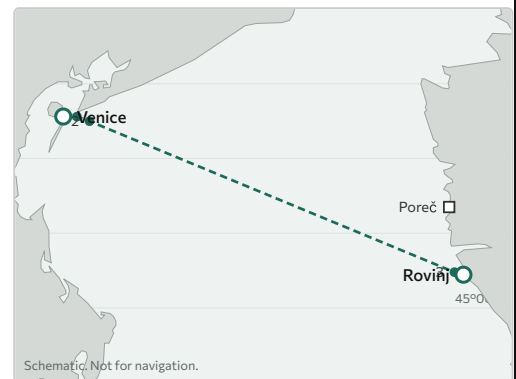


Venice to Rovinj

Out of the Venice lagoon and east across the top of the Adriatic to Istria and Rovinj, a Venetian town on a hill crowned by the bell tower of St Euphemia.

DATE	Wednesday 4 August 2027
DISTANCE	57.8 nm, 4 legs
TIME	9 h 23 min
DEPART	07:00 CEST from Venice. 1 hour after sunrise (05:58 CEST), after the rest day in Venice.
ARRIVE	About 16:23 CEST at Rovinj. In the afternoon, with about 4 hours 5 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:29 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 1 m at Venice: the flood runs into the Lido inlet against the yacht at the start. See Tides
WIND	Sea breezes; a bora is the main danger
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. Croatian courtesy flag ready



Track and waypoints 1 to 3, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

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

- ☐ No bora forecast, and no wind above force 5.
- ☐ ACI Rovinj berth confirmed.
- ☐ Croatian entry steps confirmed with the Rovinj harbour master: see Hazards.
- ☐ Visibility 3 nm or more.

If the weather is wrong, stay in Venice.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 1.5 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 Santelena	45°25.6'N	012°22.0'E				07:00 CEST	Depart. Slow speed, no
1	Lido inlet	45°25.6'N	012°24.6'E	091°T	1.8	1.8	07:27 CEST	Out by the San Nicolò
2	Lido approach	45°25.0'N	012°27.0'E	110°T	1.8	3.6	07:49 CEST	Clear of the inlet. Set
3	Rovinj approach	45°04.8'N	013°36.5'E	112°T	53.0	56.6	15:58 CEST	West of Sv. Katarina i
4	ACI Marina Rovinj	45°04.4'N	013°38.2'E	106°T	1.3	57.8	16:23 CEST	South of the old tower approximate.

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Tides and time

VENICE · WED 4 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

LW	05:51	-0.3 m
HW	12:44	0.8 m
LW	18:22	0.1 m
HW	23:54	0.7 m

From the Venezia station.

ROVINJ · WED 4 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	12:41	0.6 m
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From the KOPER station.

Wednesday 4 August 2027. **Tides.** The northern Adriatic has the largest tides in the Mediterranean: about 0.5 to 1 m between high and low water here. That matters at the canal and river-mouth harbours, where the depth at the entrance changes with the tide, and at the inlets of the Venice lagoon, where the stream runs hard. Wind and air pressure can add as much again.

Rovinj uses the Koper station.

The Lido inlet. Predicted low water at Venice is at about 05:50 CEST and high water at about 12:45 CEST, so a 07:00 departure meets the flood running into the inlet. Allow extra time in the inlet.

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 Venice 05:58 CEST. Sunset at Rovinj 20:29 CEST.

Weather

- **Open water** for 55 nm.
- **Bora.** Even in summer, a bora can come down off the Istrian and Slovenian hills with little warning.

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](#)
- Croatian marine forecast: DHMZ Marine Meteorological Centre, Split, meteo.hr, for the North, Central and South Adriatic, with warnings.
- Rijeka Radio: weather and safety broadcasts in English and Croatian at 05:30, 12:30, 19:30 and 00:30 UTC on VHF 4, 19, 20, 23, 24, 81 and 85. Split Radio: 05:45, 12:45, 19:45 and 00:45 UTC on VHF 7, 21, 23, 28, 81 and 84.
- NAVTEX Split: station Q on 518 kHz in English, at 02:40, 06:40, 10:40, 14:40, 18:40 and 22:40 UTC.

Hazards

- **Arriving in Croatia from Italy.** Croatia has been in the Schengen area since 2023, so there are no passport checks at sea between Italy and Croatia. A foreign yacht still needs the Croatian safety vignette and must pay the sojourn (tourist) tax for the crew, both handled through the harbour master's office or the eNautika portal (enautika.pomorstvo.hr), and must register its crew list. Whether the first stop must be a port of entry, and whether Rovinj is one in 2027, could not be confirmed from an official source. Ask the Rovinj harbour master's branch (+385 52 811 132) before sailing.

- **Entering the Venice lagoon.** The Lido inlet has 2 channels: Treporti (north, 6 m) and San Nicolò (south, 12 m), with the MOSE flood barrier between them. Every canal in the lagoon is a slow-speed zone with no wake, and speed limits are enforced by cameras. When the MOSE gates are raised for a high tide (forecast above about 110 cm, mostly autumn to spring), small craft use the lock on the Treporti side. Whether a yacht must call port control on entering, and the speed of the stream in the inlet, could not be checked. Enter near slack water or with the flood.
- **Bora (bura).** A cold, gusty north-easterly that falls off the mountains. It is strongest and most frequent in winter but can blow in summer, and can start suddenly from a clear, calm sky. Signs are a cap of cloud on the mountains and a short, steep, white-crested sea. In a bora warning, stay in harbour or tuck under the lee of the mainland, never under the lee of an island in a channel.
- **Rovinj approach.** Enter between Sv. Katarina island and the town breakwater. A shoal between the breakwater light and Sv. Katarina is marked by a yellow and black buoy, which must be passed on its north side. From the south, keep close to the marina breakwater.
- **Rovinj islands.** The coast from Sv. Ivan to Barbariga, the 19 islands of the Rovinj archipelago and the mainland within 500 m of the shore are a protected landscape, with a gull colony on the Dvije Sestrice islets.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Venice	Start	Within the first hour	Sant'Elena.
Poreč	8 nm north of Rovinj	Rovinj full	Marina. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Rovinj	Destination	First choice	ACI Marina Rovinj, VHF 17.

Pilotage

LEAVING VENICE

1. Leave Sant'Elena at slow speed, along the Bacino di San Marco to the Lido inlet.
2. Out by the San Nicolò channel, against the flood, keeping to its edge.

INTO ROVINJ

1. Approach from the west, north of the Sv. Ivan na pučini light.

2. Pass between Sv. Katarina and the town breakwater, north of the yellow and black buoy, or from the south close to the marina breakwater.
3. Call ACI Marina Rovinj on VHF 17 (+385 52 813 133).

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Lido, Molo Nord	LFI(2) 12s, 26 m
Sv. Ivan na pučini	FI(2) 10s, 24 m, 24 M
Rovinj, Sv. Eufemija	FI 4s, 19 m, 7 M
Rovinj breakwater	FI R 3s, 7 m, 3 M
ACI Rovinj breakwater	FI G 5s, 7 m, 5 M

Communications

ACI Marina Rovinj	VHF 17 · +385 52 813 133
Rovinj harbour master's branch	VHF 10 · +385 52 811 132 · li-rovinj@pomorstvo.hr (08:00 to 13:00, closed Sundays)
Harbour master Pula, 24 hours	+385 52 222 037
Search and rescue at sea, Croatia (MRCC Rijeka)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 195
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Bora forecast mid-crossing.** Turn back to Venice if under 20 nm out; otherwise run for the nearest Istrian harbour.
- **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) and Croatian notices to mariners 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
- ☐ ACI Rovinj berth booked
- ☐ Croatian vignette and sojourn tax arranged, crew list ready

- ☐ Croatian courtesy flag ready

- ☐ Fuel for 11 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 12 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.