

## Used Properly, Trim Tabs Add Enjoyment to Your Grady Day

Trim tabs provide additional lift, keeping the boat on plane, adding fuel economy and increasing range.



Trim tabs adjust the attitude of a boat in motion and will aid in trimming the boat fore and aft for a smoother, more efficient ride. Trim tabs change the ride of your boat by adjusting where the water is hitting the keel line. For example, in a slight chop the waves may be hitting your boat around the helm area causing a less comfortable ride. By adjusting the trim tabs and lowering the bow, the waves will hit the keel at a more forward point and soften the ride.

Experimenting with trim tabs in various sea conditions will determine the best positions for your particular Grady-White model.

Trim tabs are useful in correcting a port or starboard running list that may occur due to weight distribution or the angle of engine thrust. If the boat is listing to the port side, press the starboard trim tab switch toward "bow down," and to correct a starboard list press the port trim tab switch. Pulling the higher side to a level position tends to lower the bow. If your bow is already in a low position, you may correct a listing condition by pressing the trim tab switch toward "bow up." This will cause the low side to rise and level the boat.

Trim tabs in the extreme "bow up" positions have no effect on the boat's ride. Unless you are operating at low speeds or with considerable cockpit weight you will likely want to raise the tabs slightly when underway to avoid "plowing" water. With the tabs in the "bow down" position, you will be able to maintain a plane at a lesser speed.



Trim tabs are available on every Grady-White model and are standard on all models 22' and up. GW trim tab systems include a hydraulic pump, a switch with indicator, and an auto-retract feature. The switch controls lowering and raising the trim tabs.

The indicator keeps you aware of the trim tab's position. The auto-retract feature raises the tabs every time the ignition switch is turned off. Contact your dealer for more information or for a demonstration on how to use trim tabs.

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There's never been better value in family and fishing style boats from Grady-White! All of us here at Grady-White are so excited about the new *Freedom 255*, (and all of our dual consoles) because they combine our 50+ year history of building tough, ready-for-open-ocean, great-riding coastal boats with a new emphasis on versatility and practical function, everything an inland cruiser provides and much more! Every dual console offers great storage and terrific seating and every one 20 feet and up offers a head area for all-day comfort! Come see for yourself.

## Grady Buddies Gertie and Toonie



Believe it or not, it was sweater time in the Keys for Gertie and Toonie! Jerry and Cathy Nemeth of Michigan winter in Florida, and this past season saw some chilly weather. The cruising was still great with their buddies aboard their *Chase 273, Xtra Dry*. Grady Buddies can be found in the [Grady Life photo gallery](#) along with cruising, fishing, family and club pictures. Submit your photos!

## "Grady Groupie" Featured in Motorboating



Ken and Donna Wright, *Express 330* owners from North Palm Beach, FL are so enthusiastic about the Grady-White ownership experience that they helped start the new Gulfstream Grady Group, sponsored by Mariner Marine out of Riviera Beach, FL. The couple was highlighted in the "My Boat" feature of the April 2010 *Motorboating* magazine.

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## Grady Gear!



### Columbia Short Sleeve Fishing Shirt

The most popular and stylish fishing shirt on the market. From Columbia Sportswear, the leading outdoor apparel company in the world. 100% ultra-lite cotton poplin. Features include hook and loop fly box pockets, fully vented, rod holder, and tool holder.

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## Classic Grady

This is a 1968 Grady-White *Pamlico* that was Jim and Ronda Utterback's first boat. The Utterbacks, from Mechanicsville, VA, now own an *Adventure 208* and are Southeastern Marine Grady-White Club members. [Click here](#) to see more information about Grady-White Clubs. [Click here](#) to see the story of the classic Grady-White models in our 50th anniversary book and video.

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