

# 240' Odyssey III: Super Cruise Ship Maneuvered by a 350 HP WESMAR Thruster

On the Potomac River, in the nation's capital, a sleek new cruise ship glides across the picturesque waters which lend a glimpse of national monuments. Unlike most cruise vessels which are yacht-like and feature a large draft and high decks, the Odyssey III is designed to let passengers experience the water. The ship is shaped like the famous ironclads that fought in local waters during the Civil War. Flat, ferry-like, and eye-catching, it is the ideal cruise ship for high-profile Washington.

Described as a "glass superstructure" the original Odyssey III is a head-turning, 240' x 63' dinner-cruise/sightseeing boat designed to provide views at every possible angle. With 360 6'6" x 3'3" panels made of clear Azurlite completely surrounding the boat passengers can view everything from national landmarks to the bottom of the Potomac's famous bridges.

Service Marine Industries Inc., of Morgan City, Louisiana,



*The 240' Odyssey III is just one of several large cruise vessels that rely on WESMAR Bow Thrusters for easy handling and maneuverability. In this picture, the Odyssey effortlessly cruises the Potomac River in Washington, D.C.*

designed and built the boat and worked hard to maintain the futuristic design they helped create. One of their biggest concerns while designing the boat was merging the ferry-like hull of the boat with its houseboat style deck and exterior. Like a large ferry with a flat bottom, the Odyssey III relies on a bow thruster to deftly maneuver in and out of massive docking slips and move sideways with ease. A bow thruster also comes in handy when Odyssey III navigates its girth under the famous bridges of the Potomac with clearances from 4' down to 1'. When Service Marine was designing the boat

they included an old standard when choosing bow thrusters: WESMAR. The yard uses WESMAR thrusters exclusively and they demanded a powerful DPC-350 for the Odyssey III. Powered by a Caterpillar 3116 engine with 300 hp, the thruster allows the ship to move around efficiently and smoothly in tight quarters, including those nasty bridges.



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