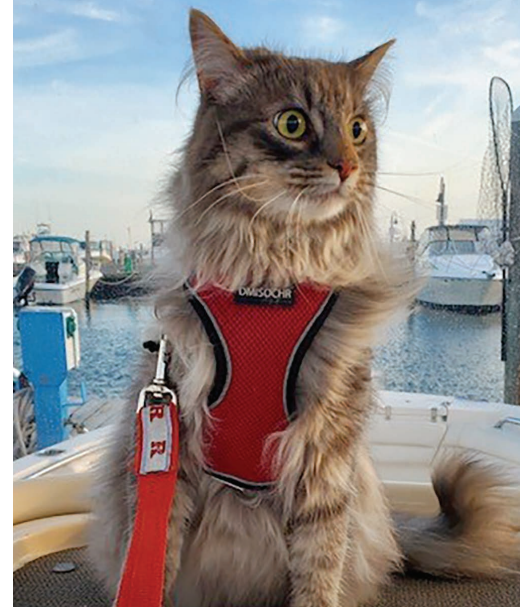
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David Golden's labrador retriever, **Max**, enjoying a swim off their *Freedom 192* on Beckwith Island, Canada.

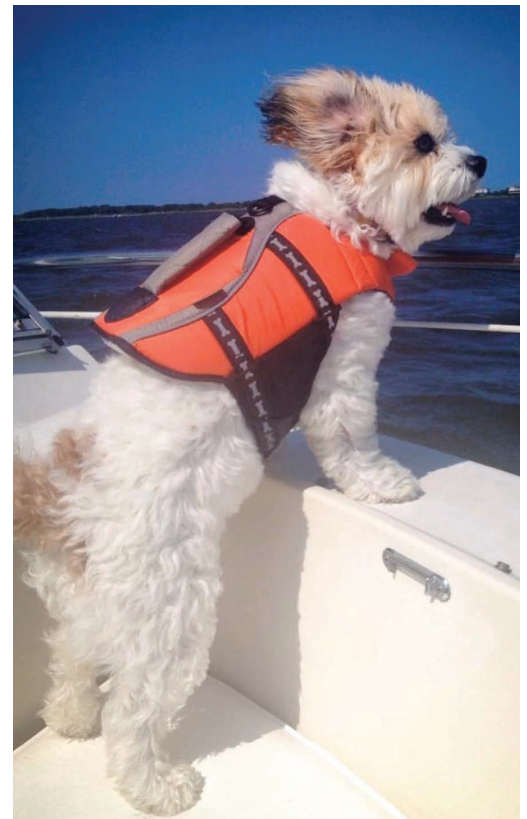


Dann and Deborah Sheffield give **Cooper** a chance to enjoy the sunset on their *Freedom 215* in Seattle, Washington.



Layla takes in the sights and sounds of Bay Shore, New York, on her first cruise aboard Gene Rizza's *Fisherman 236*.

Huntley enjoying his very first cruise on Steve and Sandy Drohosky's *Freedom 325* out of Boston, Massachusetts.



Rudee enjoys the summer days on Keith and Michelle Moore's *Freedom 215* along Fenwick Island, Delaware.



Noreen Stevens' companion, **Hank**, loves to venture out on the waters of Sandy Point and Manasquan, New Jersey, in their *Canyon 336*.



Diane and Gordon Snyder cherish the memories of days of boating on their *Freedom 325* with their "Adventure Dog", **Captain Vela**.



George Feles' bulldog, **Leo**, is loving all the sights and smells of Long Beach, California, as they cruise around on their *Fisherman 257*.



Oscar is living his best life! He loves to steer Joe and Elyse Corrado's *Freedom 215* along the water of Palm Coast, Florida.



Zeus gets on dolphin patrol when he's on Ralph and Melissa Scott's *Fisherman 180*.



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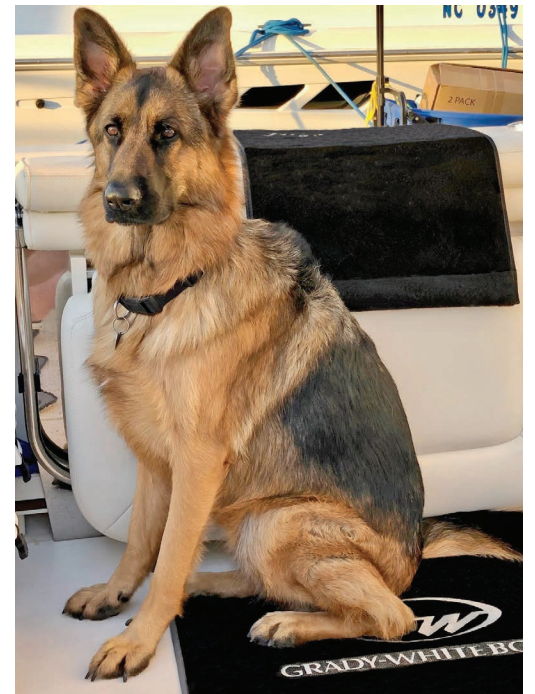
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Maggie, a golden retriever, feels refreshed after a swim on her parents' *Chase 272* in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts.



Russ and Gina Gasdia's grand dogs, **Penny** (L) and **Ellie** (R), began their boating adventures on their *Freedom 275*. Today, they love the extra room they get on their new *Freedom 375* as they venture into the many harbors on Buzzards Bay, Vineyard Sound, and Nantucket Sound around Cape Cod, Massachusetts.



Tuggy loves Carl and Karen Beale's *Express 330* as much as they do! Together, they have lots of fun fishing and cruising the waterways of the Southern Outer Banks with the Cape Lookout Grady-White Owners' Club in Morehead City, North Carolina.