

ALL-PURPOSE PERFORMERS

THE NEXT-GENERATION BAY BOAT

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GRADY-WHITE 251 COASTAL EXPLORER

The 251 Coastal Explorer functions not only as an inshore/offshore hybrid but also as a fishing/family boat. The bow and stern can be filled with cushions or stripped for fishing. Rod holders are integrated in the casting platforms, with fishboxes and storage below.

Grady-White builds the boat with the same patented SeaV² variable-deadrise design it uses for its bigger boats. The 251 CE has a proud, flared bow with low enough freeboard for a trolling motor. It draws 14 inches, with an 8-foot, 6-inch beam.

Fishing components include two 74-quart insulated fishboxes forward and a 12.75-gallon aft live well. An optional leaning post provides lockable storage, four rod holders and a second live well (25 gallons). The lockable console has a stand-up head.

With a Yamaha F300, the 251 CE reaches a top speed of 49.6 mph and gets 3.7 mpg at 27 mph and 3.5 mpg at 30 mph. It has a 78-gallon fuel tank.