

Korčula to Mljet

A short day east down the Pelješac channel and across to Mljet, a long, forested island whose west end is a national park with 2 saltwater lakes, to the sheltered bay of Polače.

DATE	Sunday 15 August 2027
DISTANCE	16.3 nm, 4 legs
TIME	3 h 24 min
DEPART	09:30 CEST from Korčula. Mid-morning, after the rest day at Korčula.
ARRIVE	About 12:54 CEST at Mljet. Early in the afternoon, with about 7 hours of daylight in hand (sunset 19:53 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.4 m: no practical effect
WIND	Light; sea breezes
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. Mljet park ticket bought



Track and waypoints 1 to 3, 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.
- ☐ Mljet park ticket bought.
- ☐ Visibility 2 nm or more.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Korčula.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 0.5 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 Korčula	42°57.5'N	017°08.4'E				09:30 CEST	Depart.
1	East of Korčula	42°57.5'N	017°12.0'E	090°T	2.6	2.6	10:02 CEST	Out of the channel.
2	Mljet channel	42°53.0'N	017°20.0'E	127°T	7.4	10.0	11:16 CEST	Across to Mljet.
3	Polrač approach	42°48.3'N	017°23.5'E	151°T	5.4	15.4	12:36 CEST	Mljet National Park: 5 the shore. CHECK
4	Polrač	42°47.4'N	017°23.8'E	166°T	0.9	16.3	12:54 CEST	Quay or anchor in the Position approximate CHECK ON THE C

Tides and time

KORČULA · SUN 15 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	06:35	0.2 m
LW	10:38	0.2 m
HW	17:26	0.4 m

From the Split station.

MLJET · SUN 15 AUG · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	06:35	0.2 m
LW	10:38	0.2 m
HW	17:26	0.4 m

From the Split station.

Sunday 15 August 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 Split 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 Korčula 05:57 CEST. Sunset at Mljet 19:53 CEST.

Weather

- **Polače** is a deep, enclosed bay, sheltered from most directions.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Croatian marine forecast: DHMZ Marine Meteorological Centre, Split, meteo.hr, for the North, Central and South Adriatic, with warnings.
- Split Radio: weather and safety broadcasts at 05:45, 12:45, 19:45 and 00:45 UTC on VHF 7, 21, 23, 28, 81 and 84. Dubrovnik Radio: VHF 7, 19, 4, 85 and 28 by area.
- 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

- **Mljet National Park.** Every boat needs a park ticket, priced by length and days, bought in the park or in advance at np-mljet.hr or parkovihrvatske.hr; it does not cover the lakes or land sites. Mooring at the quays of Polače and Pomena; anchoring only in their permitted areas. 5 kn within 150 m of the shore and in the ports. Private yachts may not enter the lakes or the Solinski channel. No discharge of sanitary or grey water anywhere in the park. Keep 100 m from dolphins.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Korčula	Start	Within the first hour	ACI marina.
Pomena	3 nm west of Polače	Polače full	Park quay and anchorage.

Pilotage

LEAVING KORČULA

1. Leave the marina and head east, then south-east across to Mljet.

INTO POLAČE

- 1. Enter the bay from the north at 5 kn.
- 2. Moor at the quay or anchor in the permitted area of the bay.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Sestrica Vela (Korčula)	Fl(4) 15s, 18 m, 11 M
Polače	CHECK ON THE CHART

Communications

Mljet National Park	+385 20 744 041
Harbour master's branch, Sobra (Mljet)	+385 20 745 040
Search and rescue at sea, Croatia (MRCC Rijeka)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 195
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Polače full.** Go to Pomena.
- **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, fog
- ☐ Mljet park ticket bought
- ☐ Holding tank empty

- ☐ Fuel for 5 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 6 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

- Mljet National Park: np-mljet.hr (information for boaters; price list; rules).
- 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.