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WALKER BAY INTRODUCES NEW GENESIS AND ODYSSEY TENDERS.

 WALKER BAY HAS INTRODUCED TWO LINES OF INFLATABLE BOATS, both incorporating innovations that might cause other builders to rethink their designs. Genesis RIBs (9', 10' and 11') rely on pressure-injected polypropylene hulls, which are lighter and more rigid than fiberglass. Poly allows complex shapes, including molded-in transom tabs to enhance performance, and a notch at the stern for improved water flow to the prop. Genesis RIBs are nimble-handling, and jump onto plane in just three seconds, with a top speed of 25 knots when matched to maximum-rated hp. For beaching, a replaceable urethane keel pad sacrifices itself on rocks. Genesis RIBs also have built-in wheels in the hull to aid moving on land. Price: from \$1,749.

But maybe you don't want a RIB. Walker Bay's flexible Odyssey inflatables (7' to 11') use Decitex tubes, and each model comes with either a high-pressure air floor or a slatted floor. The Odyssey air floor features integrated trim tabs that scoot the boat onto plane more quickly, while better supporting the weight of a four-stroke outboard. The deep-V bottom makes riding in chop more comfortable. Price: from \$999. www.walkerbaygenesis.com — Tim Banse