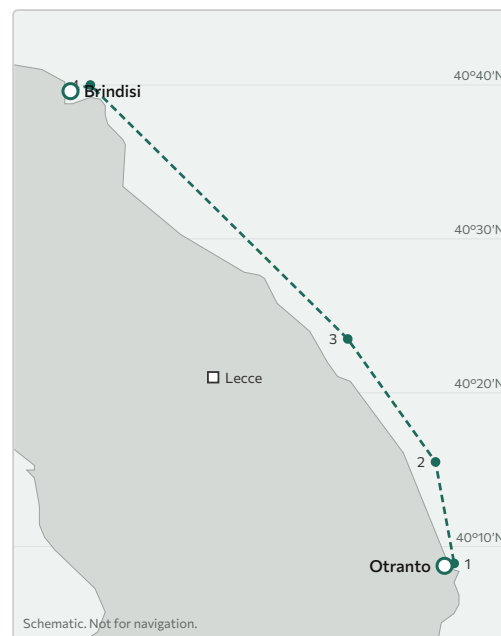


Otranto to Brindisi

North-west up the low Adriatic coast of the Salento, past San Cataldo, to Brindisi, the Roman port at the end of the Via Appia.

DATE	Monday 19 July 2027
DISTANCE	42.1 nm, 5 legs
TIME	8 h 04 min
DEPART	08:30 CEST from Otranto. 2 hours 55 minutes after sunrise (05:33 CEST).
ARRIVE	About 16:34 CEST at Brindisi. In the afternoon, with about 3 hours 40 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:15 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.3 m: no practical effect
WIND	The maestrale is on the nose in the afternoon
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, and no north-westerly above force 4: it is on the nose.
- ☐ Marina di Brindisi berth confirmed.
- ☐ Visibility 3 nm or more: ferries and ships use the port.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Otranto. San Foca and San Cataldo are small harbours on the way.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 1.2 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	Otranto, Lega Navale	40°08.8'N	018°29.8'E				08:30 CEST	Depart.
1	Otranto approach	40°08.9'N	018°30.6'E	077°T	0.7	0.7	08:40 CEST	Out to the east, then
2	Off Torre Sant'Andrea	40°15.5'N	018°29.0'E	350°T	6.7	7.4	09:47 CEST	2 nm off.
3	Off San Cataldo	40°23.5'N	018°21.5'E	324°T	9.8	17.2	11:25 CEST	2.5 nm off the light.
4	Brindisi approach	40°40.0'N	017°59.5'E	315°T	23.5	40.7	16:07 CEST	North of the Pedagne ships: listen on VHF 10
5	Marina di Brindisi	40°39.6'N	017°57.8'E	253°T	1.4	42.1	16:34 CEST	Between Isola Sant'A Mare. Position approx
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Tides and time

OTRANTO · MON 19 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	04:55	0.2 m
LW	10:38	0.0 m
HW	17:13	0.3 m
LW	23:41	0.0 m

BRINDISI · MON 19 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	04:50	0.2 m
LW	10:23	0.1 m
HW	16:55	0.2 m
LW	23:32	0.0 m

From the Taranto station.

Monday 19 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.

Brindisi uses the Taranto 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 Otranto 05:33 CEST. Sunset at Brindisi 20:15 CEST.

Weather

- **Maestrale** on the nose in the afternoon: an early start keeps it short.
- **Brindisi marina** is sheltered from the maestrale and exposed to the scirocco.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Italian forecasts: Aeronautica Militare Meteomar and gale warnings (avviso di burrasca), meteoam.it. Forecast areas Ionio, Adriatico meridionale and Adriatico centrale. Zone names and issue times: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- NAVTEX: Italian stations cover the Ionian and Adriatic; check the station letters and times on the receiver. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- Italian coast radio VHF weather broadcasts: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

Hazards

- **Brindisi port.** An industrial outer harbour, a commercial middle harbour and ferries to Greece and Albania. Military areas and the rules for pleasure craft in the port could not be read. Keep clear of ships and follow the harbour office's instructions on VHF.
- **The Pedagne islands** lie east of the harbour entrance; enter north of them.
- **Fishing gear** close in along the Salento coast.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Otranto	Start	Within the first hour	Lega Navale.
San Cataldo	Waypoint 3	Weather turns	Small harbour. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Brindisi	Destination	First choice	Marina di Brindisi, VHF 08, 638 berths.

Pilotage

LEAVING OTRANTO

1. Leave the harbour and head north, 1.5 nm off the coast.

INTO BRINDISI

1. Approach from the east, north of the Pedagne islands, keeping clear of ships.
2. Call Marina di Brindisi on VHF 08 (+39 0831 411516). Depths up to 11 m.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Torre Sant'Andrea	FI(2) WR 7s, 15/12 M
San Cataldo	LFI 5s, 16 M
Brindisi, Castello a Mare	FI(4) 20s, 21 M
Le Pedagne	FI(2) R 6s, 8 M

Communications

Marina di Brindisi	VHF 08 · +39 0831 411516 · info@marinadibrindisi.it
Lega Navale Brindisi	0831 412114
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Maestrale rising.** Stop at San Cataldo or San Foca.
- **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 di Brindisi berth booked (2026 rate for 12 m in August: €100 per day)

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