

Haulin' up and down the rode on your Grady!

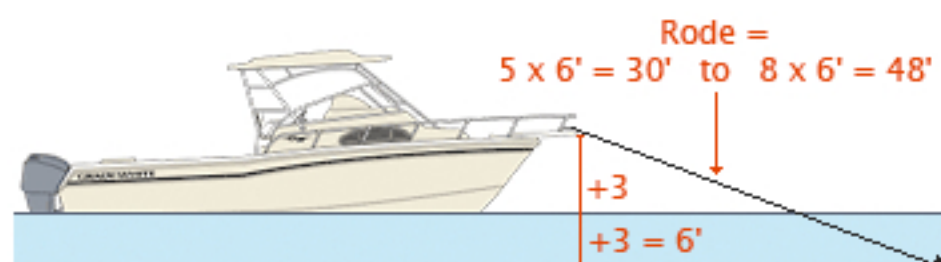
Use your anchor and anchor windlass correctly to make your **Grady Days** much more fun!



Many Grady-Whites are equipped with an anchor windlass, an incredibly convenient device designed to pay out and retrieve anchor rode (line) and chain (more info in [customer tips](#)). The windlass' function makes anchoring a snap and "winding up" a great day easier. But it's important to remember what your windlass is designed to do...and perhaps even more important what your windlass is NOT designed to do which is to break the anchor free of the bottom. Used correctly an anchor windlass can make a "[Great Grady Day](#)" even better. So learn how to use the windlass and let the good times roll out!! Here is the "1...2...3" on how to use your anchor windlass. Even if you don't have a windlass, you can also check out our advice at gradywhite.com.

Lowering Anchor

1. Make sure anchor rode (anchor line) is properly tied off inside the anchor locker.
2. Release the windlass pelican hook that secures the anchor.
3. Turn on rocker switch at the helm panel. Most models equipped with factory-installed windlasses have "up and down" activation switches at the helm and at the anchor locker.
4. The boat should be upwind of your intended anchorage and making sternway slightly while you lower the anchor to prevent the chain from piling up and fouling, and also to set the anchor when sufficient rode has been paid out.
5. Lower the anchor and pay out almost enough rode to "set" the anchor. Secure the remaining anchor rode (line) to a bow cleat. For recreational boats, at a minimum you should have out five to eight times the depth of the water plus the distance from the bow to the water.



6. Back down on the anchor once sufficient scope is paid out to set it firmly in the bottom. If you have not set out sufficient scope and the windlass takes the strain, the windlass may potentially overload a breaker and an aft battery panel switch may trip.
7. When ready to heave the anchor in, power ahead, let the boat catch up with the anchor rode as it is retrieved, wait until the bow is nearly directly above anchor, then cleat the anchor line to a bow cleat to break the anchor free of the bottom. This relieves the strain and prevents power overloads or, worse, damage to windlass. ALWAYS REMEMBER the windlass is not a winch—let the boat pull the anchor free.
8. Anchor the boat only from the bow, using the type of ground tackle recommended. [Your dealer](#) can recommend the equipment best for your area and demonstrate how to use the anchor windlass on your Grady-White.

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We want to hear 'em! Email us at docklines@gradywhite.com.

Here comes the 2012 model year!



Just to get started, take a look as our favorite Grady-White engineer, David Neese, walks us through the new [Canyon 271](#), the awesome [Fisherman 230](#) and the family-fun [Freedom 192](#).

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Club conference a wonderful event.

[watch the video now!]



Grady-White hosted a fabulous get-together and idea exchange session for Grady-White Owners' Club representatives from around the country. More than 50 people attended and shared great ideas about club organization and activities. Take the time to get involved with a Grady Club near you! [Here are some participants' comments.](#)

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