

Best Center Console Fishing Boat Brands in 2025



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Grady-White Boats



A Grady-White Canyon 306 runs for the fishing grounds. Photo via Grady-White.

For over 60 years, Grady-White has been crafting superior center consoles, gaining several innovative patents in the process. Notably, they developed a unique fold-down cockpit step assembly, enhancing ease of boarding and disembarking. Additionally, in 1989, they introduced the SeaV2 variable-degree deadrise hull, renowned for its offshore capabilities. Grady-White's range of center console fishing boats is not only impressive but also award-winning. The company has consistently received the National Marine Manufacturers Association's award for top customer satisfaction in the fiberglass outboard boats category for the past two decades, ever since the inception of the awards. One new model, the 281 Coastal Explorer, made its debut last spring and after taking one for a ride we gave the lowdown in [Grady-White 281 Coastal Explorer: One Beefy, Brawny Bay Boat](#).

Now for 2025 Grady-White has enhanced several of its midsized center consoles, the Canyon 306 and Canyon 326. These models now have a glass windshield that's green-tinted safety glass integrated into the T-top frame. This provides more protection than the old arrangement and thanks to a wide forward A-frame, also boosts visibility. The 306 also enjoys a helm redesign for 2025, while allows electronics to be located closer to the captain's line of sight.