

Brindisi to Monopoli

North-west past the Torre Guaceto marine reserve and the dunes and olive groves of the Brindisi coast to Monopoli, a white fishing town with an old harbour inside its walls.

DATE	Wednesday 21 July 2027
DISTANCE	38.3 nm, 6 legs
TIME	7 h 28 min
DEPART	09:30 CEST from Brindisi. Mid-morning, after the rest day at Brindisi.
ARRIVE	About 16:58 CEST at Monopoli. In the late afternoon, with about 3 hours 20 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:17 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 5, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 08:30 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5, and no north-westerly above force 4.
- ☐ Monopoli berth confirmed: see Hazards.
- ☐ Visibility 2 nm or more.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Brindisi. Savelletri and Torre Canne 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 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 Brindisi	40°39.6'N	017°57.8'E				09:30 CEST	Depart.
1	Brindisi approach	40°40.0'N	017°59.5'E	073°T	1.4	1.4	09:50 CEST	Out of the harbour, no
2	Off Torre Guaceto	40°45.0'N	017°52.0'E	311°T	7.6	8.9	11:06 CEST	Outside the marine p
3	North of Torre Guaceto	40°47.5'N	017°46.5'E	301°T	4.9	13.8	11:55 CEST	Outside the area's no
4	Off Torre Canne	40°51.0'N	017°29.5'E	285°T	13.3	27.1	14:08 CEST	1 nm off the light.
5	Monopoli approach	40°57.8'N	017°19.0'E	311°T	10.5	37.6	16:45 CEST	North-east of the har
6	Monopoli, Cala Curatori	40°57.3'N	017°18.4'E	222°T	0.7	38.3	16:58 CEST	Lega Navale basin. Po

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Tides and time

BRINDISI · WED 21 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	05:42	0.2 m
LW	11:21	0.1 m
HW	17:52	0.2 m

From the Taranto station.

MONOPOLI · WED 21 JUL · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	06:02	0.2 m
LW	11:27	0.0 m
HW	18:00	0.3 m

From the Bari station.

Wednesday 21 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 and **Monopoli** the Bari 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 Brindisi 05:35 CEST. Sunset at Monopoli 20:17 CEST.

Weather

- **Maestrale** on the nose in the afternoon.
- **Monopoli** is sheltered from the north-east swell by its breakwaters.

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

- **Torre Guaceto marine protected area**, north of Brindisi, about 8 km of coast out to the 50 m line. Its outer limit runs through 40°45'24"N 17°46'04"E, 40°43'15"N 17°50'56"E, 40°41'44"N 17°49'36"E and 40°43'24"N 17°46'00"E. Zone A: no navigation, access, mooring or stopping. Zone B: regulated use. Zone C: navigation allowed. Anchoring rules and speed limits could not be read. The route passes outside the area. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- **Monopoli berths.** The Lega Navale basin at Cala Curatori (VHF 9) takes boats up to 12.00 m and 3.00 m draught, so a 12 m yacht is at the limit, and its transit berths are for Lega Navale members. Other options are the Porto Rosso marina and the harbour quays; their details could not be checked. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- **Secca di Punta della Trave**, about 3 m, inside Monopoli harbour.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Brindisi	Start	Within the first hour	Marina.
Savelletri	6 nm south-east of Monopoli	Weather turns	Small harbour. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Monopoli	Destination	First choice	Harbour.

Pilotage

LEAVING BRINDISI

1. Leave the marina and the harbour north of the Pedagne, then head north-west, outside Torre Guaceto.

INTO MONOPOLI

1. Approach from the north-east between the Diga di Tramontana and the Molo Margherita.
2. Call the Lega Navale on VHF 9 (080 930 1341) or the berth you have booked.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Brindisi, Castello a Mare	Fl(4) 20s, 21 M
Punta Torre Canne	Fl(2) 10s, 35 m, 16 M
Monopoli, Diga di Tramontana	Fl G 3s, 8 M
Monopoli, Molo Margherita	Fl R 3s, 8 M

Communications

Lega Navale Monopoli	VHF 9 · 080 930 1341 · monopoli@leganavale.it
Port authority office, Monopoli	+39 080 937 6645
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **No berth at Monopoli.** Go on to Bari, 22 nm north-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
- ☐ Monopoli berth booked

- ☐ Fuel for 7 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 8 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

- Torre Guaceto: Italian Wikipedia (the reserve's site was unreachable).
- Monopoli: leganavale.it/monopoli; adspmam.it.
- Lights in Puglia and Calabria: English Wikipedia, List of lighthouses in Italy; Italian Wikipedia lighthouse pages (Capo Santa Maria di Leuca, Punta Palascia, Capo Colonna).
- Port descriptions: Italian Wikipedia, Porto di Brindisi, Porto di Monopoli, Porto di Bari, Porto di Trani, Vieste.
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- 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.