

Grady-White Gulfstream 232 (2015-)

Brief Summary

The Gulfstream remains one of the most popular wide-bodied walkarounds with a cabin. Features such as an enlarge cabin footprint with hide-away optional head and large overhead hatch just begin to make this model shine. Across the stern is a huge 297 quart insulated fish locker with a companion 265 quart starboard locker and port side 36 gallon livewell with 1100-gph circulating pump. Ergonomics rule around the helm that offers an optional hardtop for more gear and cover. Trim tabs have indicators and automatic retractors and up front there's the option to add an optional windlass for effortless anchoring.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- 265-qt. starboard insulated fishbox with ob drain
- 36-gallon port livewell
- 4 rod holders
- Hydraulic trim tabs with indicator and retractor
- Fold away aft bench seat with cushion
- Deluxe I helm and companion chairs
- Full transom width including ladder
- 2 upper and lower berths
- Portside galley with sink

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
500	3.5	3.1	0.8	4.43	3.85	597	519	63
1000	5.6	4.9	1.5	3.75	3.26	506	440	65

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	7.6	6.6	2.8	2.78	2.42	375	326	68
2000	8.6	7.5	4.8	1.79	1.56	242	211	71
2500	10.4	9	6.7	1.55	1.35	209	182	77
3000	18.6	16.1	9.3	1.99	1.73	269	234	82
3500	28.1	24.4	10.7	2.64	2.3	356	310	83
4000	32	27.8	13.1	2.44	2.12	329	286	85
5000	42.2	36.7	22	1.92	1.67	260	226	85
5500	45.4	40.4	28.7	1.62	1.41	218	190	87
6100	51.1	44.5	35.7	1.43	1.25	193	168	93

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	23' 5" 7.14 m
BEAM	9' 3" 2.82 m
Dry Weight	4,538 lbs. 2,058 kg
Tested Weight	
Draft	20" 0.51 m

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	
Max Headroom	
Bridge Clearance	8' 8" 2.64 m
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	141 gal. 534 L
Water Capacity	12 gal. 45 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	

Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	4.4 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.73 : 1
Props	16 1/4 x 19 Saltwater Series XL
Load	2 people, 1/2 fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	Temp: 48 deg., humidity: 61 wind: calm, seas: calm

By Captain Rob Smith

Grady White Gulfstream 232 running shot

Grady-White incorporated many of the attributes of hull design and fishing features of its larger lineup in this family-style fishing rig.

It was cold

when we tested the Grady-White Gulfstream 232, but everyone was really excited about having the helicopter chase us for some video. I managed the action from the Gulfstream 232 and had to admire the roominess of the cockpit and helm. As I wrapped up the run with the 232, I really began to admire the soft ride, agile handling, and speed. This model really does deliver on more than just a 23' (7.01 m) walk-around model with a cabin and feels much more like a 26 footer. The soft ride is the result of a warped V-bottom hull drawn by C. Raymond Hunt & Associates, the design firm that gave the world the Deep-V. With a very sharp entry forward and plenty of deadrise in the hull under the helm, the 232's ride is comfortable and dry.

Starting at the Bow

Beginning at the bow, our model had low profile grab railings, a bow pulpit, and an anchor windlass system for effortless anchoring. I was pleased to find the walkways had some depth to them so one could safely move from around the cockpit to the bow area. Looking back towards the cockpit, the boater really gets a good idea of how massive the safety glass windshield really is and how much visibility it gives the captain. Our test model included the optional hardtop and 15-foot radial-mounted outriggers making this one serious off-shore fishing machine prepared for the long haul. The deck cleats are all through-bolted, high grade 316 stainless steel. The cleats under the rails are top-mounted and the pair at the aft end is recessed to keep the gunwales free of line-snagging obstructions.

Moving Around in the Cockpit

Grady-White Gulfstream 232 aft cockpit

In the aft cockpit, one will find beam width room to work with crab pots, lines and fishing rods safely and effectively.

The cockpit takes full advantage of the 9'3" (2.82 m) beam width and is part of the reason it feels like a much larger walkaround. The working deck has 56 sq. ft. of room to fish or just enjoy a fun cruise with the family. The aft bench seat is Grady-White's patented system that makes setting it up and putting it away extremely simple. One can easily set it up with one hand and put it away with two. Off the back is an extended transom mount for the single 350-hp Yamaha available for this rig. You might think that is overkill, but if you are serious about going off-shore, it's going to get you there like a bullet. If you prefer twins, you can rig her up with dual 150s or 200s. Standard single rigging is for a single 250.

If the boater does more than fish, they will likely want the optional small or full-sized swim platform with a ladder. Four flush-mount vertical rod holders are in the gunwale tops, and six more stored in the under gunwale racks with a safety toe rail to lock yourself onboard when reaching overboard. A monster insulated fishbox measuring 297 quarts and a cutting board is there right where one would need them. Below the helm is another 265-quart fishbox with the 36-gallon livewell across the cockpit under the navigator's station. This livewell is a full column, raw water lighted and insulated box with overboard drain and 1100 gph pump.

~~Grady White Gulfstream 232~~ stern seat

The patented seat across the back that stows away or sets up in seconds.

Stepping Up to the Helm

~~Grady White Gulfstream 232~~ helm layout

The helm layout leaves lots of room for the captain's style of electronics with a large flat angled space above the wheel.

The helm console is larger than most in her class with room for large screen displays. Across the top of the dash is a Richie compass in the center. Just below is a vertical panel with Yamaha Digital Command gauges keeping an eagle eye on the engine and a trim tab indicator. Switches are grouped together for convenience and a really great idea is the 12-volt sockets for both the navigator and the driver so both can use portable gear along the way.

~~Grady White Gulfstream 232~~ livewell

Behind the navigator's seat is the 36-gallon livewell with clips on the lid to store the aerator tube when not being used.

In the Cabin

Moving to the cabin, another feature I really like is the magnetic catch for the cabin door rather than the old nail that usually nailed one's fingers if they weren't paying close attention. Inside is all the accommodations to have the kids spread out for naps, or for someone to get some z's when waiting on the fish to start biting. There's even a small galley and head to add to the comfort of a long day on the water.

~~Grady White Gulfstream 232~~ galley

On the port side is a compact galley with sink, icebox, and portable stove. This model also includes a portable head compartment.

By the Numbers

The Grady-White Gulfstream 232 is 23'5" (7.14 m) length overall with a beamwidth of 9'3" (2.82 m). She weighs in at 4,538 lbs. (2,058 kg) and carries up to 141 gallons (534 L) of fuel. This model is rated for up to 400-hp and was tested with the Yamaha 350-hp V-8 Four Stroke.

Testing

It wasn't rough the day we tested the boat, but it was extremely cold. Thankfully, the boat is dry because if it had been wet I would have had a miserable day. The Gulfstream 232 turned well without appreciable loss of speed in a turn, crossed its own wake smoothly and was easy to drive. Sightlines were good and the helm was comfortable. I found she was on plane in 4.4 seconds and up to 30 mph in 7.5 seconds. Her best cruise speed was about 28.1 mph at 3500 rpm for a range of 356 miles. Her top speed was clocked at 51.1 mph.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the Grady-White Gulfstream 232 makes a good coastal fishing boat the family can also enjoy whether they are all into fishing or not. It is easy to drive and fairly easy to trailer, given one has the right vehicle. With room to relax inside for the kids or for one to escape to a sudden shower as well as the ability to make coffee in the morning or hot sandwiches for lunch, it seems to cover the bases with room to fish!