



Check out the new Grady Clubs area!

The [Grady Owners' Clubs area](#) at [gradywhite.com](#) has been updated to focus more on what really matters: you! [The new Clubs page](#) is the best way to locate the club nearest you and connect with other Grady owners. Visit the updated site to [find your Grady Club](#), see featured clubs, [view photos from clubs](#) around the world, and [find upcoming events](#).



The Proper Props

Grady-White incorporates the latest propeller technology for efficient, reliable operation.



Grady-White factory installs stainless steel Yamaha propellers. The prop on the right is equipped with a shift dampening system on its hub, acting as a shock absorber to ensure smooth, even shifts into gear.

The numbers and letters associated with a boat's propeller designation often don't mean much to boat owners. When we are talking about propellers, a 15½ x 17 is NOT a multiplication problem! These numbers convey the propeller's suitability in delivering reliable and efficient performance. Using the right propeller can ensure that your boat is as much as 30% more fuel efficient. Check our [website performance reports found in View Details for each model](#) to see what we test, use and recommend for new Grady-Whites. [Your dealer](#) can help with your needs for older Gradys.



Balanced performance, reliability, proper trim and excellent efficiency result from choosing and using the right propellers on your Grady-White. Ask your dealer for more details.

The basic propeller designation is straightforward. For a 15½ x 17, the first number refers to the **prop diameter**, or the distance across the circle made by the propeller blades when rotating. The second number in the description refers to the **propeller pitch**, or the ideal distance in inches the boat moves with a single revolution of the propeller, e.g. 17 inches. The lower the pitch, the lower the "gear," meaning you get on plane quickly with a low pitch, but at some penalty on the top-end speeds. Also, the smaller the diameter, the higher the pitch can be for a given boat/motor combination.

With the larger four-stroke V6 and V8 engines or inline 4-cylinder engines used on Grady-White boats, we can power higher diameter props to achieve the desired level of efficiency and performance. A great deal of testing goes into the props that we recommend and install, and [your dealer](#) is a great source of knowledge about the right kinds of props for you. See our [Customer Tips](#) area for more tips for better efficiency and performance.

Other letters you may notice in the propeller technical description like "M" and "SS" and "SSII" refer to Yamaha's propellers series designation. However, an SDS (Shift Dampening System) designation refers to the prop hub, indicating a kind of shock absorber mounted on the shaft that ensures a smooth, even shifting into gear, as well as making it easy to interchange various propellers.

Even the rugged and durable stainless steel propellers we use on every new Grady-White will get nicked and dinged from normal use and should be inspected regularly to avoid vibration, noise, and lesser fuel economy and performance. Performance can be reduced by ten percent or more depending on the damage. A professional prop shop can recondition most minor damage. [See your dealer](#) if you experience more serious damage.

Like to share your ideas?
We want to hear 'em! E-mail us at docklines@gradywhite.com.

Grady-White Express 305 Video Walkthrough



Get acquainted with the 30-foot express cabin [Express 305](#) by viewing this [informative walkthrough](#) featuring Eric Sorensen, author of *Sorensen's Guide to Powerboats*. To see more Grady-White videos, [visit our YouTube channel](#), where you can subscribe to receive notifications of new videos by clicking the Subscribe button!

Grady Buddy!

Bella the Goldendoodle



The Gilbert family of Caribee Boat Sales and Marina in Islamorada, FL, sends us this shot of Bella the Goldendoodle as she watches the baits on her new [Canyon 366](#) at the Key's famous Alligator Light. Good eyes, Bella, and what a great boat, great hat! [See more Grady Buddies here!](#)

Grady Gear!

Be ready for spring boating with a Bainbridge jacket.



[Cutter & Buck Weather Tec Bainbridge Jackets](#) feature a lightweight, breathable, wind- and water-resistant dobby textured body with mesh lining. Full zip front, vented cape back. Grady-White logo embroidered on the left chest. [Men's jacket](#) and [women's jacket](#) available. Find these items and more at the [Grady Gear store!](#)



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