

## 2025 Grady-White 231 Coastal Explorer

The Grady-White 231 Coastal Explorer combines luxury and fishability with a secure, comfortable ride.

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The 231 Coastal Explorer features a stable and smooth ride. *Courtesy Grady-White Boats*

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Grady-White's Coastal Explorer series is so popular, it recently expanded with a 231CE to fill in behind the larger 251 and 281. The 231, though shorter, shows little sacrifice in luxury and fishability. It is fully featured and easily trailerable.

Grady-White utilized the console, lean bar and more from the 251, offering plenty of space for navigation electronics and seating—all protected by a large hardtop that is outrigger-ready.



Fishermen are further equipped with a 25-gallon livewell and an aft casting deck with built-in jump seats and cushioned backs. These swivel, offering access to the boarding platform, which is equipped with a boarding ladder. The design of the transom further accommodates two Power-Poles or Raptor shallow-water anchors.



Electrically operated seatbacks at the bow fold down to provide casting-deck space. *Courtesy Grady-White Boats*

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Rod storage is ample, with four rocket launchers in the lean bar, four more in the hardtop, plus two more optional rod hangers under each gunwale to keep tackle handy and safe. Raw- and freshwater spigots are conveniently located to wash the deck, tackle or sandy feet.

There is a roomy, inviting changing room below the console with a standard portable head. On the front of the console is a long jump seat big enough to stretch out. There's a step to the casting deck sized generously for two or more anglers, but it can convert quickly to an enormous sunning lounge for two or three. Electrically operated seatbacks at the bow fold down to provide casting-deck space.



The well-appointed helm makes operating the 231 Coastal Explorer effortless. *Courtesy Grady-White Boats*

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Yamaha's 250 hp outboard, with integrated power steering, makes this a great handling package with a top speed of just under 50 mph. Its maneuverability at speed is enhanced by Yamaha's power steering. At rest or at trolling speeds, its stability makes it an excellent casting platform that provides secure footing to battle fish. It settles gently under the shifting weight of the crew, making accurate casts to mangroves or dock pilings easy.

The 231 Coastal Explorer is ideal for coastal exploring and presents owners with features and fun not always available in a compact bay boat.





Four rod holders in the hardtop are just one of the many fishing features. *Courtesy Grady-White Boats*

## High Points

- Transom is designed to accept two Power-Poles.
- Transom seatbacks swing inward or forward for transom access.
- Bow seating with electrically adjustable backrests.

SPEED			EFFICIENCY				OPERATION		
rpm	knots	mph	gph	naut. mpg	stat. mpg	n. mi. range	s. mi. range	sound angle	level
1000	4.4	5.1	1.4	3.2	3.6	199.4	229.5	1	1
1500	6.0	6.9	2.2	2.7	3.1	171.7	197.6	1	1
2000	7.0	8.0	3.7	1.9	2.2	118.4	136.2	1	1
2500	10.8	12.4	5.5	2.0	2.3	123.4	142.0	1	1
3000	19.7	22.7	6.3	3.1	3.6	197.3	227.0	1	1
3500	24.2	27.9	7.8	3.1	3.6	195.8	225.3	1	1
4000	28.3	32.6	10.9	2.6	3.0	163.7	188.4	1	1
4500	32.0	36.8	13.9	2.3	2.6	144.9	166.8	1	1
5000	35.5	40.9	18.0	2.0	2.3	124.4	143.2	1	1
5500	39.3	45.2	23.6	1.7	1.9	104.9	120.7	1	1
6000	42.4	48.8	25.6	1.7	1.9	104.4	120.1	1	1

**MOST ECONOMICAL CRUISING SPEED**

## How We Tested

- **Engine:** Yamaha 250 four-stroke
- **Drive/Prop:** SWSII SDS 15.5" x 17" 3-blade stainless steel
- **Gear Ratio:** 1.75:1 **Fuel Load:** 70 gal. **Crew Weight:** 400 lb.

## Pricing And Specs

<b>LOA:</b>	22'7"
<b>Beam:</b>	8'6"
<b>Draft:</b>	1'4"
<b>Dry Weight:</b>	3,720 lb. (dry without power)
<b>Seat/Weight Capacity:</b>	10/1,650 lb.
<b>Fuel Capacity:</b>	70 gal.
<b>Max Horsepower:</b>	300
<b>Available Power:</b>	Single outboard from Yamaha

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