

Highlights from the World's 'Largest In-Water Boat Show'

Florida Sportsman was at the annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. Here's what we saw.

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Didn't get a chance to visit the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show last week? *Florida Sportsman* Editor Jeff Weakley made the rounds, and shares snapshots and notes from what organizers call the "largest in-water boat show in the world."

Grady-White Freedom 345



Grady-White Freedom 345. (Photo by Jeff Weakley)

Packed into this ocean-class dual console boat, [Grady-White](#) has an answer to just about any conceivable need on the water, from refrigerated fish box storage aft, to air-conditioned cabin spaces and helm, to plush forward seating. The helm station is designed around exceptional visibility, with obvious attention given to line of sight over the dash; still, they're able to accommodate twin 19-inch multifunction screens. Dual captain and companion chairs to starboard, and the port side features a comfy reclining area. Aft-facing cockpit seats retract, and the transom bench folds. Corian counters, contact chargers for cell phones, hand rails in logical places—there's a lot to take in. With triple 350 Yamahas, top end is reportedly 56 mph, and optimal cruise is 30 mph at 1.1 mpg.