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Grady-White All-New 28-foot (8.53 m) Dual Console

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More Beam, More Wide Open Cockpit in a Brand New 28-Foot (8.53 m) Coastal Cruiser for Water Sports Loving Families—The *Freedom 285* Dual Console by Grady-White

Beam Amidships: 9' 6" (2.89 m)
Center Line Length: 28' (8.53 m)
Cockpit Depth: 27" (0.69 m)
Cockpit Square Footage: 65 sq. ft. (6.04 m²)
Hull Draft: 20" (0.51 m)
Maximum HP: 600 (448 kW)
Outboard Shaft Length 25" (0.64 m)
Standard Fuel Capacity: 218 gal. (825 l)
SeaV²® hull (continuously variable vee hull)

GREENVILLE, NC: Grady-White customers are showing great enthusiasm for dual console boats, in large part because this style is so well suited for families who enjoy a variety of water sports and leisure activities. For 2012 the company introduces a 28-foot (8.53 m) dual console, the *Freedom 285*. This addition to the line is a full foot wider at the beam than her sistership, the *Freedom 275*, providing 65 square feet (6.04 m²) of wide-open cockpit space. Saltwater tough, comfortable and versatile, this cool cruiser is perfect for inland and coastal waters.

“We’re providing a lot more room in the *Freedom 285* for socializing and all kinds of fun and all types of gear whether for fishing, diving, camping, tubing, wakeboarding or skiing,” says Joey Weller, vice president of sales and marketing at Grady-White. “Entertaining friends and family is what this boat is all about.”

Not only is the bolstered cockpit more spacious, so is the enclosed head area in the port console. “An adult can change clothes in this console area,” Weller points out, “so you can go from a day on and in the water direct to a waterside restaurant for dinner. If you opt for the grill arrangement, you can feed the crew their favorites wherever you are—we even include a standard removable table for the bow or cockpit. These features make it possible for everyone to really enjoy day-long outings whether offshore at a secret fishing spot, beaching it on the coastline, or tucked in at a secluded cove.”



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Storage space abounds on every Grady-White, and the 285 has aplenty. The lockable port console includes a compartment that runs forward, underneath the bow seating, providing a perfect place to stow rods, skis or swim noodles. There is more storage area in the lockable starboard compartment for tools, toys, snorkel and dive gear, picnic baskets, extra towels—whatever a crew needs for all-day comfort and adventures. There's a handy pullout drawer under the helm for odds and ends.

The helm area itself features a larger windshield and instrument panel with a repositioned compass so the sightline is excellent. Standard helm seating is a deluxe adjustable pedestal seat and a footrest. Available as an option is an electronically adjustable helm lean bar seat. Behind the helm seat is a sink, storage drawer and trash compartment. The sink can be replaced with a 1300-watt grill.

Other standard seats include Grady-White's patented port lounge seat that's electronically extendable (nap anyone?), a patented aft bench seat that easily folds away, and a comfy bow box cushion at both port and starboard. An optional insert turns the bow into a fishing platform or, with the cushion, a perfect sunning station. To keep the crew hopping, the MP3 stereo system with auxiliary audio connections comes with six speakers (two aft, two at the helm, and two forward) and is satellite ready. And to help keep everyone hydrated, drink holders are everywhere around the cockpit—twelve of them, with two more at the optional wet bar area.

For the family that fishes there are four gunwale rod holders and a horizontal rack for three rods on deck. A 32-gallon (121.13 l) livewell is available with light, full column distribution inlet, and 1100 GPH (4,164 LPH) pump. The shade-providing optional hardtop with radio box, storage nets, two speakers, and spreader lights also includes outrigger plates, and a 15-foot (4.57 m) outrigger kit is available. The standard insulated aft fish box (185 quarts/175.1 l) with cutting board and forward starboard fish box (135 quarts/127.8 l) both drain overboard.

The integrated outboard mounting system provides an easy access swim platform through the fiberglass transom door with heavy-duty positive locking latch, and includes a four-step ladder really appreciated by water sports enthusiasts young and older alike. There's a freshwater shower at the transom, too, just the ticket for a rinse off or cleaning sunglasses.

Like every Grady-White, the *Freedom 285* is completely self-bailing with overboard draining by force of gravity, and foam-filled for flotation. Every piece of deck hardware is premium 316 stainless. The exclusive SeaV² hull delivers a true tracking, smooth and dry ride.