

Grady-White Freedom 345: Big Happy Family



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You want to see your spouse and kids grinning from ear to ear for hours on end as they enjoy every moment of the [family boating life](#)? Of course you do—and a Grady-White Freedom 345 will make it happen. This boat is so good at so many different things that no matter how diverse the interests of each family member may be, they'll all find plenty to love.



Whether fishing or cruising is in the plans, the Grady-White Freedom 345 fits the bill. Photo via Grady-White.

Grady-White Freedom 345 Design and Construction

While at first glance the design of the Freedom 345 seems more or less like a standard [dual console boat](#), upon closer examination it doesn't take long to figure out that there's a whole lot more going on than usual. The cockpit is decked out for fishing, and is capped off at the front starboard side by an aft-facing seat that extends back to turn into a lounge at the press of a button. To port, there's an outdoor galley with a grill, trash bin, refrigerator, sink, and stowage drawers. Leave all those goodies hidden behind their hatches and the unit does double-duty as a rigging station. The helmdeck has a pair of chairs for the captain and a copilot, and on the port side, a wraparound settee with a dinette table that raises and lowers electrically. And the bow cockpit is straightforward, with flanking seats that can be turned into a sunpad by lowering the table.



The aft facing seat can be extended into a lounge at the press of a button, or kept compact to retain cockpit fishing space. Photo via Grady-White.

When you check out the consoles you're in for some big surprises. The helm console is dedicated to a larger-than-expected head compartment which boasts a shower and sink plus additional stowage, and enjoys natural illumination thanks to a skylight. The passenger's console, meanwhile, is more of a full cabin than a mere compartment. It has a large settee, a TV, a microwave oven, and stowage, plus it's air conditioned. Wait a sec—where's the berth? Grady-White uses a nifty trick here to "create" space, by installing the settee and leaving walking space in front of it. But press a button, and a shelf of sorts slides out from the side of the cabin to meet the settee and turn the entire area into a berth.



Is that a settee in the cabin of the Grady-White Freedom 345, or is it a berth? Press a button to choose for yourself. Photo via Grady-White.

As far as hull design goes the Freedom 345 sports Grady-White's usual SeaV2 variable-degree deadrise. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Construction is also stock-and-trade Grady-White, with a composite stringer system, hand-laid hull and deck, 316-grade stainless-steel, and a fit and finish that can't be beat.

Grady-White Freedom 345 Family Features

No doubt that cabin and roomy head will be highlights for many family members, but there's a whole lot more to enjoy. A biggie will be the SureShade electric sunshade, which extends out from the hard top. Another will be the Bluetooth stereo system with touchscreen display, eight speakers, and a subwoofer. Then there are the freshwater showers fore and aft, a wireless phone charger at the helm, and hullside doors on both port and starboard sides. Note that all of these items are standard features on the Freedom 345. Oh, and there's a grand total of 19 drink holders aboard. The one option you might want to consider as a matter of comfort is adding the Seakeeper 3 [gyroscopic stabilization](#) system.

Speaking of comfort: that's something everyone in the family likes, and it gets a big boost on this boat thanks to all of the electrical actuation. In addition to the seats, berth, and tables converting with the press of a button, the bow windbreak door and windshield center vent are also electrified.

Grady-White Freedom 345 Fishing Features

This model comes fully outfitted not only for inshore fishing, but for offshore as well. The hard top is outrigger-ready with plates pre-installed (stainless-steel outriggers with carbon fiber poles are an option). There are four rod holders in the gunwales and four rocket launchers on the hard top supports, plus a horizontal rack for four more rods on the hard top. And the 32-gallon livewell is one of Grady-White's full-column-inlet models, which ensures an even flow of water from top to bottom.



The hardtop incorporates rod racks so you can haul a full complement of armaments. Photo via Grady-White.

The fish-stowing capacity will be a huge highlight for anglers who dream big. There are a total of four fish boxes: a 32.5-gallon box under the port bow seat; a 50-gallon box in the starboard bow; and 20- and 39-gallon boxes in the transom. You'd have to be the world's luckiest angler to fill all of that fish-chilling space in a single day of fishing. An option worth serious consideration is turning the larger transom box into a refrigerator/freezer with a digitally controlled thermostat.

Grady-White Freedom 345 Performance

The Freedom 345 can be had with twin [Yamaha XTO Offshore 450](#) outboards or with triple F350s. Rig with the twins and you can expect a cruise at 4500 rpm in the upper-mid 30s while getting about one mpg, and a top-end breaking the 50-mph mark. With the triple 350s you'll see a 4500-rpm cruising speed right around 40 mph at one mpg, and a top-end in the mid-50s. Either way the Yamaha rigs come with Helm Master EX and the Siren Marine Connected Boat monitoring system, a couple of very nice top-shelf perks that are included as standard fare in this case.



Whichever power package you pick the Freedom 345 has plenty of pep. Photo via Grady-White.

Grady-White Freedom 345 Specifications

- Length (LOA): 33'6"
- Beam: 11'7"
- Weight: 12,510 pounds
- Draft (motors up): 2'3"
- Transom Deadrise: 20 degrees
- Max HP: 1050
- Water Capacity: 32 gallons
- Fuel Capacity: 293 gallons

One family member wants a dual console, another wants a weekender, and a third says it's time to get a fishing boat? Bring home a Grady-White Freedom 345, and all of them will be grinning from ear to ear.