

Bastia to Solenzara

South down the straight, low east coast of Corsica, past the lagoon of Biguglia and the Roman site of Aléria, to Solenzara under the mountains of the Bavella.

DATE	Wednesday 9 June 2027
DISTANCE	56.4 nm, 6 legs
TIME	9 h 58 min
DEPART	08:30 CEST from Bastia. 2 hours 45 minutes after sunrise (05:44 CEST).
ARRIVE	About 18:28 CEST at Solenzara. In the early evening, with about 2 hours 30 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:56 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.2 m: no practical effect
WIND	Sea breezes from the east in the afternoon; the libeccio blows offshore here
BOAT	35 to 38 ft sailing yacht, 1.9 m draught, 6 kn under sail, 5.5 kn under engine
CREW	Skipper and 3 crew, 2 watches of 2



Track and waypoints 1 to 5, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 07:30 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No easterly above force 5: this coast has few harbours and faces east.
- ☐ Solenzara berth confirmed.
- ☐ No firing notice for the area off Solenzara (PING).

If the weather is wrong, stay in Bastia. Campoloro (Taverna) is the only marina on the way.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 1.5 nm off land except at the harbour ends. Distances and courses are calculated from them. Plot every one on the current chart before use. Courses are true.

#	WAYPOINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	COURSE	LEG NM	TOTAL NM	ETA	NOTES
0	Bastia, Port Toga	42°42.6'N	009°27.3'E				08:30 CEST	Depart.
1	Bastia approach	42°42.0'N	009°29.0'E	116°T	1.4	1.4	08:51 CEST	Clear of the harbours
2	Off Biguglia	42°36.0'N	009°34.0'E	148°T	7.0	8.4	10:01 CEST	3 nm off the beach.
3	Off Alistro	42°15.5'N	009°37.5'E	173°T	20.7	29.1	13:28 CEST	3 nm off the light (FI)
4	Off Aléria	42°06.0'N	009°36.5'E	184°T	9.5	38.6	15:03 CEST	3 nm off.
5	Solenzara approach	41°51.5'N	009°25.8'E	209°T	16.5	55.2	18:04 CEST	East of the harbour. CHECK ON THE CHART
6	Solenzara marina	41°51.5'N	009°24.2'E	270°T	1.2	56.4	18:28 CEST	Position approximate CHECK ON THE CHART

Tides and time

BASTIA · WED 9 JUN · CEST (UTC+2)

LW	07:51	0.2 m
HW	12:15	0.3 m
LW	19:21	0.2 m

From the Centuri station.

SOLENZARA · WED 9 JUN · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	01:12	0.9 m
LW	07:18	0.8 m
HW	14:16	1.0 m
LW	19:41	0.8 m

Wednesday 9 June 2027. **Tides.** The range here is 0.1 to 0.3 m: tides make no practical difference. Wind and air pressure move the sea level more than the tide does.

Tide times are predictions made for this plan from the TICON-4 harmonic constants (DGFI-TUM) with the Neaps tide predictor, because the official 2027 tables were not yet published when it was written. Tested against the official APDL table for Leixões on 23 July 2026, the

predicted times were within 8 minutes and the heights 0.1 to 0.2 m lower. Heights are above lowest astronomical tide. Check every time against the official 2027 table before sailing.

Daylight. Sunrise at Bastia 05:44 CEST. Sunset at Solenzara 20:56 CEST.

Weather

- **An exposed coast.** Straight beaches with only 1 marina between Bastia and Solenzara. Easterlies send a sea onto it.
- **Libeccio.** Blows offshore here, often gusty off the mountains.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Météo-France coastal zone Corse (BMS côte 02-04), with microzones Bastia to Solenzara, Solenzara to Chiappa, Chiappa to Sant'Amanza, and Bouches de Bonifacio; port forecasts for Bastia, Porto-Vecchio and Bonifacio. meteofrance.com/meteo-marine.
- CROSS: the Corsica sub-centre at Aspretto (Ajaccio) handles missions within about 20 nm of Corsica. Emergency 196 or VHF 16.
- NAVTEX Cagliari: 518 kHz, station T. Roma: 518 kHz, station R. Check the times on the receiver.
- French notices to mariners: PING, portail.ping-info-nautique.fr.

Hazards

- **Solenzara air base.** Base aérienne 126 at Solenzara is a NATO air-to-air and air-to-ground firing training base. Any danger area at sea off it could not be checked: look at the chart and PING before sailing.
- **Ferries off Bastia.** Fast ferries from Italy and the French mainland.
- **The shore.** Low and featureless, with fishing gear close in. Keep 3 nm off.
- **Anchoring in France.** The Mediterranean maritime prefecture's general anchoring rules apply along this coast (arrêté 123/2019), with stricter rules on seagrass (posidonia) meadows mainly aimed at yachts of 20 to 45 m and over, and a limit on how long a boat may stay at anchor (arrêté 77/2025). The limit itself was not checked for this plan. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Bastia	Start	Within the first hour	Port Toga +33 4 95 34 90 70; Vieux Port +33 4 95 31 31 10.
Campoloro (Taverna)	3 nm from waypoint 3	Weather turns	Marina. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Solenzara	Destination	First choice	Marina, +33 4 95 57 46 42.

Pilotage

LEAVING BASTIA

1. Leave Port Toga and head out east, clear of the ferries, then south.

ENTERING SOLENZARA

1. Approach from the east.
2. Call the marina (+33 4 95 57 46 42). VHF and depths: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Alistro	Fl(2) 12s, 96 m, 23 M
Solenzara harbour	CHECK ON THE CHART

Communications

Port Toga, Bastia	+33 4 95 34 90 70
Solenzara marina	+33 4 95 57 46 42
Emergency at sea (CROSS)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · telephone 196, free, 24 h
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Easterly rises.** Stop at Campoloro.
- **Person overboard.** Shout, point, throw the danger buoy, press MOB, DSC distress alert, Mayday on 16.

Before leaving

- ☐ Forecasts read and logged before the go or no-go time
- ☐ French notices to mariners (PING) checked for the route
- ☐ Waypoints entered and checked against the chart
- ☐ Ship's log started in UTC
- ☐ Crew briefing: route, watches, safety gear, MOB, fog
- ☐ Solenzara berth booked
- ☐ Firing notices checked on PING

- ☐ Fuel for 10 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 11 hours
- ☐ Lifejackets with crotch straps, jackstays rigged, harnesses
- ☐ Liferaft, grab bag, flares in date, handheld VHF
- ☐ Radar, AIS and navigation lights tested
- ☐ Passports, boat papers and insurance aboard

Sources

- Solenzara air base: French Wikipedia, “Base aérienne 126 Solenzara”.
- Météo-France: meteofrance.com/meteo-marine (Corse, port forecasts).
- Préfecture maritime: premar-mediterranee.gouv.fr; PING.
- Corsican ports: resaportcorse.com directory; marina.portivechju.corsica.
- Lights in Corsica: French Wikipedia lighthouse pages (Alistro, Chiappa, Lavezzi, Pertusato).
- Tides: predictions from TICON-4 harmonic constants (Hart-Davis, Dettmering and Seitz, DGFI-TUM, 2025, doi 10.17882/109129) with Neaps (openwaters.io). Check against the Instituto Hidrográfico 2027 tables.
- Sunrise and sunset: calculated (NOAA method).
- Lights: The Lighthouse Directory (Rowlett), ibiblio.org/lighthouse, Portugal pages revised August 2024. Cross-check with the IH List of Lights, volume I.
- Pilot: RCC Pilotage Foundation, Atlantic Spain and Portugal, 9th edition (2025).

A planning exercise to RYA Yachtmaster standard. Not for navigation: use current official charts, the pilot book and the forecasts on the day.