

# Gouvia, Corfu to Othonoi

North round the top of Corfu and west to Othonoi, the westernmost island of Greece, to wait for the crossing to Italy.

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| DATE     | Wednesday 1 September 2027                                                                                                  |
| DISTANCE | 38.6 nm, 6 legs                                                                                                             |
| TIME     | 7 h 08 min                                                                                                                  |
| DEPART   | 09:30 EEST from Gouvia, Corfu.<br>Mid-morning, after the rest day at Gouvia.                                                |
| ARRIVE   | About 16:38 EEST at Othonoi. In the early afternoon, with about 3 hours 35 minutes of daylight in hand (sunset 20:14 EEST). |
| TIDES    | Range about 0.1 m: no practical effect                                                                                      |
| WIND     | The north-westerly is on the bow round the north of Corfu                                                                   |
| 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 08:30 EEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5.
- ☐ Berth or anchorage at Othonoi confirmed with the port police.
- ☐ Transit Log or crew list in order for leaving Greece: see the next leg.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Gouvia. The weather day before the crossing is held at Othonoi.

# 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 | Gouvia Marina       | 39°38.9'N | 019°51.2'E |        |        |          | 09:30 EEST | Depart.                                                         |
| 1 | Gouvia approach     | 39°39.0'N | 019°52.5'E | 084°T  | 1.0    | 1.0      | 09:45 EEST | Out of the bay.                                                 |
| 2 | North Corfu channel | 39°45.0'N | 019°57.0'E | 030°T  | 6.9    | 7.9      | 10:54 EEST | Greek side of the channel                                       |
| 3 | Off Peristeres      | 39°50.2'N | 019°57.0'E | 000°T  | 5.2    | 13.1     | 11:46 EEST | Off the north-east tip                                          |
| 4 | North of Corfu      | 39°51.6'N | 019°45.0'E | 279°T  | 9.3    | 22.5     | 13:20 EEST | 2.5 nm off the north coast                                      |
| 5 | Othonoi approach    | 39°50.5'N | 019°25.0'E | 266°T  | 15.4   | 37.9     | 16:25 EEST | East of Ammos. <div>CHECK ON THE CHART</div>                    |
| 6 | Othonoi, Ammos      | 39°50.2'N | 019°24.2'E | 244°T  | 0.7    | 38.6     | 16:38 EEST | Harbour or anchorage approximate. <div>CHECK ON THE CHART</div> |

# Tides and time

GOUVIA, CORFU · WED 1 SEP · EEST (UTC+3)

|    |       |       |
|----|-------|-------|
| LW | 05:39 | 0.1 m |
| HW | 11:24 | 0.3 m |
| LW | 17:34 | 0.1 m |

From the Kerkyra station.

OTHONOI · WED 1 SEP · EEST (UTC+3)

|    |       |       |
|----|-------|-------|
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| HW | 11:24 | 0.3 m |
| LW | 17:34 | 0.1 m |

From the Kerkyra station.

Wednesday 1 September 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 Gouvia 07:09 EEST. Sunset at Othonoi 20:14 EEST.

## Weather

- **North of Corfu** the north-westerly is felt fully.
- **Othonoi** is small and exposed; Ammos faces 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

- **The border.** The Greece to Albania line runs through the North Corfu channel; keep to the Greek side.
- **Othonoi harbours.** Ammos has a port office; a small port at Avlakia takes fishing boats and yachts. Depths could not be checked. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- **Ferries** from Corfu to the Diapontia islands.

## Ports of refuge

| PORT      | FROM THE ROUTE       | USE IT WHEN           | NOTES                                               |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Gouvia    | Start                | Within the first hour | Marina.                                             |
| Kassiopi  | Waypoint 3           | Weather turns         | Small harbour. <a href="#">CHECK THE PILOT BOOK</a> |
| Erikoussa | 6 nm east of Othonoi | Othonoi full          | Small port.                                         |

# Pilotage

## LEAVING GOUVIA

1. Leave the marina and head north up the Greek side of the channel.

## INTO OTHONOI

1. Approach Ammos from the east.
2. Call the port police for a place, or anchor off in settled weather. [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

## LIGHTS ON THE WAY

|                    |                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Peristeres (Corfu) | Fl R 5s, 23 m                            |
| Othonoi, Kastri    | Fl 10s; height reported as 103 m or 13 m |
|                    |                                          |

# Communications

|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Othonoi port office         | <a href="#">CHECK ON THE CHART</a> |
| Gouvia Marina               | VHF 69 · +30 2661 099500           |
| Hellenic Coast Guard        | VHF 16 · 108                       |
| Emergency                   | 112                                |
| Coast Guard working channel | VHF 12                             |
|                             |                                    |

# Contingencies

- **Ammos untenable.** Go to Erikoussa.
- **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
- ☐ Othonoi place confirmed

- ☐ 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

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## Sources

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- Sunrise and sunset: calculated (NOAA method).
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- 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.