

Rovinj to Mali Lošinj

South down the Istrian coast to Cape Kamenjak and across the mouth of the Kvarner to Lošinj, between the islands of Unije and Susak, into the long, sheltered bay of Mali Lošinj.

DATE	Thursday 5 August 2027
DISTANCE	54.9 nm, 6 legs
TIME	9 h 51 min
DEPART	08:00 CEST from Rovinj. 2 hours 5 minutes after sunrise (05:55 CEST).
ARRIVE	About 17:51 CEST at Mali Lošinj. In the late afternoon, with about 2 hours 30 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:22 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.5 m: no practical effect
WIND	The maestral (north-west) blows in the afternoon; a bora is the danger in the Kvarner
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 07:00 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No bora forecast for the Kvarner, and no wind above force 5.
- ☐ Mali Lošinj berth confirmed.
- ☐ Visibility 3 nm or more.

If a bora is forecast, stay at Rovinj. Pula and the bays south of it are on the way.

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	ACI Marina Rovinj	45°04.4'N	013°38.2'E				08:00 CEST	Depart.
1	Rovinj approach	45°04.8'N	013°36.5'E	286°T	1.3	1.3	08:19 CEST	Out to the west of Sv
2	West of Sv. Ivan	45°02.5'N	013°35.0'E	205°T	2.5	3.8	08:44 CEST	Outside the Rovinj isl
3	South-west of Porer	44°44.5'N	013°52.0'E	146°T	21.7	25.5	12:21 CEST	1.5 nm off the Porer li Kvarner from here.
4	Between Unije and Susak	44°34.0'N	014°18.0'E	119°T	21.3	46.7	15:54 CEST	Mid-channel.
5	Mali Lošinj bay entrance	44°31.0'N	014°25.0'E	121°T	5.8	52.6	17:04 CEST	Into the bay. CHECK ON THE CHART
6	Mali Lošinj	44°32.0'N	014°28.0'E	065°T	2.4	54.9	17:51 CEST	Town harbour and ma bay. Position approxi CHECK ON THE CHART

Tides and time

ROVINJ · THU 5 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

LW	01:01	0.2 m
HW	13:29	0.6 m

From the KOPER station.

MALI LOŠINJ · THU 5 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

LW	05:52	0.1 m
HW	13:02	0.6 m
LW	18:35	0.3 m
HW	23:48	0.5 m

From the Bakar station.

Thursday 5 August 2027. **Tides.** The range here is about 0.5 m: tides make no practical difference. Wind and air pressure move the sea level more than the tide does.

Rovinj uses the Koper station and **Mali Lošinj** the Bakar station, about 45 nm away. Treat the times as a guide only.

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 Rovinj 05:55 CEST. Sunset at Mali Lošinj 20:22 CEST.

Weather

- **The Kvarner.** 20 nm across the mouth of the gulf, where a bora is felt most.
- **Mali Lošinj bay** is long and sheltered from all directions.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- 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

- **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.
- **Dolphins.** A resident population of bottlenose dolphins lives round Lošinj and Cres. Harassing them is prohibited by Croatian law. Follow the Blue World code: no closer than 50 m, no more than 3 boats within 200 m, 30 minutes at most, slow and parallel, and leave if there are calves.
- **Mali Lošinj approach and berths.** Marina Mali Lošinj's VHF and phone could not be checked.

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Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Rovinj	Start	Within the first hour	ACI marina.
Pula	8 nm north of Porer	Weather turns	ACI Pula. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Mali Lošinj	Destination	First choice	Bay and marina.

Pilotage

LEAVING ROVINJ

1. Leave the marina and head south-west of the Rovinj islands, then south down the Istrian coast.

INTO MALI LOŠINJ

1. Pass between Uniye and Susak and enter the bay of Mali Lošinj from the south-west.
2. Follow the bay to the town. Call the marina or the town harbour for a berth:

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LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Sv. Ivan na pučini	Fl(2) 10s, 24 m, 24 M
Porer	Fl(3) 15s, 35 m, 25 M
Grujica	Fl(3) 15s, 17 m, 10 M

Communications

Mali Lošinj harbour master's branch	+385 51 233 845 · li-malilosinj@pomorstvo.hr
Harbour master Rijeka, 24 hours	+385 51 214 031
Search and rescue at sea, Croatia (MRCC Rijeka)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 195
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Bora in the Kvarner.** Turn back to the Istrian coast, or run downwind to the lee of Lošinj if already past halfway.

- **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
- ☐ 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, bora routine
- ☐ Mali Lošinj berth 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

- Lošinj dolphins: blue-world.org (code of conduct).
- Mali Lošinj harbour master: mmpi.gov.hr.
- Croatian harbour masters: mmpi.gov.hr (Pula, Rijeka, Zadar and Šibenik offices and branches). Vignette: mmpi.gov.hr; enautika.pomorstvo.hr.
- Croatian lights: plovput.hr (official list). Radio and NAVTEX: plovput.hr.
- ACI marinas: aci-marinas.com.
- 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.