

**TRADE ACTIVITY FACT SHEET**

**SHORT SAIL**



<b>VESSEL TYPE</b>	55 ft Mono Hull Yacht
<b>VESSEL NAME</b>	Outeniqua
<b>MAXIUM PAX</b>	12 pax
<b>MINIMUM PAX</b>	4 pax
<b>SEASONALITY</b>	Year Round
<b>DURATION</b>	1.5 hours
<b>DEPARTURE TIMES</b>	Available on Request

**ACTIVITY OVERVIEW**

The Springtide Charters **Short Sail** offers a **relaxed, scenic introduction to sailing on Knysna's waters**. Aboard a **classic 50-foot mono-hull yacht**, guests glide through the **tranquil Knysna Estuary**, enjoying **lagoon views, estuary wildlife, and the iconic Knysna Heads**. With numbers **limited to 12 guests**, the experience is **intimate and personalised**, ideal for leisure travellers, incentive groups, or those seeking a brief yet memorable sailing experience.

Perfect for a **morning escape to enjoy the calm estuary** or a **midday cruise to soak in the scenery**, guests experience the **gentle rhythm of old-school sailing** and a **friendly chat with the skipper** about the estuary, its geology, and marine life. Subject to conditions, the skipper may navigate past the Knysna Heads into the **Indian Ocean**; if conditions are not ideal, the yacht remains within the **sheltered estuary**, ensuring a **safe and enjoyable cruise**.

The Short Sail is **pure sailing pleasure**, focusing on **authentic hands-on experience, scenic cruising, and personalised service**. Guests have access to a **cash bar onboard**, making it a **lovely and flexible escape on the water**.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Classic 50-foot mono-hull yacht with traditional sailing charm
- Exclusive experience – max 12 guests for personalised service
- Scenic Knysna Estuary cruise with lagoon views and wildlife
- Indian Ocean passage – skipper-led, conditions permitting
- Skipper commentary on the estuary, Knysna Heads, and marine life
- Iconic Knysna Heads and surrounding scenery
- Old-school sailing experience – authentic and hands-on
- Intimate and personalised – small group ensures a memorable cruise
- Access to cash bar onboard
- Perfect for a morning escape or midday cruise, ideal for first-time sailors, leisure travellers, and incentive groups



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## INCLUDES

- Classic 50-foot mono-hull yacht with skipper and crew
- Pre-departure briefing with the skipper
- Life jackets (mandatory for children; adults if crossing Knysna Heads) Onboard bathroom facilities
- Scenic estuary cruise and skipper-led ocean passage
- Exclusive small-group experience – max 12 guests
- Access to cash bar onboard

## EXCLUDES

- Catering or beverages
- Transport to/from the Waterfront
- Personal travel insurance or gratuities
- Additional activities not included in the itinerary

## WHAT TO BRING

- Camera or smartphone to capture the stunning scenery
- Sunglasses and sunscreen for sun protection
- Light jacket or wrap — it can get cool on the water
- Optional hat or cap for sun protection
- Motion sickness tablets, if prone to seasickness

*Guests are asked to remove their shoes to protect the deck. Shoes will be stored and returned after the cruise. Outside food and drinks are not permitted.*

## SAFETY & COMPLIANCE

- Fully licensed, insured, and compliant with South African maritime regulations
- Life jackets provided: mandatory for children for the entire cruise; adults use them only if proceeding out through the Knysna Heads
- Professional skipper and crew, trained in first aid and emergency procedures
- Cruises are weather-dependent; skipper has full discretion to adjust or cancel for safety
- Safety briefing provided to all guests prior to departure
- Indemnity forms completed by all guests before boarding



## ITINERARY SNAPSHOT

### Arrival & Check-In

- Arrive at the Waterfront and meet the crew.
- Complete indemnity forms before boarding.
- Guests are encouraged to use on-land **bathroom facilities** prior to departure.
- Quick **chat with the skipper** introduces the cruise and safety guidelines.

### Boarding & Departure

- Board the yacht via the **tide-influenced jetty** – a few steps to step aboard.
- Settle in on the teak deck for a **small-group, personalised experience**.
- Depart into the **tranquil Knysna Estuary**, enjoying the gentle rhythm of sailing.

### Estuary & Knysna Heads

- Cruise through the estuary with scenic **lagoon views and wildlife spotting**.
- Approach the iconic **Knysna Heads**, with **skipper-led decision** on proceeding into the Indian Ocean.
- If conditions allow, enjoy a **brief open-water experience**; otherwise, remain in the **sheltered estuary**.

### Return & Disembark

- Cruise back through the estuary, enjoying the calm waters.
- Access to **onboard cash bar** for refreshments.
- Disembark at the Waterfront; crew assist with life jackets.
- Optional friendly chat with the skipper and crew about the sailing experience.

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