

Parga to Gouvia, Corfu

North past Sivota and Igoumenitsa and across the Corfu channel to Gouvia, the big marina in a natural harbour north of Corfu town.

DATE	Monday 30 August 2027
DISTANCE	36.3 nm, 7 legs
TIME	6 h 38 min
DEPART	09:00 EEST from Parga. Mid-morning.
ARRIVE	About 15:38 EEST at Gouvia, Corfu. In the afternoon, with about 4 hours 35 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:15 EEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.1 m: no practical effect
WIND	The afternoon north-westerly is on the bow up the channel
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 6, 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.
- ☐ Gouvia berth confirmed.
- ☐ Visibility 2 nm or more: ferries cross the channel.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Parga or stop at Sivota.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 0.6 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	Parga	39°16.9'N	020°24.0'E				09:00 EEST	Depart.
1	Parga approach	39°16.0'N	020°24.5'E	157°T	1.0	1.0	09:15 EEST	Out to the south-west
2	West of Parga	39°18.0'N	020°18.6'E	294°T	5.0	6.0	10:05 EEST	1 nm off the headland
3	Off Sivota	39°23.5'N	020°12.0'E	317°T	7.5	13.5	11:20 EEST	2 nm off the islands.
4	Corfu channel	39°30.0'N	020°04.5'E	318°T	8.7	22.2	12:47 EEST	Ferries to Igoumenitsa
5	Off Corfu town	39°37.0'N	019°57.0'E	320°T	9.1	31.3	14:18 EEST	East of the old fort.
6	Gouvia approach	39°39.0'N	019°52.5'E	300°T	4.0	35.3	15:18 EEST	South of the entrance CHECK ON THE CHART
7	Gouvia Marina	39°38.9'N	019°51.2'E	264°T	1.0	36.3	15:38 EEST	Position from the map

Tides and time

PARGA · MON 30 AUG · EEST (UTC+3)

LW	04:34	0.1 m
HW	10:11	0.3 m
LW	16:23	0.1 m
HW	22:56	0.3 m

From the Kerkyra station.

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Monday 30 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 Parga 07:05 EEST. Sunset at Gouvia 20:15 EEST.

Weather

- The Corfu channel funnels the north-westerly in the afternoon.

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

- Ferries between Igoumenitsa, Corfu and Italy, and cruise ships into Corfu. Corfu has a vessel traffic service.
- Fish farms off the mainland coast.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Parga	Start	Within the first hour	Bay.
Sivota	Waypoint 3	Weather turns	Bays and marina. CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Corfu, Mandraki	Waypoint 5	Alternative	Under the old fort.

Pilotage

LEAVING PARGA

1. Leave the bay to the south-west and head north-west along the coast.

INTO GOUVIA

1. Approach from the south past Corfu town.

2. Call Gouvia Marina on VHF 69 (+30 2661 099500) for a berth.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Sivota island	Fl(3) 20s, 87 m
Sidero (Corfu)	Fl(2) 6s, 78 m

Communications

Gouvia Marina (D-Marin)	VHF 69 · +30 2661 099500
Hellenic Coast Guard	VHF 16 · 108
Emergency	112
Coast Guard working channel	VHF 12

Contingencies

- **North-westerly strong in the channel.** Stop at Sivota or Corfu town.
- **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
- ☐ Gouvia 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

- Gouvia Marina: d-marin.com.
- Greek lights: Lighthouse Directory.
- Greek clearance: noonsite.com (2023); aade.gr (Transit Log).
- NAVTEX and Kerkyra Radio: Hellenic Navy Hydrographic Service, hnhs.gr.
- Lefkas Marina: d-marin.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.