

Ischia to Salerno

Across the Bay of Naples past Capri, through the Bocca Piccola to swim in the bay of Ieranto under Punta Campanella, then along the Amalfi Coast past Positano and Amalfi to Salerno.

DATE	Thursday 24 June 2027
DISTANCE	48.6 nm, 11 legs
TIME	10 h 45 min, including 1.5 h stopped
DEPART	08:00 CEST from Ischia. 2 hours 25 minutes after sunrise (05:34 CEST), after the rest day on Ischia.
ARRIVE	About 18:45 CEST at Salerno. In the early evening, after the Ieranto stop, with about 1 hour 50 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:35 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.3 m: no practical effect
WIND	Sea breezes; the Amalfi Coast is sheltered from the north
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. The Ieranto stop needs a booked buoy: see Hazards



Track and waypoints 1 to 10, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 07:00 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5, and no southerly above force 4: the Amalfi Coast faces south.
- ☐ Marina d'Arechi berth confirmed.
- ☐ For the stop only: an Ieranto buoy booked, and the sea calm.

If the weather is wrong, stay on Ischia. In a southerly, go to Naples or Castellammare inside the bay instead.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 0.5 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	Marina di Casamicciola	40°45.2'N	013°54.6'E				08:00 CEST	Depart.
1	Casamicciola approach	40°45.6'N	013°54.5'E	349°T	0.4	0.4	08:06 CEST	Out of the ha
2	Off Ischia Castello	40°44.0'N	013°59.0'E	115°T	3.8	4.2	08:44 CEST	1 nm east of t
3	North of Capri	40°34.5'N	014°13.5'E	131°T	14.5	18.7	11:09 CEST	1 nm north of
4	Bocca Piccola	40°33.6'N	014°17.5'E	106°T	3.2	21.9	11:47 CEST	The strait bet Campanella. P protected are
5	Ieranto bay	40°34.6'N	014°20.7'E	068°T	2.6	24.5	12:40 CEST to 14:10	Swim stop on maximum. Po CHECK ON
6	South of Li Galli	40°33.0'N	014°25.5'E	114°T	4.0	28.5	14:50 CEST	Outside the z Galli.
7	Off Positano	40°36.5'N	014°29.0'E	037°T	4.4	32.9	15:34 CEST	1 nm off.
8	Off Amalfi	40°36.8'N	014°36.0'E	087°T	5.3	38.2	16:27 CEST	1 nm off.
9	Off Capo d'Orso	40°37.0'N	014°41.5'E	087°T	4.2	42.4	17:09 CEST	1 nm off.
10	Arechi approach	40°38.0'N	014°48.5'E	079°T	5.4	47.8	18:30 CEST	South of the e
11	Marina d'Arechi	40°38.7'N	014°48.6'E	009°T	0.7	48.6	18:45 CEST	Position from m.

Tides and time

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HW	01:25	0.3 m
LW	07:15	0.1 m
HW	13:05	0.2 m

LW	19:16	0.0 m
From the Napoli station.		
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HW	01:09	0.3 m
LW	07:01	0.1 m
HW	12:57	0.2 m
LW	19:01	0.1 m

Thursday 24 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 Ischia 05:34 CEST. Sunset at Salerno 20:35 CEST.

Weather

- **Settled in summer.** Light winds and sea breezes.
- **Southerlies** send a sea onto the Amalfi Coast, which has few harbours: Amalfi and Positano are small and crowded.

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

- **Punta Campanella marine protected area.** Zone A (no navigation, no stopping) round the Vetara rock and Li Galli islets and round the Vervece rock. Speed limit 5 kn within 300 m of the coast and 10 kn beyond, inside the area. The leranto bay buoys are 3, must be booked, and allow a 2-hour maximum stay; buoy 3 takes boats in 10 to 15 m. Capitaneria di Castellammare di Stabia 081 871 1077.
- **Capri.** Heavy ferry, hydrofoil and tour-boat traffic round Marina Grande and the Faraglioni. Local anchoring ordinances could not be checked. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- **Tour boats** along the Amalfi Coast all day in summer.
- **Salerno.** Commercial port and ferries west of Marina d'Arechi.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Ischia	Start	Within the first hour	Casamicciola or Ischia Porto.
Capri, Marina Grande	Waypoint 3	Weather turns	VHF 71, +39 081 8377602, about €200 per day.
Amalfi	Waypoint 8	Emergency	Small harbour. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Marina d'Arechi	Destination	First choice	VHF 74, +39 089 2788801.

Pilotage

LEAVING CASAMICCIOLA

1. Leave the marina and head east, then south-east past the Castello for Capri.

ENTERING MARINA D'ARECHI

1. Approach from the south-west, east of the Salerno port breakwaters.
2. Call the marina on VHF 74 (+39 089 2788801). Entrance 8 m.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Capri, Punta Carena	Fl 3s, 73 m, 25 M
Punta Campanella	Fl 5s
Li Galli	Fl 5s
Salerno moles	Fl G 5s and Fl R 5s

Communications

Marina d'Arechi	VHF 74 · +39 089 2788801
Capri, Marina Grande	VHF 71 · +39 081 8377602
Capitaneria di Castellammare di Stabia	081 871 1077
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **No leranto buoy.** Swim off the boat outside the protected area, or skip the stop.
- **Southerly rising.** Turn back into the Bay of Naples.
- **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
- ☐ Marina d'Arechi berth booked
- ☐ Leranto buoy booked

- ☐ 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

- Punta Campanella: puntacampanella.org (zoning, leranto buoys).
- Marina d'Arechi: marinadarechi.it.
- Capri Marina Grande: portoturisticoedicapri.com.
- 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.