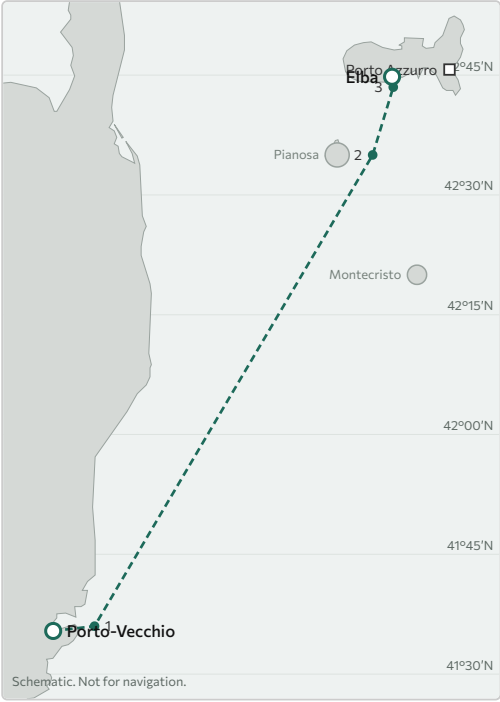


Porto-Vecchio to Elba

The longest open crossing of the summer: about 84 nautical miles north-east across the Tyrrhenian Sea, west of Montecristo and east of Pianosa, to Marina di Campo on the south coast of Elba.

DATE	Tuesday 15 June 2027
DISTANCE	84.1 nm, 4 legs
TIME	14 h 32 min
DEPART	05:45 CEST from Porto-Vecchio. At first light, 5 minutes before sunrise (05:48 CEST), after the weather day at Porto-Vecchio.
ARRIVE	About 20:17 CEST at Elba. In the evening, with only about 40 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:59 CEST). The tightest arrival of the voyage.
TIDES	Range about 0.2 m: no practical effect
WIND	Light in settled summer weather; a libeccio (south-west) would be fair but bring a sea
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. A 14-hour day: meals prepared ahead



Track and waypoints 1 to 3, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide the evening before and confirm at 05:30 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ Settled forecast for the whole day: no wind above force 5 from any direction, and none from the south, which Marina di Campo faces.

- ☐ Marina di Campo berth confirmed, or Porto Azzurro as the plan.
- ☐ Crew rested: this is a 14-hour day.

This is the leg the weather day at Porto-Vecchio is for. If the forecast is still wrong, wait another day; Elba to Giglio is short and can be joined to the next leg.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 2 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	Porto-Vecchio marina	41°35.4'N	009°17.0'E				05:45 CEST	Depart at first light.
1	Gulf of Porto-Vecchio entrance	41°36.0'N	009°24.0'E	083°T	5.3	5.3	06:48 CEST	Out of the gulf.
2	East of Pianosa	42°35.0'N	010°11.0'E	030°T	68.6	73.9	18:14 CEST	4 nm east of Pianosa, strip. Montecristo is 1 the track, well clear.
3	Marina di Campo approach	42°43.5'N	010°14.5'E	017°T	8.9	82.7	19:51 CEST	In the bay. CHECK ON THE CHART
4	Marina di Campo	42°44.8'N	010°14.3'E	354°T	1.3	84.1	20:17 CEST	Harbour at the head of approximate. CHECK ON THE CHART

Tides and time

PORTO-VECCHIO · TUE 15 JUN · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	06:17	1.4 m
LW	12:55	1.2 m
HW	19:03	1.3 m

From the Solenzara station.

ELBA · TUE 15 JUN · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	07:14	0.2 m
LW	13:31	0.0 m
HW	19:51	0.2 m

From the Marina Di Campo station.

Tuesday 15 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.

Elba uses the Marina di Campo station.

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 Porto-Vecchio 05:48 CEST. Sunset at Elba 20:59 CEST.

Weather

- **Open sea.** 70 nm with no shelter except the islands, most of which are closed to boats.
- **Settled in summer.** Light winds are likely; the leg may be a long motor.

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.
- Italian forecasts: Aeronautica Militare Meteomar and gale warnings (avviso di burrasca), meteoam.it. Forecast area Mar Ligure. Zone names and issue times: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- NAVTEX Roma: 518 kHz, station R, at 0250, 0650, 1050, 1450, 1850 and 2250 UTC. Cagliari: 518 kHz, station T. Check the times on the receiver.
- Italian coast radio VHF weather broadcasts: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

Hazards

- **Montecristo.** A strict nature reserve: navigation, access, mooring and anchoring are banned in zone 1, which takes in the island and its waters out to about 1 km. Landing is limited to guided visits. The route passes well west of it.
- **Pianosa.** Fishing, bathing and the passage of boats are banned within 1 nm of the coast. The route passes 4 nm east of the island.
- **Marina di Campo.** The bay faces south. Berths, depths and VHF could not be checked.

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- **Pelagos Sanctuary.** The Ligurian Sea, from Toulon to northern Sardinia and Tuscany, is a sanctuary for whales and dolphins. Follow its code of conduct: keep a safe distance, slow down, hold a steady course, and never approach a group with calves. Fin whales and sperm whales are seen on the crossing to Capraia. Report sightings to the Pelagos secretariat (+377 92 16 11 55).

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Porto-Vecchio	Start	Within the first 2 hours	Marina.
Porto Azzurro	8 nm east of Marina di Campo	Campo full or exposed	Marina, VHF 9, +39 0565 914797, 3 kn, fuel.
Portoferraio	On Elba's north coast	Alternative	Marina Esaom Cesa, VHF 10, about 300 berths, 6.5 m.

Pilotage

LEAVING PORTO-VECCHIO

1. Leave at first light and follow the channel out of the gulf.
2. Set the course north-east for the gap between Pianosa and Montecristo.

ENTERING MARINA DI CAMPO

1. From east of Pianosa, head north into the bay of Marina di Campo.
2. Call the harbour for a berth. VHF and phone: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
3. Have the boat's registration, insurance with an Italian addendum and a crew list ready: Elba's marinas ask for them.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Chiappa	65 m, 23 M
Elba lights	CHECK ON THE CHART

Communications

Porto Azzurro marina (Sacomar)	VHF 9 · +39 0565 914797 · info@sacomar.it
Marina Esaom Cesa, Portoferraio	VHF 10 · +39 347 640 1030
Tuscan Archipelago National Park	+39 0565 919411
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530

Contingencies

- **Behind time.** If waypoint 2 is not reached by 13:00 CEST, turn back to Porto-Vecchio or bear away for Bastia rather than arrive after dark.
- **Weather mid-crossing.** Run for Elba's south coast; do not approach Pianosa or Montecristo.
- **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) and Italian notices to mariners (Avvisi ai naviganti) 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
- ☐ Meals for a 14-hour day prepared
- ☐ Insurance with an Italian addendum aboard

- ☐ Fuel for 15 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 16 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

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