



DREAM YACHT
WORLDWIDE

Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE MEDITERRANEAN | SICILY

BASE ADDRESS

Portorosa Marina

Via Prestipaolo

Tonnarella, Furnari 98054

GPS POSITION: 38°07'22.48"N 15°06'41.17"E

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 6pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Base Manager: Marco Mancuso

Phone: +39 346 502 5806

BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing license required: No Yes

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding time is from 05:00pm.

YACHT BRIEFING

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring,



anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

STOP OVERS

For all DYW charters starting and/or ending in Sicily, the first and last night at the marina is free of charge.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

To facilitate a smooth check-out process, all yachts must return to the marina no later **than 5:00 PM on the day prior the official check-out**. Please be aware that Fridays are particularly busy, especially at the marina's fuel station, and that each yacht is subject to both a **technical inspection** and an **underwater check by a diver**.

If you have an early departure flight on Saturday and intend to **disembark before 9:00 AM**, we kindly suggest returning to the marina earlier on Friday to ensure a smooth and stress-free departure.

Before returning the yacht, please ensure the following:

1. **Remove all personal belongings** from the boat.
2. Place all **safety equipment neatly on the saloon table** for inspection.
3. **All culinary items**, including dishes, glassware, cutlery, and cooking utensils, **must be washed** and returned to their assigned positions.
4. **Dispose of any trash** in the designated bins ashore (ensure all **garbage is properly separated** as failure to do so may lead to penalties).
5. **Notify the base manager** or technician upon completion.

It is mandatory to leave the boat by 9:00 AM on check-out day.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +39 3465025806
- Marina emergency telephone number: +39 0941874280
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: 1530



- VHF base channel: 9
- VHF marina channel: 9
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Catania Fontanarossa Airport (CTA): The airport is 160km from the base, which is a 2-hour journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from the US via Rome or other European countries. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

Palermo Falcone Borsellino Airport (PMO): The airport is 183km from the base, 120 minutes by car. There are regular flights from the US via Rome or other European countries. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact your aftersales team. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

ACCESS BY ROAD

A20 Messina-Palermo (exit Falcone), A18 Catania-Messina, then A20 Messina-Palermo (exit Falcone).

ACCESS BY BUS

We advise that you take a taxi to the base, as buses are not direct from the airport to the base and arrive at the airport for pick-up every 4 hours.

Information subject to change without notice.

PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Inside the marina:

Minimarket Quattrocchi Carmelina

Day	Hours
Monday-Saturday	8h30 – 20h30
Sunday	8h30 – 13h30

Outside the marina (2 km):

Conad Supermarket

Via Nazionale

98054 Furnari ME

Day	Hours
Monday-Saturday	8h30 – 20h30
Sunday	8h30 – 13h30

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently available in the marina. A gas station is at the entrance of the harbor and water is available at the base.

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **Corallo Residence (in the village)**
- Via Presti Paolo - Complesso turistico Portorosa
- **Baia dei delfini (in the village)**
- **La Camelia (a farm with a restaurant just 1km from Portorosa)**
- Contrada Carone
- **Portorosa Residence (in the village)**
- 27, Via Presti Paolo

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **Atlantis**
- **Ricomincio da 3 Pizzeria (in the village)**
- **La Camelia Restaurant (1km from the base)**

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

Just a short sail across the Strait of Messina from the tip of southern Italy, Sicily is an island bursting with archipelagos and cultural riches.

Sailing in Sicily offers the choice of exploring sleepy seaside towns, stunning landscapes, fiery volcanoes and chic cities, as well as the Aeolian Islands and Egadi Islands. The sheer diversity makes the largest Italian island an ideal sailing vacation destination.

Starting your Sicily yacht charter from our marina base in the quaint town of Portorosa puts you less than a 15-mile sail away from the history and rugged natural beauty of the Aeolian Islands. Tour the seven islands in this chain, including Lipari, Vulcano, Salina and the active volcano on Stromboli.

If you are sailing Sicily, you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN SICILY:

- 1. Explore Lipari on a motor scooter:** Ride up to the Old Church of Quattropani to catch the sunset and you'll be treated to an amazing panorama of nearly all the Aeolian Islands.
- 2. Dive in the clear waters of Panarea:** Panarea is a fantastic diving spot and many local organizations can organize dives to Spinazzola Rock, La Nave Rock, the Llanishen shipwreck and others - make sure you visit whilst visiting the Aeolian islands.
- 3. Watch the volcano on Stromboli erupt at night:** Explore Stromboli's black lava beaches and watch for eruptions from the boat, during your Aeolian islands boat charter. Go ashore to experience the narrow streets and white houses in town.
- 4. Climb to the rim of a volcano on Vulcano:** Drop anchor in the western anchorage of Porto di Ponente, then go ashore to climb to the rim of the crater.
- 5. Visit the Neolithic village of Capo Graziano:** Located in the south part of the island of Filicudi, Capo Graziano houses the ruins of about thirty oval huts and is one of the most important sites within Aeolian archaeology.
- 6. Enjoy rich culture at Cefalù:** Head to the north of the island and the cultural riches at Cefalù with its mosaics, imposing cathedral and museum bursting with historic relics.
- 7. Don't miss the capital city of Palermo:** Browse the street food stalls, enjoy a coffee and cannoli in a piazza, explore the narrow streets and their treasures, or treat yourself to a night at the opera.

CURRENCY: Euro (EUR)

VOLTAGE: 220V

DIALING CODE: +39

INTERNET

Generally, the Wi-Fi in most cities and towns in Sicily is good. You'll find plenty of Wi-Fi hotspots at bars and restaurants and hotels, as well as in the marina.

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

There are some regulations to protect bathing areas near the beach when you go in and out of marinas. Be sure to read up on these rules before you embark on your charter.

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BEWARE OF POSIDONIA SEAGRASS MEADOWS!

You are going to be sailing in areas where there are Posidonia seagrass meadows. We urge you to be extremely vigilant. These meadows form crucial underwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean, but they are fragile and threatened by a number of human activities, in particular anchoring of recreational craft.

An underwater plant of the Mediterranean

Posidonia (*Posidonia oceanica*) is a unique marine plant that's endemic to the Mediterranean Sea. It is not a seaweed but a true flowering plant, with roots, stems, leaves and flowers. You'll recognise it by its long, green, ribbon-shaped leaves. Posidonia grows in meadows, forming vast underwater prairies. It reproduces mainly by rhizomes and sometimes by seeds.

Posidonia meadows are found in the shallow coastal waters of the Mediterranean, from a depth of 1 to around 40 metres, in clear, well-lit waters. These meadows are particularly abundant in sheltered bays where conditions of temperature, salinity and light are ideal for their growth.

Practically the whole of the Mediterranean coastline is involved here: the shores of France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, and more.

An essential ecological role

Posidonia seagrass meadows provide a habitat and a source of food for a multitude of marine species, including fish, molluscs and crustaceans. They are also ideal spawning grounds and

nurseries for young fish.

Like real underwater forests, seagrass beds act as carbon sinks, helping to combat climate change: they can store up to 300 tonnes of carbon per hectare. That's 3 to 5 times more than tropical forests, and this, over hundreds of thousands of hectares. And not to mention their contribution to the production of oxygen, the protection of coasts by attenuating the impact of waves, the preservation of beaches where it accumulates in banks, etc. The loss of these meadows would have serious ecological and economic consequences for the Mediterranean.

A protected species under threat

Despite their importance, Posidonia meadows are extremely fragile and are threatened by a number of human activities. Boat anchoring, pollution, coastal urbanisation, trawling and climate change are all factors that contribute to their degradation. Seagrass beds are particularly sensitive to anchoring by boats: anchors can uproot these plants and create almost irreparable 'scars' in Posidonia meadows, as Posidonia rhizomes grow very slowly (a rate of just 1 cm per year).

The presence of these meadows dates back between 60 and 100 million years, when terrestrial flowering plants, which resembled the rushes plant family of today, returned to the marine environment where their distant ancestors came from. Don't be the one to destroy this extraordinary heritage in a matter of minutes.

Please note: Posidonia has been a protected species throughout the Mediterranean since 1995 and is classed as a habitat of European interest. Ensure you are aware of the regulations in force!

As a boater, you have a key role to play in protecting Posidonia meadows.

Here are a few measures you can take to minimise your impact:

1. Before setting off, consult the maps that indicate the presence of Posidonia meadows. There are several free apps that can help you, such as Nav&Co or Donia. Download them.
2. Don't anchor in Posidonia meadows: opt for sandy bottoms or consider picking up a mooring buoy whenever possible.
3. Respect protected areas: some regions have marine protected areas where anchoring and other activities are regulated to protect the seagrass meadows.
4. In all cases, adapt your anchoring technique: to avoid scraping the seabed, you must take care to bring your anchor back up in line with the boat, even if you are on sand.
5. Avoid generating any pollution at sea.
6. Share with others: not all boaters are aware of the importance of Posidonia seagrass meadows. And set an example!

By adopting these practices, you'll be helping to preserve Posidonia seagrass meadows and the health of Mediterranean marine ecosystems. Protecting these underwater treasures is an essential and shared responsibility for future generations.



SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Sailors who charter a boat in Sicily will be able to spend hot summer days swimming in warm Mediterranean waters, tasting delicious food and hiking among roman ruins. On the northwest coast, you can sail the Egadi islands [Favignana](#), [Levanzo](#) and [Marettimo](#).

You won't be able to ignore Europe's largest active volcano, Mount Etna, on the eastern side of the island and surrounded by national park. Archaeology buffs will surely put the town of Agrigento, built in the early 14th century on their sailing itinerary.

You can't head out on a yacht charter in Sicily without spending time in Palermo's incredible markets with the smell of fresh strawberries, basil and wild fennel combined with the sound of bubbling hot oil cooking panelle.

Make sure to try Sicily's signature dish, Pasta Alla Norma, featuring eggplants, tomatoes, ricotta cheese and basil.

WEATHER

The best time to visit Sicily is between summer and fall. The summer has the hottest and driest months, when the island is also the most crowded. Charters in the shoulder seasons of spring and fall can be great way to miss some of the crowds while still enjoying good sailing weather.

The temperature in Sicily in summer is on average around 86°F. The sea temperature in Sicily in summer can be as warm as 78° F.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in Sicily:

- Summer high: The August high is around 88°F
- Winter low: The January low is 48°F

WIND SYSTEMS

The sailing conditions for yacht charters in Sicily depend on the season you are sailing.

In the spring the winds are NW-SE, force 2-3. In the summer the winds are light NW-NE, force 1-2. Fall winds are NW-SE, force 3-4.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find Sicily specific weather forecasts on [windy.com](https://www.windy.com)