A Tradition Continues:

Grady-Whites Gather at Ocracoke Island for Gulfstream Fishing and Friendship

Members, family and friends of the Cape Lookout and Cape Fear Grady-White owners’ clubs made a run to Ocracoke Island from the Beaufort/Morehead City and Wrightsville Beach, NC, areas respectively in June for a week of fishing and island time. The trip honored the tradition of the late Grady-White dealer Kay Crocker, who had taken up the sponsorship of what was known as the O-Boy-Will Tournament from Clinton, NC, boat dealers Dr. William Oglesby, Capt. Tom Boyette and Burl Williamson. This fishing event began in 1967 and once drew quite a “mosquito fleet” as the big charter boat captains then called the group of smaller Grady-Whites that back in the days before sophisticated electronics would stick together when venturing into the Gulfstream.

Cape Lookout Grady-White Club member Jim Massengill recalls participating in the Ocracoke expeditions with his sons, Dennis and Russ, when they were younger. “We always had a good time,” he remembers of the days when as many as 20 or more boats would cross over from the North Carolina mainland for what was as much a fishing seminar as a tournament. For the past three years, Massengill has organized an informal group from among those who’d attended in the past including Cecil Goodnight and Kelly Williamson. This year seven Gradys ranging from 22 to 37 feet made the trip, and now, along with his sons, Massengill’s grandsons Colton and Garrett joined in the adventure aboard the family’s Express 330, Liquid Pleasure.

This summer the fishing was a mahi frenzy, and Colton captured the hot action including underwater scenes with a Go Pro camera. (You can watch the video found at http://www.gradywhite.com/videos/) Father and son duo Stan and Colin Draughon, Cape Fear club members, had a stellar day before they even reached the island: on the way aboard their new Express 330, Stan Bar (Draughon’s fifth Grady-White), they hooked and released their first ever white marlin. “The crew was me and my 17-year-old son. We fished the Rock Pile about 20 miles out and... continued on page 2...
caught several gaffer mahi and from there went farther off where the large sportfishing boats were fishing the Big Rock tournament. Trolling back to the Rock Pile we hooked the marlin, and after a 30-45 minutes fight we released. Not bad for our first fishing trip. By the way, Colin released his first sailfish in Kay Crocker’s tournament at Wrightsville about six years ago. Maybe we just need to fish in the Grady events!”

Maybe Grady-White Club and dealer events are just what we all need for fun and family time!

CAPE LOOKOUT GRADY-WHITE CLUB MEMBER JIM MASSENGILL, who has organized an Ocracoke fishing adventure the past several years, was accompanied by (left to right) his son Dennis, and grandsons Colton and Garrett. The Cape Lookout Grady-White Club is sponsored by Radio Island Marine, Beaufort, NC.

Ocracoke...continued from page 1

CAPE LOOKOUT GRADY-WHITE CLUB MEMBER JIM MASSENGILL, who has organized an Ocracoke fishing adventure the past several years, was accompanied by (left to right) his son Dennis, and grandsons Colton and Garrett. The Cape Lookout Grady-White Club is sponsored by Radio Island Marine, Beaufort, NC.

FATHER AND SON DUO STAN AND COLIN DRAUGHON, Cape Fear club members, had a stellar day before they even reached the island: on the way they hooked and released their first white marlin aboard their new Express 330, Stan Bar. The Cape Fear Grady-White Club is sponsored by Atlantic Marine, Wrightsville Beach, NC.

Declar 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.

BEACON LIGHT MARINA, Middle River, MD, threw a crab feast for Grady-White customers in July. Love those blue crabs and our Grady-Whites!

PORT OF EGYPT MARINE, Southold, NY, held a Spring Open House and Boating Safety Event. Suffolk County executive Steve Bellone (center) and several other public officials along with members of the USCG Auxiliary and Peconic Bay Power Squadron went on the first official boatride of the season with Port of Egypt CEO Bill Lieblin aboard a Freedom 335. Photo by Joanne Munson.

BOATS INCORPORATED, Niantic, CT, hosted stars from the popular National Geographic reality show, “Wicked Tuna,” including Paul Hebert. The celebrities visited with customers who spend every Sunday night glued to the TV for the show. The visit was spent signing autographs, telling fish stories, climbing on customers’ boats and answering questions.

Justus Horton, Nick Stulsky and Christopher Doucett had a fun Little League season on Long Island playing for the PORT OF EGYPT MARINE Grady-White Boats team. Photo by Erin Doucett.
Join us at...

The All American Grady Fest IV

March 21-23, 2014
Ft. Myers Beach, Florida

The Fish-Tale Grady Club invites all Grady owners and enthusiasts to join them in beautiful Ft. Myers Beach at Fish-Tale Marina March 21-23 to celebrate the Grady Life and all things Grady-White. From Friday afternoon’s Dock-Tail party with food/refreshments and a live band, to Saturday’s main event with informative seminars and demonstrations and a planned raft-up Sunday morning, this is the place to be.

Everyone is encouraged to register early, plus book hotel reservations. This is a popular spring break getaway and rooms fill fast. Dockage is available at Fish-Tale Marina on a first-come basis.

See www.gradyfest.com for more information and registration details.

Right now at your Grady-White dealership, Grady-White is offering factory incentives of as much as $15,000 toward the purchase of your new Grady. That’s on top of your dealer’s very aggressive pricing! Whether you are looking at a boat in inventory or considering a new build for winter or spring delivery, let us show you just how affordable owning a Grady-White can be. Join the many happy owners who have taken advantage of past Grady Days savings, and Get the Grady you have always wanted. Start making picture book memories with your family now!

But hurry—this offer will not be extended past November 4!
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.

The Cape Fear Grady-White Club out of Wrightsville Beach, NC, enjoyed a day of fun July 20, starting off with a club picnic at Masonboro Island with eight boats in attendance. That evening, there were several hundred folks at sponsor Atlantic Marine’s Customer Appreciation Dinner, and six new boat families joined the club. That brings the total boats in the Cape Fear Club to 56!

The Cape and Islands Grady-White Group recently spent a weekend on Nantucket at The Nantucket Boat Basin. Shopping, dining and sight seeing were on the agenda, and Saturday night was spent trying to cheer the Bruins on to the Stanley Cup. By now we know how successful that was! Sunday’s return to homeports through high seas was no problem. After all, all were on Grady-White boats! Cataumet Boats, Cataumet, MA, sponsors this club.

More than 20 owners attended the Cape Lookout Grady-White Club June social for cocktails, dinner and a meeting to plan new events. The group decided on three new club events for the summer, with different members leading each event, ranging from a raft up at Shackleford Banks, to day and overnight trips further south. Club burgees and window decals are in the works. Cape Lookout has been known for their abundance of energy and is a close-knit community of Grady owners. If you are in the waterways near Cape Lookout and would like to meet up with other Grady owners, be sure to contact the club at CapeLookoutGWC@gmail.com.

The Chesapeake Bay Grady-White Club annual Steak and Shrimp Feast was held June 21 at Jack and Anne Devine’s waterfront home. The weather was superb, the potluck sides and desserts delicious, and the featured steak and shrimp grilled/steamed to perfection. A super full moon shone down on close to 40 members, who were also artfully entertained by a magician. After several stunning tricks, Ben called Wendy to the “stage,” and made her a balloon flower hat for her birthday. Later, a birthday cake magically appeared. It was a terrific evening! David and Priscilla Harrell won the 50-50, and gener-
The Lake Erie Grady-White Club had a record turnout for its 2013 Walleye Tournament, with fifteen teams fishing and even more folks enjoying the awards dinner at the Huron Yacht Club. Captain Jason Brooks and crew won top honors, bringing in a total 132.75" of the target species and averaging 26.6" per fish. Lake Erie is an amazing fishery, and Jason knows how to fish it! South Shore Marine of Huron, Ohio, sponsors this club.

Members of the Tarpon Coast Grady-White Club entered the annual Pirate Fest Flotilla (actually a big water gun fight) at Fisherman’s Village, Punta Gorda, FL, on Burt and Eileen Wahlburg’s Express 330, Sweet Surrender. The crew of seven fought off other invading ships and a well-armed gallery of spectators. If there had been a prize for the wettest crew, they would have won it! Ingman Marine, Port Charlotte, FL, sponsors this club.

Jim Gomas, Eileen and Burt Wahlburg, Juli and Dan Eisenberg, and Cher and Dan Clark fought off water gun toting invaders in the Punta Gorda, FL, Pirate Fest Flotilla. "If there had been a prize for the wettest crew, we would have won it." Crew members belong to the Tarpon Coast Grady-White Club.

The Southern New England Grady-White Club gathered July 21 at the Mystic Seaport Museum of America and the Sea, to commemorate the relaunching of the 1841 whaling ship, Charles W. Morgan, the oldest commercial vessel on the water. Boats Incorporated, Niantic, CT, sponsors this club.

Dr. Phil and Pamela Siegart, Chase 273 owners in Naples, FL, joined other members of the Fish-Tale Grady-White Club for a day trip to Useppa Island in January. "It was a beautiful day, and we were able to leave sponsor Fish-Tale Marina by Big Carlos Pass, cruising on the outside in the Gulf all the way to Useppa Island," writes Dr. Siegart. "The island was very special, and we toured by golf cart around the homes, and the Island Museum, followed by a great lunch at the Lodge. The trip home was spectacular, with calm seas and easy travel."
Letters & Photos

What’s happening? Have an interesting story or photo? Email us at anchorline@gradywhite.com or write to Anchorline, P.O. Box 1527, Greenville, NC 27835.

FATHER AND SON FISHING BUDDIES GARY MCCLOSKEY, SR. AND GARY, JR., brought in a 70-lb. yellowfin tuna off the Baltimore Canyon, fishing a 1994 Gulfstream 232. That’s a lot of sashimi!

DON ST. DENIS ENCOUNTERED THIS LEATHERBACK TURTLE WHILE FISHING AT NINE MILE REEF OFF OF MAYPORT, FL, ABOARD HIS 2011 FREEDOM 275.

FATHER AND SON FISHING BUDDIES GARY MCCLOSKEY, SR. AND GARY, JR., brought in a 70-lb. yellowfin tuna off the Baltimore Canyon, fishing a 1994 Gulfstream 232. That’s a lot of sashimi!

CAPTAIN JACK BRINK TOOK GOOD FRIENDS JOHN YOUNG, RANDY YOUNG AND RUDY BEGNAUD on a fishing trip to Freemason and Chandeleur islands off Louisiana, aboard his 2005 Sailfish 282, Christina L. Fine stringers!

DOTTIE PACHARIS is rightfully proud of her first permit fish, one of nine she and husband George caught in May aboard the Dot-E-3, a Marlin 300.

THE WATER IS AS GOOD LOOKING AS THIS 2012 FREEDOM 307, owned by Sergio de la Fe, Jr., and shown at Elliot Key in Biscayne Bay, FL.

DOTTIE PACHARIS is rightfully proud of her first permit fish, one of nine she and husband George caught in May aboard the Dot-E-3, a Marlin 300.

A NICE ANNIVERSARY PRESENT! LINDA AND RAY SCOTT CELEBRATED THEIR 41ST off Hatteras with a citation 47-lb., 57-in. mahi brought aboard their Adventure 208, Ray-Lin.

WOW! KEITH BARE’S CHILDREN WESLEY, RYAN, AND BRITNEY shown with the largest dolphin they’ve caught to date aboard their Canyon 306, The Bare Necessity, off Marathon, FL.

WOWEE! KEITH BARE’S CHILDREN WESLEY, RYAN, AND BRITNEY shown with the largest dolphin they’ve caught to date aboard their Canyon 306, The Bare Necessity, off Marathon, FL.
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.

Whitney Ramsey met a 30-lb. striper in the Holston River, fishing aboard John Tickle’s 2011 Fisherman 230. This is at the upper end of Boone Lake; the area is known locally as Bluff City, TN.

Maggie Mae joins the Lloyd Family off the North Carolina Outer Banks on their 2008 Tournament 205.

Boo bucks for first mate position on Ken Edgar’s Anchors Aweigh out of Hatteras, NC.

Millie is a lucky girl. When her folks Hayley and Jeff Wilmes went for a ride on the Manatee River, Bradenton, FL, aboard friends Phil and Ceci Harmon’s 2000 Seafarer 228, she got to go, too!

Whitney Ramsey met a 30-lb. striper in the Holston River, fishing aboard John Tickle’s 2011 Fisherman 230. This is at the upper end of Boone Lake; the area is known locally as Bluff City, TN.

Maggie Mae joins the Lloyd Family off the North Carolina Outer Banks on their 2008 Tournament 205.

Boo bucks for first mate position on Ken Edgar’s Anchors Aweigh out of Hatteras, NC.

Millie is a lucky girl. When her folks Hayley and Jeff Wilmes went for a ride on the Manatee River, Bradenton, FL, aboard friends Phil and Ceci Harmon’s 2000 Seafarer 228, she got to go, too!

Grady buddy Georgia and John Linsenmeyer’s grandson, Ian, sail out of the Byram River, Greenwich, CT, aboard Freedom 275, HMS Aurora.

Dasher takes a break after a long day fishing and island hopping around Beaufort Inlet, NC, with David Stroud on his 2002 Fisherman 222.

Awesome Delilah stands guard in the Abacos over Pete McDonough’s Marlin 280.
Dear Grady-White Owners and Enthusiasts:

Every Friday morning, our entire workforce gathers for a plant update we call “Friday Focus.” The objective is for everyone to be on the same page so we can best work as a team. As we talk about things, we engage in fun and fellowship—all aimed at joining together to create the ultimate boating experience for our customers. Friday Focus has improved our already excellent quality in exciting ways. We make sure our craftsmen have everything they need to contribute all their creative energy, enjoy their work Monday morning AND Friday afternoons, and be passionate about delivering superbly engineered, Grady Built boats.

These are the people whose workmanship is the reason why our boats make families like yours exceedingly happy. Please come meet us. You are invited to tour the factory and see how Grady-Whites are created. You'll be absolutely convinced of their superior caliber.

Our new model year is off to a big start! Visit your Grady-White dealer for an enthusiastic introduction to our 2014 line up—whether a dual console, center console, walkaround or express cabin best fits your boating lifestyle, there is a Grady for you. (This is the perfect time to buy during Great Grady Days going on now! Just ask your dealer.) For detailed features and specifications go online at www.gradywhite.com to see the most complete line of coastal recreational boats to be found anywhere.

Happy Boating!

Kris Carroll, President
Eddie Smith, Jr., Chairman, CEO

DUPRE AND JOHN YOUNG, Sportsman 180 owners from South Carolina, toured the Grady-White factory in July, and met associates including Grady-White sales representative Steve Camp (middle). Is a 209 or 230 in their future?