

Ponza to Ischia

East past Ventotene, a small volcanic island with a Roman harbour cut into the rock, and across the Gulf of Gaeta to Ischia, the green, hot-spring island at the mouth of the Bay of Naples.

DATE	Tuesday 22 June 2027
DISTANCE	44.0 nm, 5 legs
TIME	7 h 45 min
DEPART	08:30 CEST from Ponza. 2 hours 55 minutes after sunrise (05:37 CEST).
ARRIVE	About 16:15 CEST at Ischia. In the afternoon, with about 4 hours 25 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:39 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.3 m: no practical effect
WIND	Sea breezes; the maestrale (north-west) in the afternoon is common in summer
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 4, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

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

- ☐ No wind above force 5.
- ☐ Casamicciola berth confirmed.
- ☐ Visibility 3 nm or more.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Ponza. Ventotene's harbour is small; Gaeta and Formia are on the mainland 20 nm north.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 1 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 di Ponza	40°53.6'N	012°58.0'E				08:30 CEST	Depart.
1	Ponza approach	40°53.8'N	012°58.8'E	072°T	0.6	0.6	08:40 CEST	Out of the harbour.
2	North of Ventotene	40°49.5'N	013°25.5'E	102°T	20.7	21.3	12:06 CEST	1 nm north of Ventotene. The area east of it, is zone A; keep 1 nm. zone B is allowed beyond the coast.
3	North-west of Ischia	40°46.5'N	013°50.0'E	099°T	18.8	40.1	15:14 CEST	Off Punta Caruso. The area is a marine protected area.
4	Casamicciola approach	40°45.6'N	013°54.5'E	105°T	3.5	43.6	16:07 CEST	North of the harbour. CHECK ON THE CHART
5	Marina di Casamicciola	40°45.2'N	013°54.6'E	169°T	0.4	44.0	16:15 CEST	Position approximate. CHECK ON THE CHART

Tides and time

PONZA · TUE 22 JUN · CEST (UTC+2)

LW	05:52	0.1 m
HW	11:35	0.2 m
LW	17:42	0.0 m

ISCHIA · TUE 22 JUN · CEST (UTC+2)

LW	06:01	0.1 m
HW	11:49	0.2 m
LW	18:01	-0.0 m

From the Napoli station.

Tuesday 22 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.

Ischia uses the Napoli 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 Ponza 05:37 CEST. Sunset at Ischia 20:39 CEST.

Weather

- **Maestrale.** The north-westerly fills in during the afternoon in settled summer weather and is fair on this leg.
- **Ischia's north coast** is open to the north.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Italian forecasts: Aeronautica Militare Meteomar and gale warnings (avviso di burrasca), meteoam.it. Forecast area Tirreno centrale, then Tirreno meridionale. Zone names and issue times: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- NAVTEX Roma: 518 kHz, station R. Cagliari: station T. Augusta: station V, further south. Check the times on the receiver.
- Italian coast radio VHF weather broadcasts: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

Hazards

- **Ventotene and Santo Stefano marine protected area.** Zone A round Santo Stefano: no navigation, no stopping. Zone B: navigation allowed beyond 500 m from the coast. Keep the island 1 nm off on passage.
- **Regno di Nettuno marine protected area** round Ischia, Procida and Vivara, with zones that limit anchoring and speed near the coast. The zone limits could not be checked against the chart. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- **Gaeta.** Military areas in the Gulf of Gaeta could not be checked.
- **Ferries and hydrofoils** between Naples, Pozzuoli, Procida and Ischia, at speed. Keep a lookout off Casamicciola.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Ponza	Start	Within the first hour	Harbour.
Ventotene	1 nm south of waypoint 2	Emergency	Small harbour. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Casamicciola	Destination	First choice	Marina, VHF 8, 081 996535, up to 5 m depth.
Ischia Porto	2 nm east of Casamicciola	Alternative	CHECK THE PILOT BOOK

Pilotage

LEAVING PONZA

- 1. Leave the harbour and head east-south-east for Ventotene.

ENTERING MARINA DI CASAMICCIOLA

- 1. Approach from the north-west along Ischia's north coast, 1 nm off.
- 2. Call the marina on VHF 8 (081 996535) for a berth. Depths up to 5 m.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Ponza, Punta della Guardia	Fl(3) 30s, 112 m, 24 M
Ventotene	Fl 5s
Ischia, Punta Imperatore	Fl(2) 15s, 164 m, 22 M
Ischia, Castello Aragonese	LFl 6s

Communications

Marina di Casamicciola	VHF 8 · 081 996535
Ponza harbour office	CHECK ON THE CHART
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Wind rising from the north.** Go round to Ischia's south side or into Procida.
- **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
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Casamicciola berth booked

- ☐ Fuel for 8 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 9 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

- Ventotene and Santo Stefano: riservaventotene.it (zoning).
- Regno di Nettuno marine protected area (Ischia, Procida, Vivara): areamarinaprotettaregnodinettuno.it.
- Marina di Casamicciola: marinadicasicamicciola.it.
- Lights in Italy: Wikipedia, List of lighthouses in Italy (characteristics, heights, ranges); check against the Italian Navy list of lights (Elenco dei fari).
- NAVTEX: NGA Pub 117, chapter 3.
- Pelagos Sanctuary: pelagos-sanctuary.org; islepark.it.
- Italian harbour ordinances (Capitanerie di porto) could not be read for this plan: guardiacostiera.gov.it was unreachable. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- 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.