

GRADY-WHITE

## NEXT GENERATION

Grady-White elevates the express-boat experience with the all-new 340.

Successful sequels can be challenging to execute. The original has history and the audience is attached to it. High expectations are baked into the new concept, and the comparisons never end. That is, unless the sequel is the Grady-White Express 340.

This midsize and mighty model follows the long-running and highly successful Express 330, a benchmark boat that set the stage for outboard-powered express craft ready to fish hard over the horizon or cruise with friends and family. The 330 was an early adopter of the SUV concept of boating—it could do it all.

The Express 340 maintains that do-it-all ability and the patented SeaV<sup>2</sup> continuously variable-deadrise hull form, but it also benefits from the experience of building an armada's worth of 330s.

The builder's hard-won knowledge is reflected in the 340's raised helm setup to starboard with a contoured captain's chair, space for dual 19-inch multifunction displays easily viewed at a glance and throttles ergonomically placed under the skipper's right hand. The 340's helm was moved off centerline to make room for a center entry sliding cabin door. This new arrangement creates bridge-deck real estate for wraparound guest seating to port with an electrically adjustable high-low table accented in teak.

Cockpit mezzanine seating to port features a double-stitched backrest, a fold-down counter with concealed storage for bait prep or entertaining, a flip-up bolster, and a pullout footrest creates a place to keep an eye on the baits when trolling that 1,000-fathom curve. An optional Seakeeper 3 gyrostabilizer can help reduce roll on rough days. The self-bailing cockpit can be accessed via not one but two heavy-duty cockpit doors accompanied by port and starboard fuel fills. Other notable features include a 166-quart fishbox with optional refrigerator/freezer box with digitally controlled thermostat, a secondary 87-quart fishbox, a rigging station with sink, stowage or even an optional grill and refrigerator. Another angling option is a pair of 18-foot carbon-fiber outriggers. Indirect cockpit lighting sets the mood when the sun goes down.

That elegant lighting vibe continues belowdecks, adding a refined touch. This space has increased headroom as well as width. A forward V-berth, which also forms a dining space for five guests, accommodates a couple. A second berth aft handles two more guests.

Technology enhancements include USB ports in all seating areas and a wireless phone charger at the helm, as well as remote engine flush and remote windlass control. There's also a pullout cockpit shower and Phender Pro quick-release fender cleats. Maximum horsepower is 1,050 and top speed is 50-plus mph.

From its sleek lines and wraparound windshield to its well-proportioned hardtop, seakindly hull form, robust build and amenity-filled spaces, the Grady-White Express 340 takes all that was great about its predecessor, blends in a bevy of new ideas and adds serious wind-in-your-hair performance. This is a boat ready to write its own story.

