

ODYSSEUS



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| VESSEL TYPE | Twin Hull Butt Cat |
| LENGTH | 9 m |
| BEAM/WIDTH | 3.4 m |
| PASSENGER CAPACITY | 25 pax + 2 crew |
| ENGINES | 2 x FL300 DET 4-stroke Yamaha Outboards (2019) |
| CERTIFICATION & SAFETY | SAMSA licensed, fully insured, life jackets for all passengers |
| PERMIT | Boat-Based Whale and Dolphin Watching (BBWW) operating permit |

VESSEL OVERVIEW

Odysseus is the flagship of our ocean-going fleet, launched in June 2018 and certified for **25 passengers plus 2 crew**. She is a **registered Boat-Based Whale and Dolphin Watching (BBWW) operating permit holder** with the Department of Environmental Affairs, leading the fleet in safety, comfort, and marine conservation.

This **9-meter Butt Cat twin-hull vessel** offers **smooth, stable cruising** even in open ocean conditions, making it ideal for navigating the Knysna Heads and venturing out for unforgettable whale, dolphin, and marine life experiences.

The yacht features **cinema-style cushioned seating**, watertight storage under each seat, and an **elevated guide platform** for assisted wildlife sightings, ensuring all passengers enjoy unobstructed views and a safe, comfortable journey.

TOURS & EXPERIENCES

Odysseus offers a **range of immersive marine experiences** along the Knysna coastline and estuary, designed to delight both leisure guests and trade clients. From **whale and dolphin encounters** to scenic estuary cruises and **exclusive group experiences**, every tour showcases the region's spectacular natural beauty while prioritizing **comfort, safety, and expert guidance**.

- **Close-Encounter Whale Watching:** 1 June – 30 November; cruise the Knysna estuary, through Knysna Heads, and out to sea to observe whales up close.
- **Eco Marine / Dolphin Tour:** 1 December – 31 May; focused on dolphins and coastal marine life, with an educational component.
- **Heads Adventures:** Scenic cruises exploring the **Knysna estuary and Heads**, ideal for sightseeing and wildlife observation. **Bookable year-round**.
- **Sunset Safari Tour:** Late-afternoon cruise along the estuary or out to sea, timed to **arrive at Sirocco Restaurant for canapés and bubbly at sunset**. Available for private groups only.



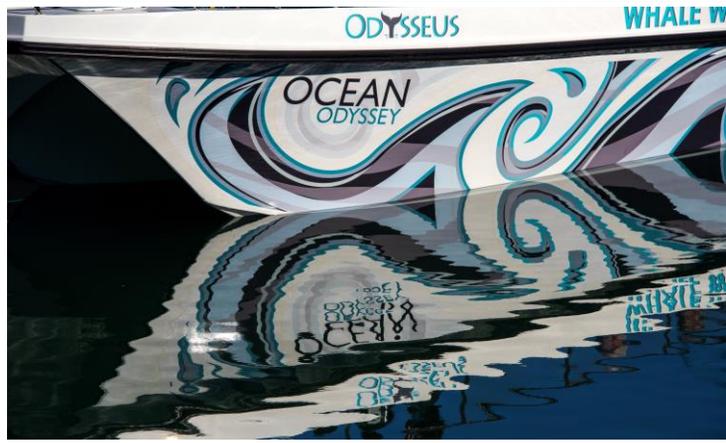
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BOARDING INFORMATION

- **Check-In:** Guests first check in at our **Ocean Odyssey shop**, where they are fitted with life jackets, provided with ponchos or blankets if needed, and given a full **safety briefing** before heading to the boat.
- **Boarding Location:** Walk-on jetties at **Thesen Island Blue Flag Marina**.
- **Access:** Stern boarding via drop-down ramp, level with the jetty (no climbing required).
- **Deck Safety:** Non-slip coating ensures steady footing.
- **Departure:** Skipper oversees safe boarding and a smooth exit into the Knysna estuary.



PASSENGER EXPERIENCE & SERVICE

- **Safety & Comfort:** SAMSA-approved life jackets provided. **Windbreakers, ponchos, and blankets are available if required, depending on conditions.** Bottled water provided for all passengers.
- **Seating:** Cinema-style cushioned seats with unobstructed views; watertight storage under each seat
- **Guided Wildlife Spotting:** Dedicated **elevated platform** for guides to assist with sightings of whales, dolphins, and other marine life
- **Eco-Conscious Operations:** Ultra-quiet, low-emission engines minimize environmental impact
- **Tailored Experiences:** Whale and dolphin tours, Eco Marine, Heads Adventures, and Sunset Safari tours offer **engaging and educational experiences**



HIGHLIGHTS

- **Stable Twin-Hull Adventure**
Butt Cat hull provides smooth, stable cruising, even in open water
- **Exclusive BBWW Permit**
Only vessel in greater Knysna permitted for close-encounter whale and dolphin watching
- **Maximum Passenger Capacity at Sea**
Certified for 25 guests — the largest number of passengers permitted to go to sea in Knysna
- **Elevated Guide Platform**
Dedicated spot for guides to enhance wildlife sightings and engagement
- **Eco-Friendly Twin Engines**
Quiet, low-emission motors minimize environmental impact while maintaining comfort



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