

Siracusa to Pozzallo

South round Capo Murro di Porco, with a swim in the Plemmirio marine protected area, down the coast past the Vendicari reserve to Capo Passero, the south-east corner of Sicily, then west to Pozzallo.

DATE	Tuesday 6 July 2027
DISTANCE	49.1 nm, 9 legs
TIME	11 h 17 min, including 1.5 h stopped
DEPART	07:00 CEST from Siracusa. 1 hour 15 minutes after sunrise (05:45 CEST), after the rest day at Siracusa.
ARRIVE	About 18:17 CEST at Pozzallo. In the early evening, after the Plemmirio stop, with about 2 hours 5 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:22 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.2 m: no practical effect
WIND	Sea breezes; Capo Passero accelerates any wind
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 Plemmirio stop is in the 2 sand areas where anchoring is allowed



Track and waypoints 1 to 8, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 06:00 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5: Capo Passero adds a force.
- ☐ Pozzallo berth confirmed, or Marina di Ragusa as the plan.

☐ For the stop only: the sea calm in the bay west of Capo Murro di Porco.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Siracusa. Marzamemi, just north of Capo Passero, is the harbour on the way.

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	Siracusa, Porto Grande	37°03.6'N	015°17.1'E				07:00 CEST	Depart.
1	Porto Grande approach	37°02.8'N	015°18.5'E	126°T	1.4	1.4	07:21 CEST	Out of the harbour
2	East of the Plemmirio area	37°01.5'N	015°21.8'E	116°T	2.9	4.3	07:56 CEST	Outside the harbour
3	South of the Plemmirio area	36°59.2'N	015°21.0'E	196°T	2.4	6.7	08:25 CEST	Outside the harbour
4	Plemmirio, south sand area	37°00.1'N	015°16.9'E	285°T	3.4	10.1	09:16 CEST to 10:46	Swim stop at 09:16, anchoring all day at 36°59.990'N and 15°17.115'E
5	Off Vendicari	36°48.0'N	015°08.5'E	209°T	13.8	24.0	13:04 CEST	2 nm off the tip
6	East of Capo Passero	36°41.5'N	015°11.0'E	163°T	6.8	30.8	14:12 CEST	1 nm off the island
7	South of Isola delle Correnti	36°37.5'N	015°04.5'E	233°T	6.6	37.3	15:18 CEST	1 nm off. The island is small
8	Pozzallo approach	36°42.4'N	014°52.0'E	296°T	11.2	48.5	18:05 CEST	South of the island
9	Pozzallo	36°43.0'N	014°51.9'E	352°T	0.6	49.1	18:17 CEST	Small-craft harbour

Tides and time

SIRACUSA · TUE 6 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	05:27	0.1 m
LW	11:15	0.0 m

HW	17:40	0.2 m
From the Catania station.		
POZZALLO · TUE 6 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)		
HW	05:27	0.1 m
LW	11:15	0.0 m
HW	17:40	0.2 m

From the Catania station.

Tuesday 6 July 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.

Both ends use the Catania 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 Siracusa 05:45 CEST. Sunset at Pozzallo 20:22 CEST.

Weather

- **Capo Passero.** Winds and sea build round the cape, where the Ionian meets the Strait of Sicily.
- **Pozzallo** faces south; a southerly sends a sea into the approach.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

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

Hazards

- **Plemmirio marine protected area**, round Capo Murro di Porco. Zone A (no navigation, anchoring or mooring) off the cape between 36°59.94'N and 37°01.04'N, east of the coast to 15°20.45'E. Zone B: sail allowed, engine at 5 kn, no anchoring, mooring only on the park's buoys. Zone C (the rest, out to 15°21.15'E and down to 36°59.44'N): engine at 10 kn, anchoring only on sand in 2 marked areas. Buoys need a paid authorisation bought online (pagoPA), which asks for an Italian fiscal code or the country of residence. Consorzio Plemmirio 0931 449310, info@plemmirio.it.
- **Vendicari**. A nature reserve on land with its own rules for the shore. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- **Pozzallo**. A commercial port with the daily fast ferry to Malta and a small northern harbour for fishing and leisure craft, up to about 150 boats. Visitor berths, VHF and depths could not be checked. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- **Fishing gear** off Capo Passero and Marzamemi.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Siracusa	Start	Within the first hour	Porto Grande.
Marzamemi	3 nm north of Capo Passero	Weather turns	CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Marina di Ragusa	10 nm west of Pozzallo	Pozzallo full	VHF 74, +39 0932 230301, 700 berths, 2.5 to 5 m.

Pilotage

LEAVING SIRACUSA

1. Leave the Porto Grande and pass east and south of the Plemmirio area, outside its limits.

INTO POZZALLO

1. Round Isola delle Correnti 1 nm off and head west-north-west along the coast.
2. Approach from the south, watching for the Malta ferry. Call the harbour for a berth:

[CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Capo Murro di Porco	Fl 5s, 34 m, 17 M
Capo Passero	Fl(2) 10s, 39 m, 11 M

Isola delle Correnti	Fl 4s, 16 m, 11 M
Pozzallo	CHECK ON THE CHART
Communications	
Consorzio Plemmirio	0931 449310 · info@plemmirio.it
Marina di Ragusa	VHF 74 · +39 0932 230301 · info@portomarinadiragusa.com
Pozzallo harbour	CHECK ON THE CHART
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112
Contingencies	
• Swell at Plemmirio. Skip the stop. • Pozzallo full or exposed. Go on to Marina di Ragusa, 10 nm west. • 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 ☐ Pozzallo berth booked, or Marina di Ragusa ☐ Passports ready: the next leg leaves Italy for Malta, inside Schengen	
☐ Fuel for 9 hours under engine, plus a reserve ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 10 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

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- Marina di Ragusa: portoturisticoamarinadiragusa.it.
- Lights: English Wikipedia, Capo Passero and Isola delle Correnti lighthouses.
- Plemmirio: plemmirio.eu (decree of 15 September 2004; disciplinare 2022; ormeggio).
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- 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.
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- 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.