

BOATS

Best Center Console Boats

A look at today's best center console boats for saltwater fishing.

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From deep-V mono-hulls and multi-hulls for offshore fishing to bay boat and hybrid models for inshore action, outboard-powered center console fishing boats have clearly become the most popular among saltwater anglers, outselling all other boat types by a wide margin.



Grady-White Canyon 271 *Courtesy Grady-White*

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The Canyon 271 from Grady-White is ready to head far offshore to places like the Canyons thanks to its SeaV² hull, which starts with a 20-degree deadrise at the stern and gets progressively sharper toward the bow for a smoother ride in the chop. For live bait anglers, there's a 38-gallon livewell in the Elite Lean Bar and another 35-gallon 'well at the transom. There's a side door for landing large fish or going for a dive, and it also helps those boarding dockside. Grady-White designers know anglers are tough, but give them comfortable seating anyway with plush helm seats, a flip-down stern bench, and bow rider seats with backrests that quickly fold out of the way. The Canyon 271 transforms into the Sandbar 271 with features like bow filler cushions that create an expansive sunning area.

- **Length:** 26'10"
- **Beam:** 9'6"
- **Fuel:** 186 gal.
- **Draft:** 23"
- **Weight:** 5,914 lb.
- **Max. HP:** 600