

Peppe de Valigia

Vessel Capabilities



Length: 7.49m
Beam: 2.5m
Motors: 2 x Honda 135hp (2023)
Survey: 2C 1+9 (10 people total)
Cruise speed: 26 knots
Max speed: 35 knots

Peppe de Valigia - a research boat perfect for West Australian conditions. At 7.5m, a proven offshore operator (recently completed research operations in Perth Canyon - March 2026) while an aluminium hull means she is still light enough to navigate shallow creeks at depths less than .6m! Other features include,

- Hard top roof, dry cabin and side clears means you will stay dry and out of the sun all day,
- Large dash space allows plenty of dry workspace for laptops.
- ***Huge deck with almost 6.5m² of clean space*** for equipment to be loaded (not including space in the lockable cab).
- Stern dive door with large low hanging ladder,
- Over 100nm day trip range (can be extended with additional fuel),
- Additional features: Satellite phone, autopilot, Lowrance HDS16 sounder/plotter, anchor winch, inverter, toilet and removable fold down bench seats.





6.5m² of clean deck space



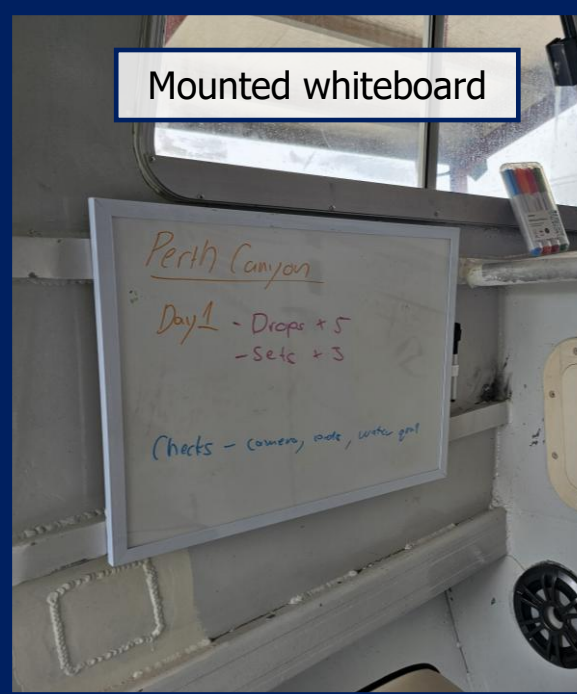
Removable bench seats



Dive door and extra-long ladder



Mounted whiteboard



Deep V offshore hull



Huge dry dash for laptops and equipment



Peppe de Valigia is named in memory of Giuseppe Tropiano. Peppe (Giuseppe) was a man who looked to the stars for inspiration. He was a dreamer, philosopher and traveller. There is a saying in Calabria, Italy for a man who is constantly travelling that translates to, *the man and his suitcase*. As a young man he was often seen carrying his small travelling suitcase (valigia) and this, coupled with his constant travel (as well as the fact that there were many Giuseppe's in the village) led to his friends giving him the nickname, *Peppe de Valigia*.





Skipper: Michael 'Tropi' Tropiano

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| Name: | Michael 'Tropi' Tropiano |
| Qualifications: | Master <24, MEDII, Marine Science (Hns) |
| Experience: | >15 years commercial vessel experience |

Tropi has worked as a commercial skipper on small vessels for over 15 years and has been driving boats for more than 20 years. His diversity of experience has seen him operate small vessels through a range of waters including navigating the icebergs and glaciers of Antarctica, traversing the bustling ports of Madagascar, crossing surging reefs breaks in the remote Easter Pacific Ocean and taking tours through the horizontal waterfalls in the Kimberley.

His specialty and where he holds a wealth of knowledge and experience is in the waters surrounding Ningaloo Reef. Tropi was the founding manager of the Minerdoon Exmouth Research Laboratory (MERL) and played a key role in establishing safety protocols and operational capabilities of all of MERL's research operations. For the first few years of operation he was the labs sole skipper and worked on a range of projects across the gulf, lagoon and offshore waters of Ningaloo Reef including designing, managing and skippering remote overnight multiday operations. Prior to the MERL he had skippered multiple small vessels for researchers and has amassed over 10 years experience operating vessels around Ningaloo. Tropi now operates his own research and tourism business out of Exmouth, Ningaloo Expeditions.

Peppe de Valigia is based out of Exmouth, but can easily be towed around the state and set up to match your needs. Tropi has experience in designing and leading remote field operations. If you would like to discuss availability or request assistance in designing a remote operation, please contact him,

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CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

*Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012, Schedule 1
Marine Order 503 (Certificates of survey – national law) 2018*

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Name of vessel PEPPE DE VALIGIA | Type of vessel Power Monohull | Unique vessel identifier 425705 | Certificate number COS-31522-009 |
| Measured length (m) 7.49 | Measured breadth (m) 2.50 | Measured depth (m) 1.60 | Gross tonnage (if applicable) |
| Engine make/type Honda (x2) | Engine power (kW) 100 | Hull material Aluminium | Survey frequency LOW |

Class(es) and number of persons this vessel is certified to carry

Note: the total number of passengers permitted on board is the sum of the unberthed and berthed values shown below

| Class | Crew | Unberthed passengers | Berthed passengers | Special personnel |
|-------|------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2C | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 |

Conditions

- The Owner must ensure that the Master has access to a copy of this document on board the vessel.
- Note: the vessel is fitted with level flotation and must not be modified.

This certificate is in force until 25 August 2028, unless suspended, revoked or cancelled.

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