

2026 BOAT BUYER'S GUIDE

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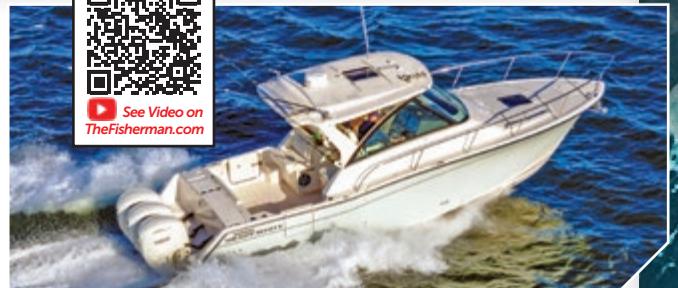


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Grady has introduced the next-gen version of a fan favorite for 2026, replacing the classic Express 330 with the all-new Express 340. I had the chance to jump aboard and inspect the details of this beautiful Carolina girl and she offers luxury and capabilities that her older sister could only dream of in her past life. The Grady-White engineers have really shown their depth with this new layout that replaces the original center helm arrangement with a more ergonomic starboard side steering station. This move frees up significant pass-through space on the centerline for captain and crew to traverse from the bridge deck to the cockpit and back without the central choke point of the previous 330 model's layout.

According to Grady's Senior Product Designer Christian Carraway, "When the Express 330 was introduced in 2001 it was the first outboard sportfishing cabin boat of its kind. Through the years it continued to be a winner with its classic design, amazing ride compliments of the SeaV2 hull and Grady-White's continuous improvement philosophy. In this remodel, the new 340 preserves our sportfishing heritage but with an added level of luxury and comfort our customers will not find in any other boats in this class." To support this mission, there are four gunwale-mount rodholders, with an additional quartet easily accessible via side racks on the tower legs. The transom cap includes a large 166-quart insulated



fishbox with overboard drain and a 30-gallon recirculating livewell, in addition to another 87-quart insulated box that can be used for a variety of chilly tasks.

The expansive cabin has been expertly redesigned with increased width and headroom that comfortably sleeps four, with two in the large v-berth that doubles as a spacious table for five and two in the generous aft berth. This unique design incorporates custom luxury-lounge backrests integrated into the bolsters to make relaxing in the cabin an elevated experience. Other upgrades include plentiful storage through expanded cabinetry and creative use of space and natural light from an oversized hatch and privacy sky light. These accommodations are accessed by a single sliding door at the helm that opens into the center of the cabin for improved flow.

The standard features are too lengthy to detail here, so be sure to go to *The Fisherman's* website to see my video product review.