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Multi-Generation, Multi-Grady Family

# What Grady-White Adds to My Life

By Roger Muller, Jr.

Roger Muller, Jr., is a quintessential Grady owner: He's an active guy who owns and runs a Hoboken, New Jersey, insurance agency, and has served his community in leadership roles with the Lions Club (past president) and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as being an original member of the Hoboken Emergency Response Team. He is a 32nd Degree Mason and a 34-year member of Elks Lodge #74. He has 111 professional scuba certifications to date including Emergency First Responder instructor, and is captain and general manager of the Hoboken Rockets ice hockey league team, playing left wing. And he's always loved to take his family, clients and friends fishing on his Gradys!



Over the years, Grady-White has allowed my family and me to enjoy wonderful on the water experiences including fishing, tubing, scuba diving, and friendship. I have taken many clients fishing for years. My children Kelsey and Taylor have been boating and fishing with me since they were little. Taylor used to love bouncing around in her car seat with a life preserver on in the cabin while we were underway! Kelsey graduated from Harvard, and Taylor is in her third year at Penn State. Both still love to fish, and for years we celebrated Father's Day catching giant striped bass and bluefish on the Hudson River.

My Mom and Dad always fished. They were married almost 65 years, until my Dad decided to go to fish heaven. I have great memories of purchasing my first Grady with Dad, an *Adventure 208*, and trailering up to Wellfleet, MA, and spending a great ten days on Cape Cod fishing with him, Mom, Kelsey and my ice hockey buddy, Dr. Robert Eramian, who had convinced me to buy the high quality Grady-White boat. I subsequently owned a *Sailfish 282* and *Gulfstream 232*, and now own a *Marlin 300*.

A highlight of my Grady ownership career was in 2001 when I won the Grady-White/Yamaha Bluefish Tournament. I caught one right in front of the Statue of Liberty and drove it to Catalano & Sons in Greenwich, CT, where I'd bought the 282. My best friend and Kelsey's godfather, Bryan Juncosa, and my kids' grandfather, Eddie Fortes, and I slept on the boat so we could start fishing at 7 A.M. My friend Moe Mazzilli, owner of Moe's Bait and Tackle, told me exactly where to fish and he was right! I won a Yamaha motor and a giant trophy that I have proudly displayed at home.

Over the years I have scuba dived off my boats in Cape Cod, Long Island Sound, and the Atlantic Ocean. I've dived all over the world. I am a professional diving instructor with certifications from the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI) and National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) including

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Emergency First Responder (EFR) instructor and Rescue Diver. Another certification is Ice Diver, one of the most challenging, and I've had the opportunity to dive with the New Jersey and New York Port Authority police rescue teams. As of this past summer, Kelsey and Taylor also have

become professional divers and completed PADI certifications including EFR assistant instructor. One day if they buy a boat it will be a Grady-White, since they know what a great boat the company manufactures and how much fun it is to fish and dive off a Grady!





2001 GRADY-WHITE/YAMAHA BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT WINNER presented with trophy by Rob and Phil Catalano





TAYLOR AND KELSEY grew up fishing with Dad.



FIRST GRADY-a 1998 Adventure 208



NEW YORK HARBOR in a Gulfstream 232, purchased 2004



AUGUST 2016 mahi-mahi were schooling under his Marlin 300.







ALWAYS CATCHING huge Hudson River striped bass!

Dealer News & Events Grady-White dealers sponsor hundreds of events every year—seminars, tournaments, trips, cookouts, sightseeing voyages and much more. See www.gradywhite.com for events in your area.

## **Welcome, New Grady-White Dealerships**

The world of Grady-White dealerships has gotten larger! Here are new groups and locations added this past year.

**Grand Pointe Marina** of Detroit & Lansing, Michigan Strong's Marine, Freeport, NY MarineMax East, Miami, FL



SCHOCK BOATS, NEWPORT BEACH, CA, celebrated its 70th Anniversary in July with a Customer Appreciation Day. Tacos and Grady Gear helped make it a party!

#### **New Name, New Location!**

Fish-Tale Sales & Service has changed its name and moved their facilities, with the same family ownership and same award winning team. Fish Tale Boats is now located at 15581 South Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, FL, at the corner of US-41 and Briarcliff Road, on seven acres with a larger 14,000 square foot sales and service facility.





CREWS FROM ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA, DEALER OUTDOOR WORLD prepare to head out from The Nelsons Dockyard to fish the annual Antigua Barbuda Sport Fishing Association tournament, a major three-day angling and social event complete with live music, seafood stalls and fun games for the entire family.





# The Grady Life: Owners' Clubs

Here are highlights from recent Grady Owners' Clubs events and outings. If you have Grady club information to share or are interested in information about Grady clubs in your area, email anchorline@gradywhite.com. Go to www.gradywhite.com for links to club websites.



WELCOME, SCHOCK BOATS GRADY CLUB! Fifteen Grady-White owners attended their first club outing to Avalon, on Catalina Island. The club is sponsored by the Newport Beach, CA, dealership.

For those of you who missed this year's Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club

Gradypalooza in August, sorry! The weekend started off with bright sunshine, and calm seas greeted the boats arriving at Knapps Narrows, MD, from all areas of the bay and from three clubs: the CBGWC sponsored by Tri-State Marine, Deale, MD, the Jersey Shore Grady-White Club sponsored by Island Marine Center, Ocean View, NJ, and the Tidewater Grady-White Club sponsored by Norfolk Marine, Norfolk, VA. The activities centered around the pool, with corn hole boards set up and plenty of refreshments and catered dinner. Three boats ferried the crews headed to the Suicide Bridge Restaurant on Friday night: Curtis and Jackie Hampshire's Express 330, Tail Gator; Steve and Lisa Garner's Express 330, Bay Scaper; and Jeff and Robin Drury's Marlin 300, Kleened Me Out. The Choptank River looked like a mirror, and it was hard to see where the water ended and the sky began



THE NORTHWEST GRADY-WHITE CLUB celebrated its 10th Annual Fall Rendezvous in September, at Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island in the San Juans. Twelve boats and 30-plus members and friends enjoyed the social gathering, along with Terry McCartney representing club sponsor Jacobsen's Marine of Edmonds, WA. No salmon attended this year! Washington State Fish and Game had closed silver salmon fishing.

during the return trip at sunset. Quite different on Sunday morning when the last of the boats departed, as the Chesapeake had built to three- to five-foot waves. But everyone was aboard a Grady!

In June, a group of fourteen hearty **Southeastern Mariners Grady-White** Club members finally fulfilled a threeyear plan to cruise from Deltaville, VA, across the Chesapeake Bay, to the quaint Eastern Shore destination of

Onancock. Despite trailing seas of three feet on the trip across, the Mariners had a wonderful cruise and enjoyed a leisurely tour of the historic maritime town, relaxing lunch at Mallard's on the Wharf and great camaraderie. All were blessed with an easy afternoon cruise back home. A great cruise destination if you have the opportunity! Southeastern Marine of Richmond, VA, sponsors this group.



## **Saying Goodbye to Ralph and Marilyn Wolf**

Tampa Bay Grady-White Club President Emeritus Ralph Wolf and his wife, **Marilyn** passed away this past fall. Greg Arterburn remembers Ralph and Marilyn as being guiding lights in the early years of the club, serving in various offices and chronicling the group's events. "Ralph was very personable and had a great appreciation for record keeping. I don't think he ever forgot a face or name. He kept detailed notes about every trip, tournament, and event. He was great at assigning each of us a job and sometimes more then one. He talked softly, but was a hard man to turn down. If you 'volunteered' to be a trip captain, Ralph would hand you a notebook with critical names and phone numbers. He knew the people to contact for speakers, trips, marine patrol, sheriffs' departments, and a host of other things. He and Marilyn made almost every trip the club planned for many years–fishing trips to the Keys and Stuart, long weekends at Sanibel, Captiva, Useppa and Palm islands, Homosassa, Crystal River, St. Johns River, and Steinhatchee." We will surely miss them.

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done, The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won... The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done, From fearful trip, the victor ship, comes in with object won..." -Walt Whitman







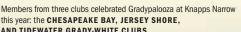
28th Annual Bahamas Cruise

# **The Grady Bunch Rides Again!**

by Brian Cunningham, Vero Marine Center

The Vero Beach Grady Bunch departed their Florida home waters July 7, 2016, for their 28th Annual Bahamas Trip, appropriately called "Abaco Adventure" as this was one of the most adventurous groups of Grady-White owners yet. After so many years making this trip you would think that we'd have done it all, yet this year was different! Our group motto has always been "What happens in the Bahamas, stays in the Bahamas," so the whole story can't be told, but eight boats ranging in size from a Freedom 275 to an Express 370 carried 38 people over 700 miles for two weeks. Ports of call were West End on Grand Bahama, Man 'O War Cay, Elbow Cay (White Sound) and Green Turtle Cay. Daily activities ranged from swimming and beaching it to fishing and diving. Of course time spent together on the docks and at local restaurants is always something to look forward to with this group! Mother Nature was on her best behavior as we went the entire two weeks without rain. The mild sea breezes were perfect at the end of a long day on the water. The group had a blast diving one of the Blue Holes in the Bight of Old Robinson as well as climbing the rock wall to jump into 15 feet of clear Bahama Blue water at what will be a new marina near Treasure Cay. This spot was a highlight for all that had the courage to climb. On past trips to the Exumas we've made it a point to stop and swim with the famous swimming pigs at Big Farmer Cay, but this year we were able to do the same at No Name Cay right in Abaco. The kids (and a few adults) had quite a time feeding and swimming with these friendly island dwellers. The icing on the cake was spending the last two evenings swimming with the extremely friendly stingrays at

We like to start our boaters young, and this year our youngest Grady Buncher was five years old! To say that a good time was had by all would be an understatement as some have already signed up for next year's trip. The Vero Beach Grady Bunch, open to owners who buy their boat from Vero Marine Center, was officially formed back in 1988 but the dealership has been leading Bahamas trips since 1981. It's a family tradition for many!





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THE GHOSTINE FAMILY at Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, during their 2014 vacation.

### **Lifetime Customers** Dear Anchorline:

Last spring I asked Grady-White factory customer service representative Eddie Rowe about adding a small flipup seat on the port side of my 2014 Express 370, Checked-Out, similar to what is now on the 330. My family makes several long runs, and my son appreciates being able to stretch out; my wife and daughter normally occupy the starboard seating. The team at Mariner Marine, Riviera Beach, FL, modified and installed the seat, accomplishing factory fit and finish. Everyone Lantana, FL I've dealt with from the factory to my



dealer exemplifies the fabulous customer service that Grady is known for. This is the stuff that turns clients into lifetime customers!

Paul Ghostine, and Debra, Joseph and Sarah



KICKING BACK DURING A BUSINESS FORUM IN THE BAHAMAS, these gentlemen savor a bit of The Grady Life on Charlie Luck's Freedom 375. From left to right: Teddy Gottwald, Jim Frantz, William Taylor, Ben Cottrell, Luck, and



ADOLFO AND EVELYN SALAZAR were greeted by a whale shark while on their 2017 Canyon 271 FS about 30 miles off Naples, FL. This sea creature, the largest living fish on the planet, knows a good thing when he sees it!



NICHOLAS D'AIELLO writes, "I bought my 2016 Fisherman 209 this summer and had a blast. The family loves it. Today was bittersweet-the last day on the water until 2017. Couldn't have had a more perfect way to end the season than with a 42" striped bass caught in Raritan Bay off of Staten Island, NY."



Anthony Ferretti's new Freedom 225, Bluefin.



ALAN AND PAM MURRAY took a fall cruise from Gloucester to Nantucket, MA, to celebrate Alan's 50th birthday. Off Provincetown, the whales were in abundance. This one wanted to check out their beautiful Express 360, Sweet Caroline III! This is the Murrays third Grady.

## Who's Your Grady Buddy?

To share a photo of your furry Grady friends, email us at anchorline@gradywhite.com or write to Anchorline, P.O. Box 1527. Greenville. NC 27835.



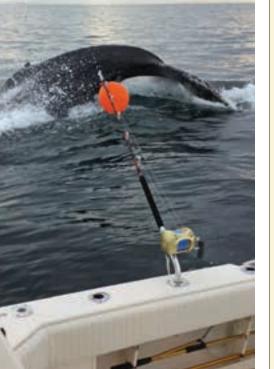
**ZIGGY AND BUDDY** are ready for the okay to jump in! These two boat with Bob Gaffney on a *Tournament 225*.



WIDOW is a beautiful Doberman who enjoys riding the James River on Mary Lou Clark and Rick Karpinski's Adventure 208. The family lives in



PETEY celebrated Memorial Day aboard Steven Gaziano's



Silhouette of GRADY, a rescued lab mix who boats on the South Shore of Long Island with Cathie and Tom Hess out of Oakdale, NY, on Express 330, Tomcat -the couple's third Grady-White.



**BENTLEY** is very proud of the results of his first fluke trip on the Manasquan in New Jersey. He was aboard Mark Vayda's Express 265, The Right Option. "I'll always have a Grady-White and a Grady Buddy fishing with me," Mark writes.



PAUL, KAI AND JAKE BOUDREAU from Duxbury, MA, caught striper aboard Gulfstream 232, Piloti, during their July 4th weekend family fishing trip off of Race Point, Cape Cod, MA. Holiday memory!



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Rod Chow and Ken French fishing west of Vancouver, B.C. in a Seafarer 228.

## **Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:**



**EDDIE SMITH AND KRIS CARROLL** 

If boating season is our favorite, boat show season is a close second. This is when our factory team gets to meet face-to-face with customers, and join our dealers in the booths and on the docks to personally walk folks through the new model year Grady-Whites. It's a time to visit with old friends and long-time Grady owners, and to hear about all the ways folks are enjoying their Gradys and what is on their wish lists for even greater satisfaction. And what a

great opportunity to dazzle first-time buyers! Please stop by and introduce yourself at your local show. Be sure to take advantage of our winter sales event and special buying incentives at the shows and in dealer showrooms!

This has been an eventful year for all. You can see by the pictures in this Anchorline how Grady families and owners' clubs are "seizing the day," making the most of precious time, concentrating on the good moments and creating long lasting, fond memories. That's The Grady Life!

And now it's time to change the calendar page to 2017. The entire Grady-White family wishes you and yours the best of holidays and a bright, peaceful New Year!

Happy Boating!

Kris Carroll, PRESIDENT

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Eddie Smith, Jr., CHAIRMAN, CEO



WE WELCOMED MANY GUESTS IN GREENVILLE THIS YEAR FOR A FACTORY TOUR, INCLUDING KAREN AND PETER CUMMINS who now own a Canyon 306-their third Grady-White! How about putting us on your calendar for your own tour, so we can introduce you to the craftspeople and plant associates who make your boating dreams come true? Register for a tour online, under The Grady Experience at www.gradywhite.com, or call us at 252-752-2111. See you soon!