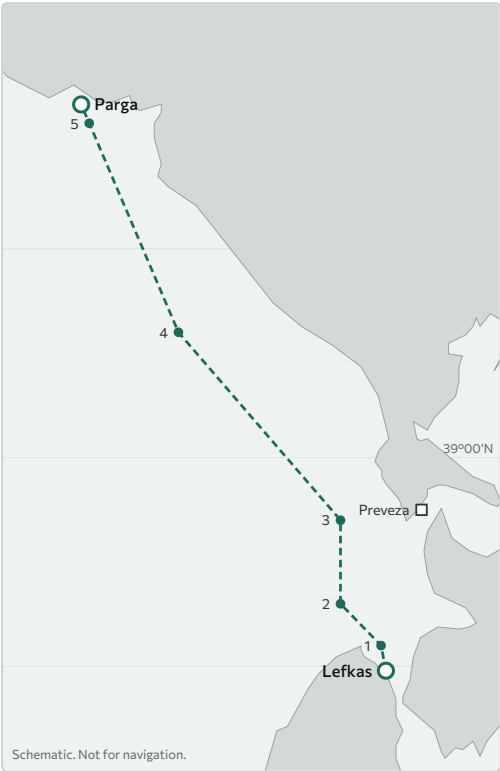


Lefkas to Parga

The start of the return: north through the Lefkas canal and past Preveza, up the Epirus coast to Parga, a Venetian town of coloured houses below a castle, facing small islets.

DATE	Sunday 29 August 2027
DISTANCE	31.8 nm, 6 legs
TIME	6 h 07 min
DEPART	09:00 EEST from Lefkas. Mid-morning, after the rest day at Lefkas, timed for the bridge opening.
ARRIVE	About 15:07 EEST at Parga. In the afternoon, with about 5 hours 5 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:14 EEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.2 m: no practical effect
WIND	The afternoon north-westerly is on the bow
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 08:00 EEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5, and no southerly above force 4: Parga's bays are open to the south.
- ☐ Bridge opening time known.
- ☐ Visibility 2 nm or more.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Lefkas. Preveza is the shelter 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	Lefkas Marina	38°49.8'N	020°42.8'E				09:00 EEST	Depart through the bay.
1	Lefkas canal, north entrance	38°51.0'N	020°42.5'E	349°T	1.2	1.2	09:24 EEST	Out by the buoyed channel. CHECK ON THE CHART
2	North of Lefkas	38°53.0'N	020°40.0'E	316°T	2.8	4.0	09:58 EEST	Clear of the Gyra spit.
3	Off Preveza	38°57.0'N	020°40.0'E	000°T	4.0	8.0	10:38 EEST	West of the Preveza channel, clear of fish farms.
4	Off Kanali	39°06.0'N	020°30.0'E	319°T	11.9	19.9	12:37 EEST	2 nm off the beaches.
5	Parga approach	39°16.0'N	020°24.5'E	337°T	10.9	30.8	14:48 EEST	South of the islets. CHECK ON THE CHART
6	Parga	39°16.9'N	020°24.0'E	337°T	1.0	31.8	15:07 EEST	Anchor in the town bay, clear of the town quay if there is room. Position approximate. CHECK ON THE CHART

Tides and time

LEFKAS · SUN 29 AUG · EEST (UTC+3)

LW	03:59	0.2 m
HW	09:32	0.3 m
LW	15:46	0.1 m
HW	22:22	0.3 m

From the Kerkyra station.

PARGA · SUN 29 AUG · EEST (UTC+3)

LW	03:59	0.2 m
HW	09:32	0.3 m
LW	15:46	0.1 m
HW	22:22	0.3 m

From the Kerkyra station.

Sunday 29 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 Kerkyra 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 Lefkas 07:03 EEST. Sunset at Parga 20:14 EEST.

Weather

- **The afternoon north-westerly** builds along this coast.
- **Parga** is sheltered from the north but open to the south.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Hellenic National Meteorological Service (emy.gr): marine forecast for the North Ionian.
- NAVTEX Kerkyra: station K on 518 kHz in English, at 01:40, 05:40, 09:40, 13:40, 17:40 and 21:40 UTC, with weather at 05:40, 09:40, 17:40 and 21:40.
- Kerkyra Radio covers the Ionian Sea east to 22°30'E; urgent warnings go out first on DSC 70, then on VHF 16.

Hazards

- **Lefkas bridge.** The floating swing bridge opens at set times, reported as hourly; the times could not be confirmed. Ask the marina.
- **Parga.** Small and busy in summer, with tripper boats to Paxos and the beaches. Quay space, holding and the port police contact could not be checked. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- **Fish farms** along the Epirus coast: keep outside their marks.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Lefkas	Start	Within the first hour	Marina.

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Preveza	Waypoint 3	Weather turns	Marina. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK

Pilotage

LEAVING LEFKAS

1. Go through the bridge at its opening and north out of the canal in the buoyed channel.

INTO PARGA

1. Approach from the south, east of the islets.
2. Anchor in the town bay or in Valtos bay west of the castle, clear of the swimming areas and tripper-boat routes.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Lefkas, Santa Maura fort	FI(2) WR 12s, 17 m
Sivota island	FI(3) 20s, 87 m

Communications

Lefkas Marina	VHF 69 · +30 2645 026645
Parga port police	CHECK ON THE CHART
Hellenic Coast Guard	VHF 16 · 108
Emergency	112
Coast Guard working channel	VHF 12

Contingencies

- **Parga full or exposed.** Go on 8 nm to Sivota.
- **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
- ☐ Greek notices to mariners and 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
- ☐ Bridge time confirmed
- ☐ Transit Log or crew list stamped at Lefkas

- ☐ Fuel for 6 hours under engine, plus a reserve
- ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 7 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

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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.