



## Remember B-B-S! Basic Boating Safety



*This time of year, when lots of Grady-White families are out on the water, we like to encourage Grady enthusiasts to practice B-B-S (Basic Boating Safety)! Of course, Grady-White builds the safest, most superbly engineered boats on the*

*water by incorporating **Grady-Built** features into every boat including **unsinkable foam flotation, easy-to-grab handholds, sure nonskid decks, toe rails and true self-bailing cockpits** among many other things. To help make all your Grady boating memories happy ones, put safety first and your great Grady days on the water will be even better. Here are five simple rules to live by:*

### 1. Wear Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Make sure PFDs fit all passengers, especially kids and older adults.

Modern PFDs are not the cumbersome, bulky "life preservers" of days gone by.

They are easy to fit, easy to use and easy to store aboard a Grady-White, and with the new inflatables it really is comfortable for an adult to wear a PFD when underway. Federal regulations as well as most states require all children under 13 to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD whenever on deck if the boat is not anchored or tied to shore. Note that PFDs for kids and older adults are fitted by weight, not age. Take a look at this video to see how to fit the little ones:

[How to Select & Fit a Life Jacket on a Child](#)



### 2. Do a safety check of your boat's equipment, every single time. Do a quick check



on radios, navigation equipment, flares, whistles, your fire extinguisher, first aid kit, emergency tool kit and PFDs before you take off. It's a good idea to take a

cell or satellite phone along, "just in case." Bear in mind that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons® offer a free safety vessel check, and there is USCG safety info under "[Choose a link](#)" at [gradywhite.com](#).

### 3. Stay in control of your and your passengers' safety. You are the captain and safety begins with you. So take charge of behavior including alcohol use and make sure this doesn't get in the way of a great day on the water.



### 4. Let somebody know where you're going, when you expect to be back, and check what to expect from the weather. This is simple,

but you might be surprised how often people forget: Let somebody responsible at the marina or friends and neighbors know your general plans. And every good captain has had a peek at the weather forecast. No need to get caught unaware.



### 5. If you are not sure about your route navigation before you leave the dock, find out. Every "port of call" has tricks for channel

passage that make getting around a safer and easier task. If you are in unfamiliar waters or even in familiar water unvisited in a while, or are unsure about navigation markers, waypoints or GPS tracks, ask someone who knows. Your fellow Grady-White owners or Grady-White dealership staff are great sources of this important information.

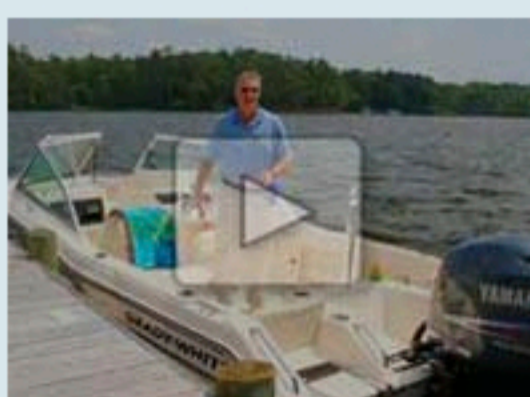
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Captain Gail Christensen talks about her ultra-capable Grady-White Express 360.

## Freedom 192 Walkthrough with David Neese



Take a tour of the Grady-White Freedom 192 dual console boat in this informative walkthrough featuring David Neese, vice president of engineering at Grady-White Boats.

## Grady-White Owners' Club of the Month



[The Fish Tale Grady Club](#) is featured this month. See the Grady Owners' Club area at [gradywhite.com](#) to read about this active Florida group, and [locate the club nearest you](#). Check out [upcoming events](#) and join in on the fun!

## Coming Soon to the Grady Gear Store!



Grady-White Boat Safety Pack contains two Grady dock lines, a USCG approved throw cushion, and four Type II USCG approved life jackets in a convenient storage pack. Available in the coming months at the Grady Gear Store!



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