

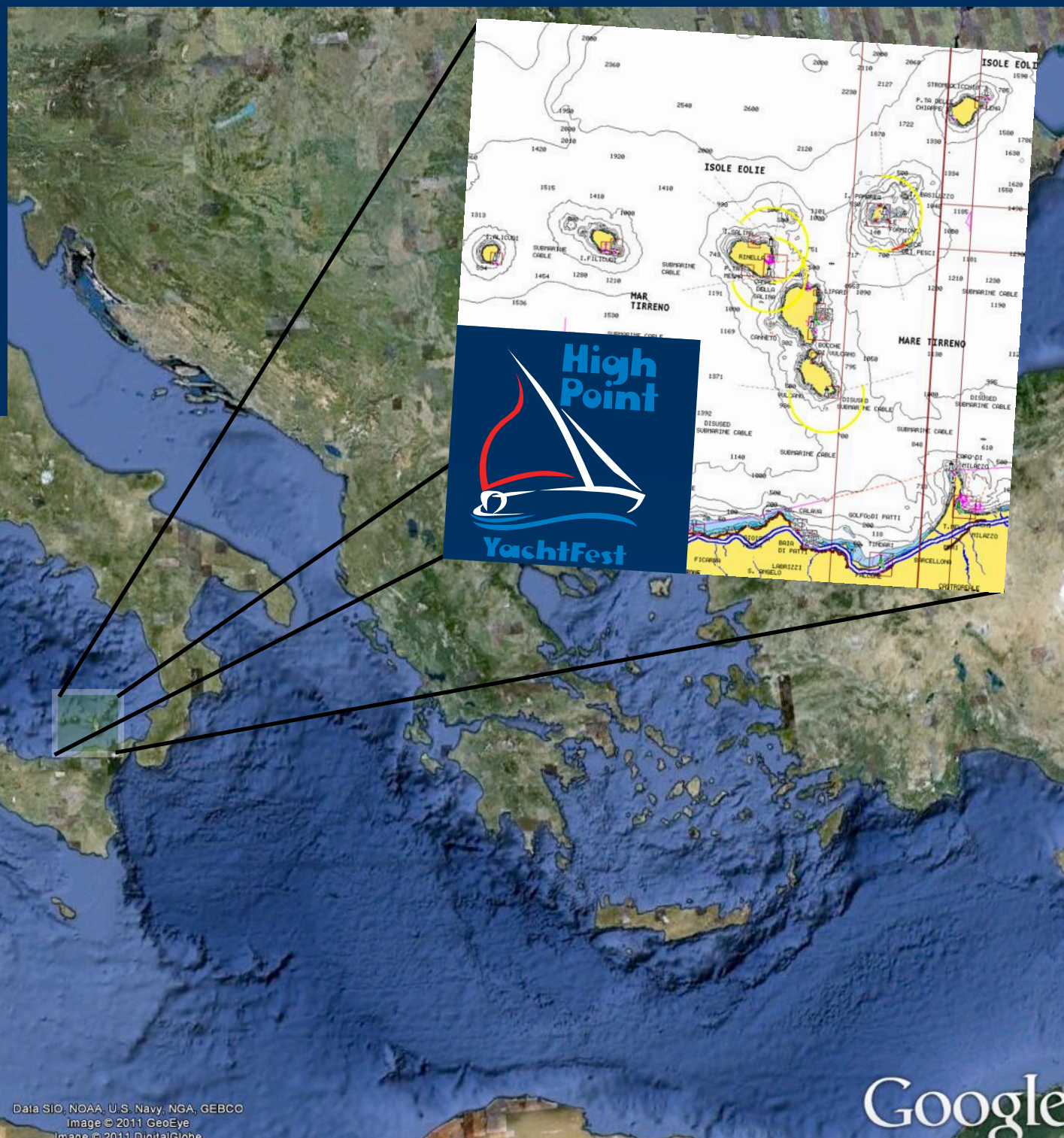


*Aeolian Islands, Sicily, Italy
22nd to 29th September 2012*



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Introduction

Welcome to High Point YachtFest 2012! After twice holding events in Sardinia and Corsica the Aeolian Islands north of Sicily emerged as the perfect venue for 2012. It is dramatically beautiful and has active volcanoes and thermal springs to ensure the sea is comfortably warm for those late-night unplanned dips. The area is one of the most sought after destinations for A-list celebrities (like the Dutch Queen Carolyn, our two-time commodore, and her famous entourage).

We have almost the same entrants as 2011 which means we can carry on where we left off.....tragically Paul Roux is no longer with us, but his son, Justin, is taking his place and has a guitar-shaped suitcase, so be ready to “Keyy Rockin”!

All the yachts are based out of Portorosa which is where we will start and finish the week.

Portorosa and all the islands have supermarkets so you should be able to avoid the shame of having some of the Stromboli week left over at the end of your provisions.

After the event kicks off with a wild welcome and reunion party in Portorosa the fleet will visit Lipari, Panarea, Stromboli, Salina, Filicudi and finally back to Portorosa for the final party and emotional farewells. This area is great for swimming, there are many spectacular sights, and some legs involve long distances, so the race legs will be tailored accordingly.

I have included extracts from Navionics charts in this booklet, but please do not use these or any other data presented here for navigation.

Please be reminded that a boat is entirely responsible for its own safety and nothing in this document or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility. It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for these conditions and that its crew is competent to sail in them. We recommend each skipper gives his crew a safety briefing covering gas safety, MOB procedures, boom awareness, winch operation and lifejacket use as a minimum. Each skipper should make himself aware of any relevant medical conditions any of his crew have, especially diabetes, epilepsy or heart condition. It will not be easy to get prescription medicines during the week.

We hope you will enjoy The Aeolian Islands as much as we anticipate you will.

John Hall Hall (co-organiser, race officer)



Welcome Party

The welcome party will be held in the Portorosa Marina in 'La Casa di Nanna'.

Price per person is Euros 16 (rather than collecting from each participant, we will be asking the skippers to collect the amount and hand it to us before the welcome party).

The price includes the local tax, music and technical equipment (microphone, speakers etc) and a buffet type meal made of mainly Sicilian specialities such as focacce, caponata, pizzas, salads, mix of omelettes, Sicilian cheese, home made bread with tomatoes, eggplant etc... A glass of wine or beer for everyone, mineral water.

Prices for extra drinks are:

- Caffè €1,00
- Cappuccino €2,00
- Tea € 2,00
- Calice vino della casa bianco o rosso € 2,00 (glass of red or white wine)
- Birra da 33cl messina moretti o heineken € 2,00
- Grappe o distillati vari (passiti, malvasia etc € 3,00
- cannolo siciliano € 2,00.



PRIZE GIVING PARTY

Prize Giving party will be at the 'Déjà vu' beach bar, about a mile from Portorosa. This place also has a covered area in case of rain. We have booked the evening at Euros 48 per person and this will include:

Food, a bottle of wine between 3 people, transfers from/to Déjà vu throughout the evening, rental of the music system, karaoke system, microphone for the prize giving ceremony, DJ and his assistance, projector and screen to show photos, taxes that normally apply for private parties on the beach....

Not included are extra drinks at: wine €10 per bottle, beer €3, champagne €80, cocktails and other alcoholic drinks (I assume whiskey, rum etc) €7. (Rather than collecting from each participant, we will be asking the skippers to collect the amount and hand it to us before the end of the week).



General Information

The Aeolian Islands lie north of Sicily and have a Mediterranean climate with hot and dry summers and cool and wet winters.

The prevailing winds are from the west and northwest (10-15 knots) and numerous secure anchorages are available. Occasionally the wind comes from the southeast in strong irregular gusts which are hot and enriched in Sahara desert dust and Etna ash. These winds arrive and pass quickly and are usually followed by thunderstorms, but if they are forecast we may have to change our plans.

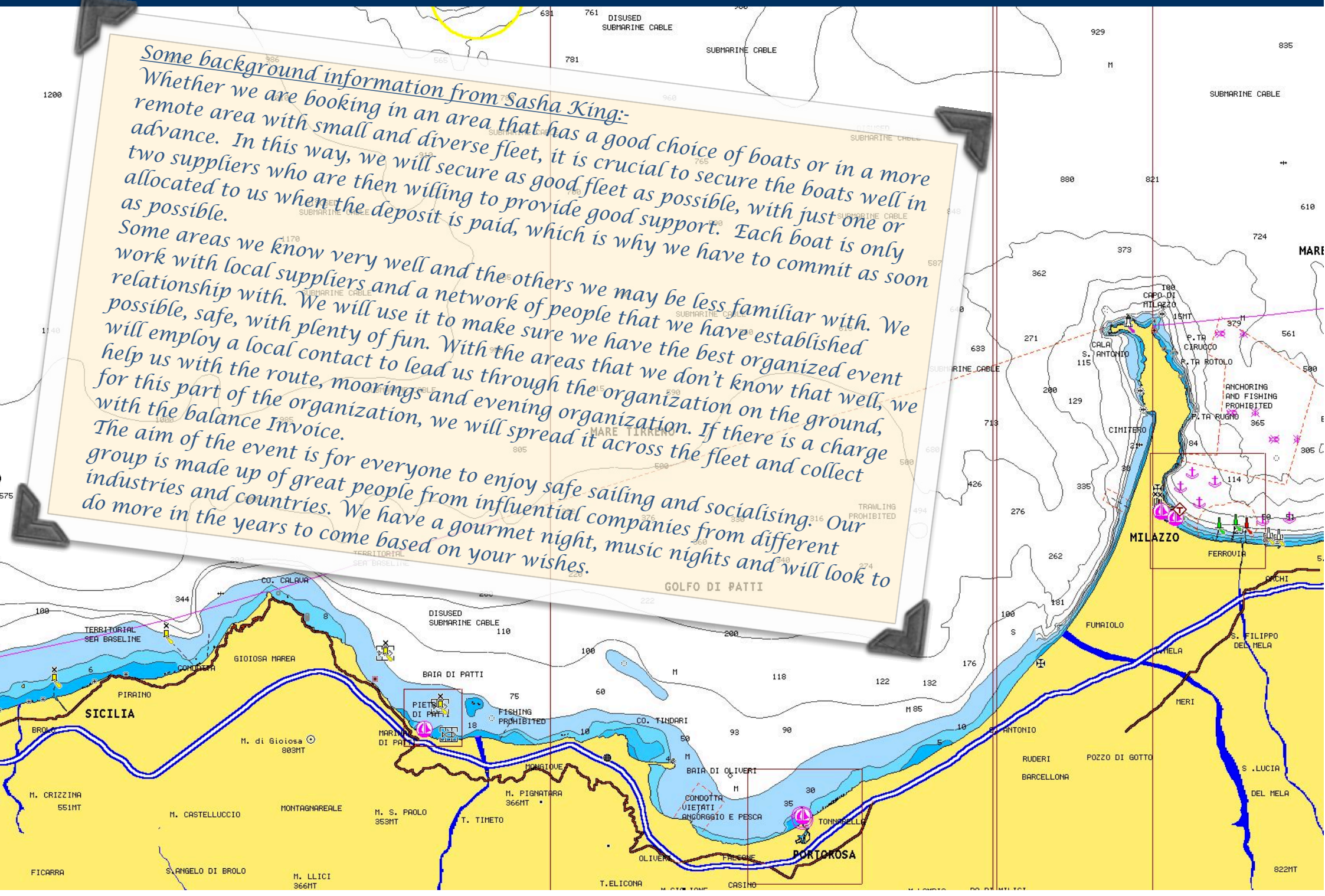
The currents between the islands are driven by the winds and can be very strong, particularly between Alicudi and Filicudi and south of Vulcano.

These volcanic islands have beautiful and spectacular coastlines but we need to be aware of hazardous shoals and partially submerged rocks. It is important to navigate at a good distance from the coast. The depth drops off rapidly and care needs to be taken when anchoring.

The Aeolian Islands are a great destination and were awarded the title of UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000.



Some background information from Sasha King:-
Whether we are booking in an area that has a good choice of boats or in a more remote area with small and diverse fleet, it is crucial to secure the boats well in advance. In this way, we will secure as good fleet as possible, with just one or two suppliers who are then willing to provide good support. Each boat is only allocated to us when the deposit is paid, which is why we have to commit as soon as possible.
Some areas we know very well and the others we may be less familiar with. We work with local suppliers and a network of people that we have established relationship with. We will use it to make sure we have the best organized event possible, safe, with plenty of fun. With the areas that we don't know that well, we will employ a local contact to lead us through the organization on the ground, help us with the route, moorings and evening organization. If there is a charge for this part of the organization, we will spread it across the fleet and collect with the balance Invoice.
The aim of the event is for everyone to enjoy safe sailing and socialising. Our group is made up of great people from influential companies from different industries and countries. We have a gourmet night, music nights and will look to do more in the years to come based on your wishes.



Arrivals, Check-in and programme for the week

The airports are located near Palermo and Catania and transfers will be arranged by the crews through the charter companies co-ordinated by Sasha.

The provisional programme for the week will be as follows:-

Saturday 22nd	Portorosa Check-in Welcome Party at 19:30
Sunday 23rd	Leg 1 - Portorosa to Lipari
Monday 24th	Leg 2 - Lipari to Panarea Swim at Lisca Bianca Beach barbeque/music in Cala Milazzese
Tuesday 25th	Leg 3 - Panarea to Stromboli Evening climb to see volcano Dine ashore (optional, of course)
Wednesday 26th	Leg 4 - Stromboli to Salina Dine ashore (Salina is best food island)
Thursday 27th	Leg 5 - Salina to Filicudi Gourmet night at Pecorini a Mare
Friday 28th	Leg 6 - Filicudi to Portorosa Prize-giving
Saturday 29th	Check-out/farewell



Yachts, Handicaps and Results Table

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Sailing Instructions and Waypoints

General

HPYF 2012 will take place out of Portorosa in Sicily from 22nd to 29th September 2012.

John Hall Hall will be your Race Officer and his boat, "Galeodea" will be the "rabbit" for race starts (see below) and the lead boat for the week (leading from behind, maybe!). The event will be sailed under ISAF's "Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 - 2012". There will be 6 or so races (legs) with the worst result discarded. The overall ranking will be in order of lowest points score, so normally Carolyn, but not always!! Ties will be decided based on each yacht's best performances. The overall winners will receive an "appropriate" prize (i.e. reflecting the incentive afforded to the Race Officer and his team).

Courses and Pre-race Briefings

Briefings will be held every morning - see Race Officer's crew for venue. All skippers and crews are welcome. The day's course(s) will be given at the briefing, or later by VHF on the water. The start, finish and course marks will be selected features evident on the following pages. Interesting stories ("gossip") from the previous night will be given time on the agenda. There will be a special section for skipper Colin.

Start Procedure

John's boat will act as the "Rabbit" which starts the race by approaching slightly downwind of the windward mark on Port tack. The other entrants cross behind him on Starboard tack. The "rabbit" may trail a fender which you must start behind without touching. The start of the rabbit's run will be pre-announced by VHF and if you don't cross on the initial run, you may cross behind the rabbit at any time before the rabbit rounds the windward mark, after which you will be deemed to have failed to start. This procedure will be explained in more detail in a briefing before the first start. The race will be considered to have started when the first boat crosses the rabbit's wake.

Finishing Procedure

The finishing line will be defined as a bearing to a conspicuous mark and you must record your own finishing time using the time display on your GPS. The normal time limit for each leg will be 18:00.

Penalties and Protests

A single 360° turn is the penalty for breaking a rule ("reduced" to 180° if protested!!). We're not expecting any protests as we're here to enjoy ourselves!

Anchors / Spinnakers

Anchors can be left in place on the bow when racing, but don't use it to make holes in other yachts, especially the "rabbit" at the start! Spinnakers, cruising chutes, jib poles and other equipment, such as boat-hooks are not allowed to be used to affect boat speed or to intimidate the opposition.

Radio Check / VHF Procedure

We will have a radio check on the first day before we leave Portorosa.

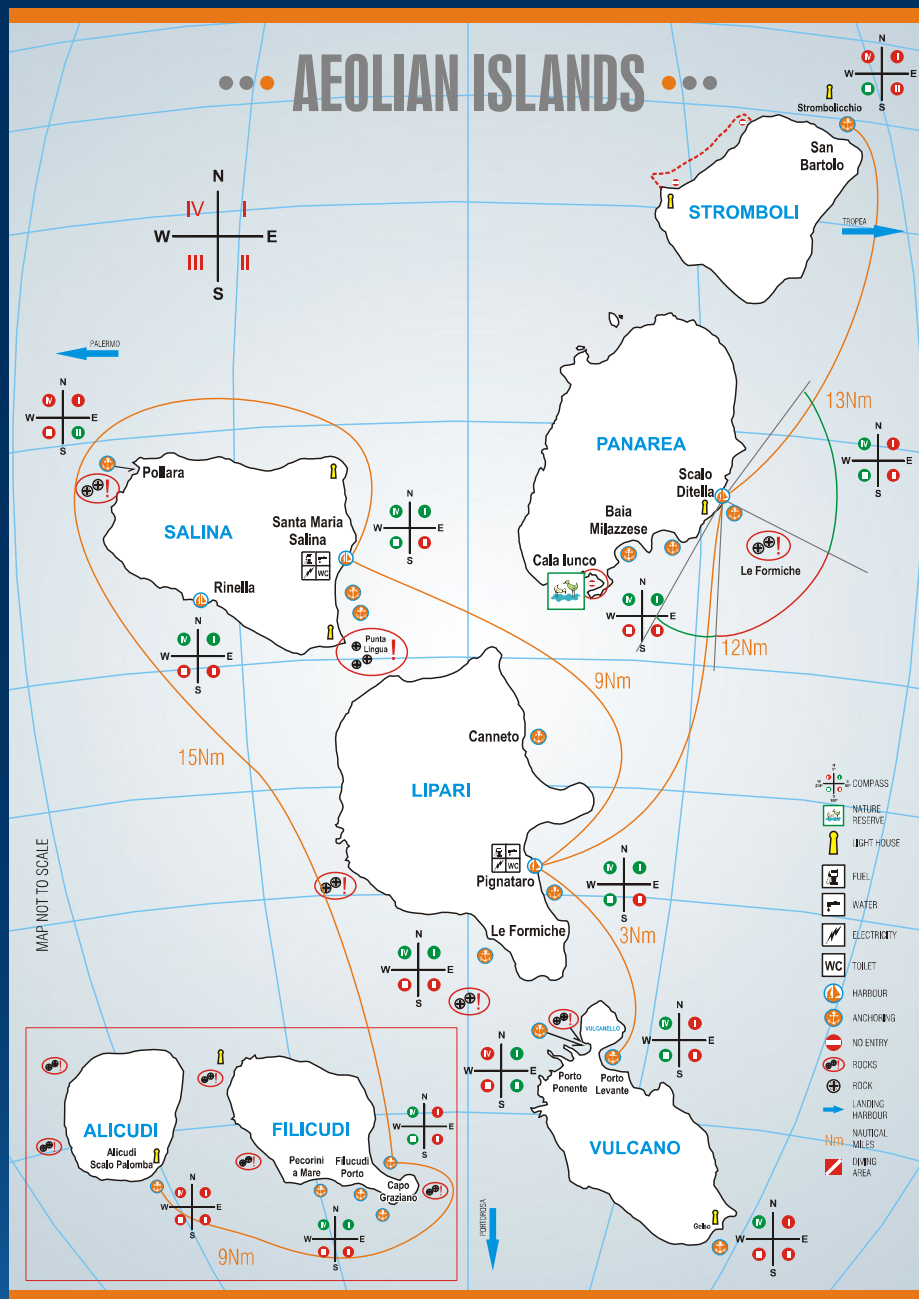
Waypoint Listing

Please set your GPS to WGS 84 datum before entering the waypoints on the next page.

The numbering is made up of the first two letters (HP = HighPoint) followed by 12 representing 2012, and the last 2 digits are a random sequence.

Waypoints

Waypoint	Co-ordinates	Description
HP1201	N 38° 16.291 E 15° 14.414	Pta Mazzo at north of Milazzo peninsula
HP1202	N 38° 23.976 E 14° 56.292	Rock "Pietra Guaglietta" on west coast of Vulcano
HP1203	N 38° 26.358 E 14° 56.551	Between rocks at west end of passage between Vulcano & Lipari
HP1204	N 38° 28.490 E 14° 53.752	Rock "Pietro del Bagno" on west coast of Lipari
HP1205	N 38° 37.637 E 15° 05.084	"Le Formiche" rocks southeast of Panarea
HP1206	N 38° 38.336 E 15° 07.068	East corner of Lisca Bianca
HP1207	N 38° 39.881 E 15° 06.387	Westnorthwest tip of Basiluzzo island
HP1208	N 38° 39.627 E 15° 07.154	Southeast corner of Basiluzzo island
HP1209	N 38° 49.043 E 15° 15.135	Lighthouse on Strombolicchio
HP1210	N 38° 38.833 E 15° 03.864	West edge of rock on north coast of Panarea
HP1211	N 38° 37.421 E 15° 03.793	Rock south of Punta Milazzese
HP1212	N 38° 33.269 E 14° 52.286	End of pier at entrance to Porto delle Eolie
HP1213	N 38° 34.834 E 14° 52.286	Northeast tip of Salina
HP1214	N 38° 34.790 E 14° 48.022	West edge of rock "Faraglione" on northwest coast of Salina
HP1215	N 38° 33.448 E 14° 35.621	East edge of Capo Graziano in southeast Filicudi
HP1216	N 38° 33.508 E 14° 33.944	Southwest corner of pier at Pecorini a Mare on Filicudi
HP1217	N 38° 34.943 E 14° 31.632	Light "Scoglio Montenassari" on rock northwest of Filicudi
HP1218	N 38° 22.001 E 14° 59.509	Lighthouse on southern tip of Vulcano at P. Ta dei Porci
HP1219	N 38° 08.578 E 15° 03.826	East end of mini-peninsula westnorthwest of Portorosa marina



Itinerary

The intended route (shown below) may be possible in the normally prevailing westerlies but, like Italy itself, the wind strength and direction are mostly unpredictable. So, courses will be set on the day, based on the conditions.

The Aeolian Islands have few natural racing marks so we will have to improvise at the last minute.

The diagram on the left shows which ports are suitable for which wind directions



Portorosa

Portorosa is a purpose built complex with the SunSicily office in the centre where the shopping centre, marina office and restaurant are.

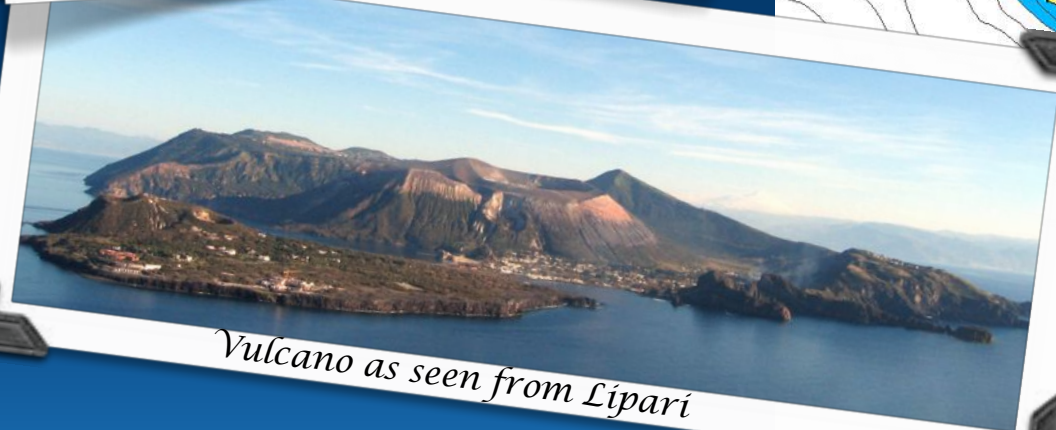
The SunSicily boats are on the other side in front of the hotel, less than 3 minutes walk from their office. They have a van to shift people and their luggage back and forth.

The Sailing Sicily boats are just north-west of the SunSicily boats and they are still looking for an office, having recently moved from Milazzo.

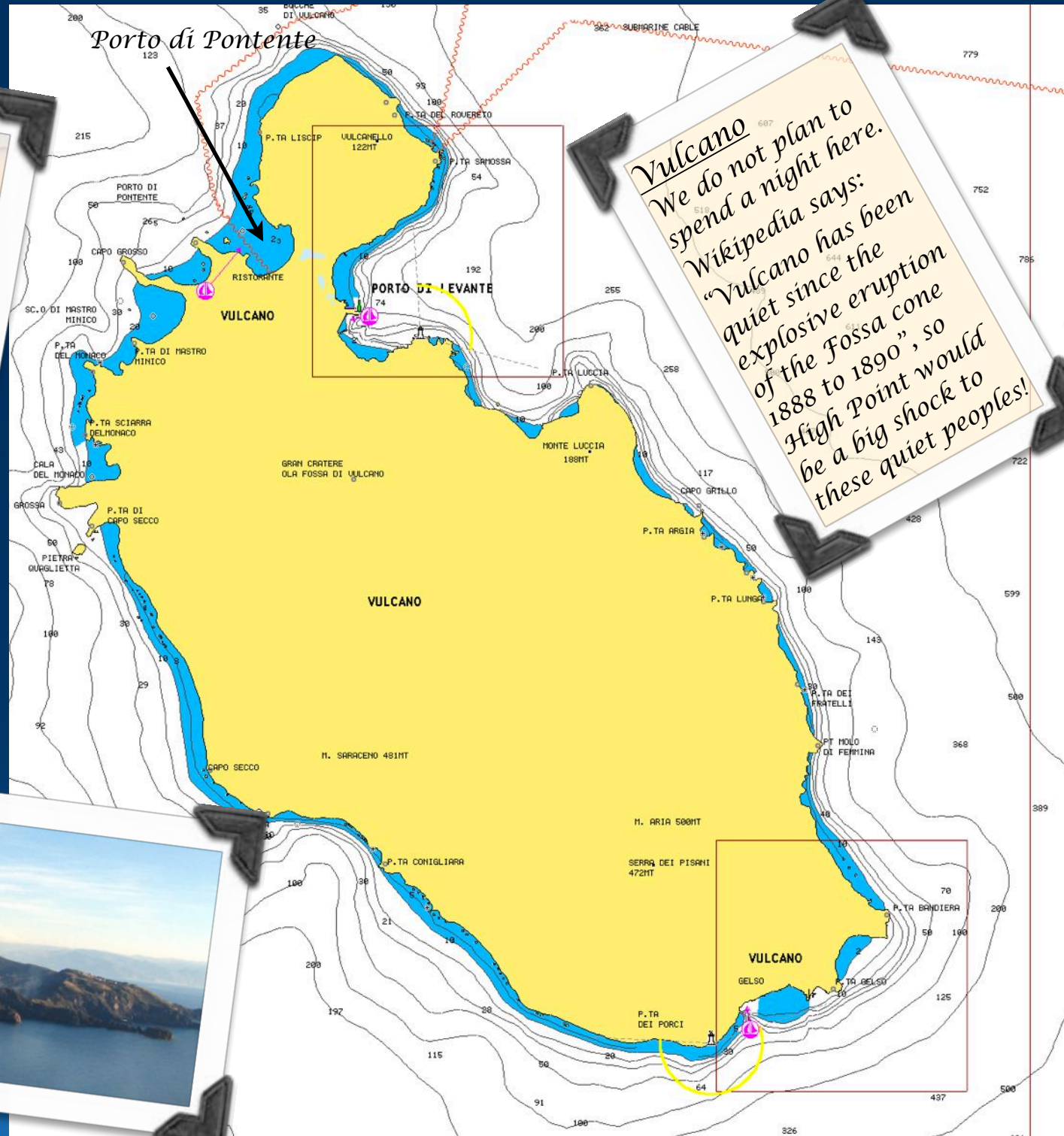
The supermarket is not big but is apparently well equipped and adequate for the first stock-up. They also do a provisioning service, charging 20% of the supermarket receipt.

Once everyone has checked in and got their yachts provisioned up it is time to relax and get into holiday spirit starting with the welcome party which Carolyn is organising. Details of this kick-off event will follow.....





Vulcano as seen from Lipari



Lipari

If the wind is westerly, we can moor in Marina Corta.

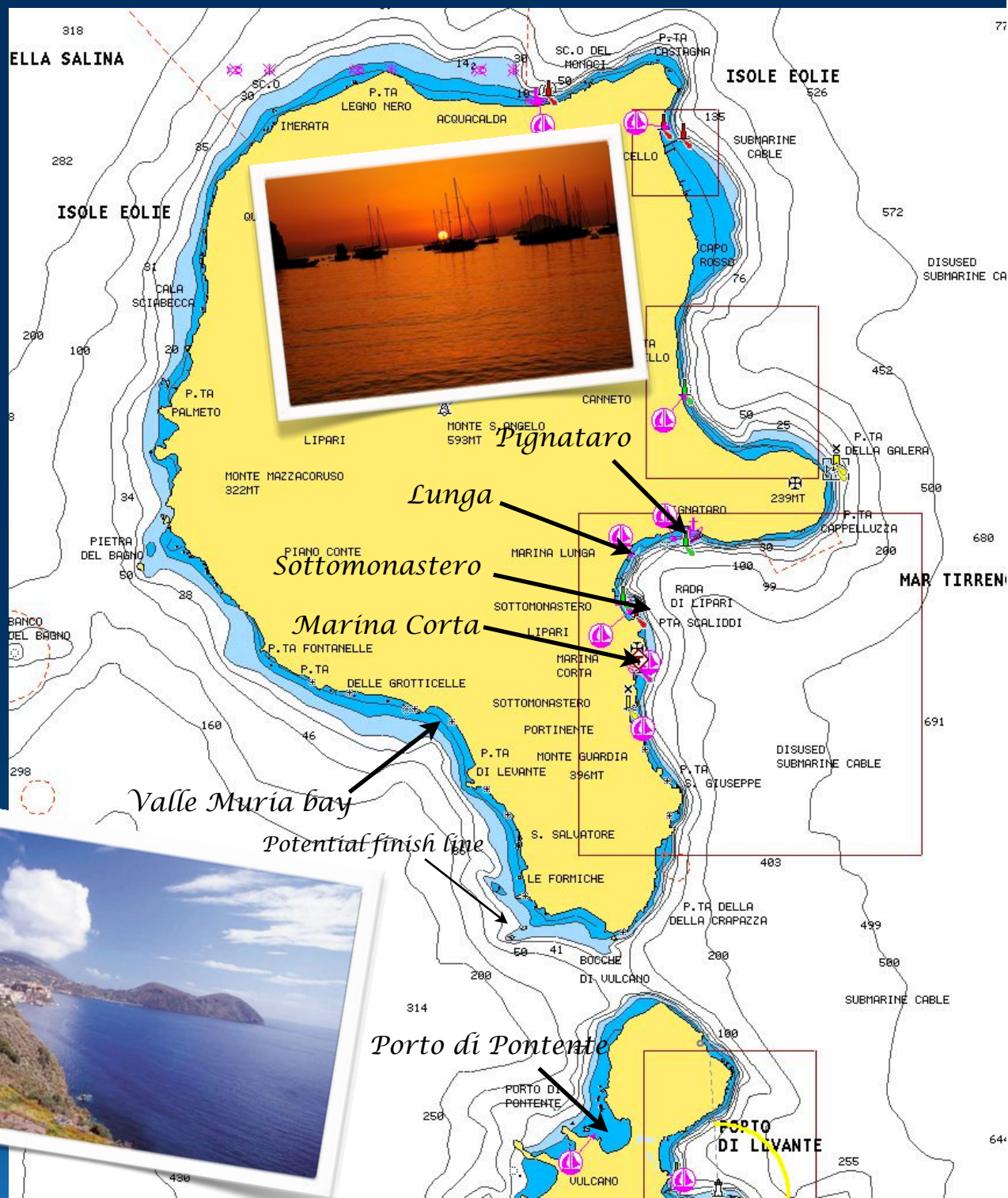
If there is strong wind from the southeast, the safest and cheaper place will be Pignataro harbour which is about half a mile north in the same bay. The main centre is a 1km walk or €10-15 taxi ride for 8 each way. Other possibilities for mooring in southeasterlies are Valle Muria bay or the beautiful bay of Porto di Ponente in Vulcano Island, 2.5 Nm to the south. In both these places we can drop anchor in about 5 metres depth and both have a secure sandy bottom.

Lipari is the biggest and main island with lots of facilities including museum, hospital, supermarket, fish market, chandlery and more.

Recommended restaurants are Filippino at €60-70 per head (call Mr Bernardi on +39 090 9811002) or Trattoria del vicolo in a cosy flowered street and €30-40 per head (call Miss Rosy on +39 090 9811066). Name drop Daniele for preferential treatment.

Bars to consider are Luna Quinta (sailors' bar), Eden Bar (good for aperitif), Bar l'approdo (live music) and a couple of discos with bump bump type music you can't speak over. Supermarkets will deliver free for the chance of a friendly tip and there are two small chandlers.

There is a small sailmaker for repairs and mechanical service available.



Panarea

There is room for 10-12 boats to anchor for free near the one concrete pier where the ferry and other ships moor up. Just 0.5 Nm to the north, Enzino has a buoy field and operates a 24 hour water taxi service which is included in the ~€30 mooring fee.

There's a nice beach we can anchor on at Cala Milazzese with a restaurant, Zimmari, which we could call up to organise a beach barbeque (call +39 329 6279502). Or there is the restaurant da Pina which is very special (ask for Giovanna or Anna on +39 090 983032). Two aperitif solutions are the Raya or Bridge Club terraces, both of which serve good stuff and have amazing panoramic views.

Panarea is a very tiny village and all activities take place on or close to the dock.

The special swimming option in the area is the water southwest of Lisca Bianca where bubbles can be seen coming out of the ground (it wasn't me, honest!!).



Capo and Cala Milazzese



Cala Junco

Stromboli

The seabed follows the shape of the island so it is very deep even close to the island. There are two options for mooring on the northeast coast. The first is the buoy area Sabbianera (ask for Ando on +39 335 8021375) which costs €25-30 including 24 hour water taxi. The other is free mooring at anchor just north of the buoys on the tongue of sand that protrudes to the northeast from the land in 5-6 metres depth, or further round on the long black beach called Fico Grande, also 5-6 metres deep and with good holding.

If there is a strong northeasterly blowing the only shelter is down-wind of the big rock and the coastguard does not allow boats close to the shore. If it blows up we would have to shelter here on engine, so fingers crossed for benign winds for this part of the trip.

Rumour has it that Barbablu is a good dinner or aperitif venue and that the sweet pastries and “Arancini” (riceball filled with ragu....yummy!) at Ingrid Bar in the main square are unmissable. Ingrid’s is also the meeting point for the climb up the volcano.



Salina

We will probably stop in the Porto delle Eolie (tel: +39 090 9843521) if we need to fill our tanks and galleys after nights at anchor. Otherwise we can drop anchor just in front of the marina entrance.

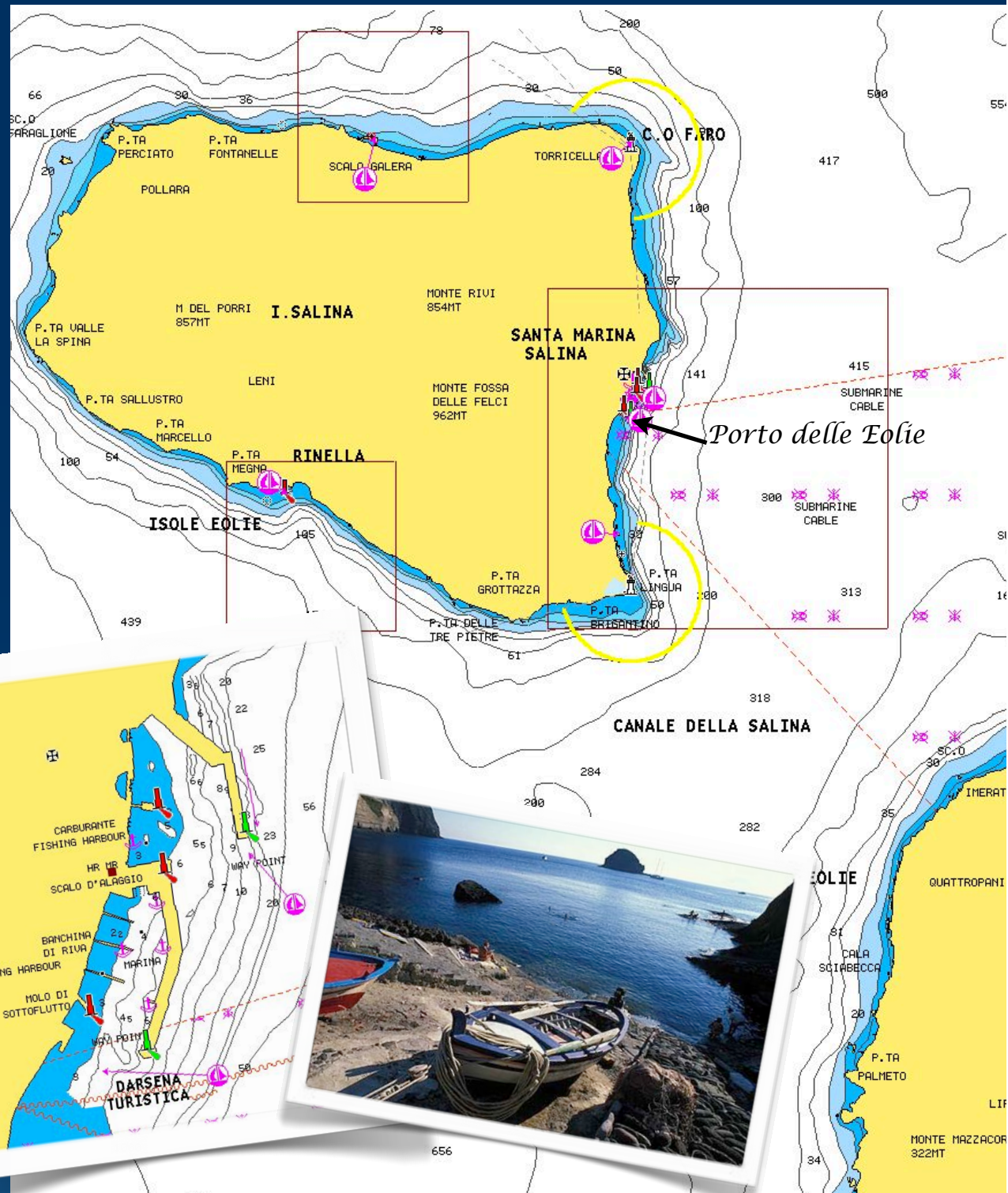
Salina is a gastro island with many great restaurants and amazing food. The sweet wine “Malvasia” is produced on the island -how about a visit to a vineyard for some tasting?

Laila Club at the end of the promenade and 10 minutes walk from the marina towards the centre is in the running for an aperitif. In Santa Marina there is:-

- Portobello is a terrace just above the Laila Club. Prices €50-60 per person (+39 090 9843125)
- Mamma Santina is a sort of Trattoria, 15 minutes walk from the centre. Mario the chef learnt from his mother, Mamma Santina and is great friends with Daniele, our local guide.
- Batana is the best pizzeria in the island and, like Mario, the owner, Tamrat, is a great friend of Daniele.

3 km west lies the small fishing village of Lingua which is home to Alfredo's bar which is the most famous in the archipelago. “Granita Siciliana” and “Pane Cunzato” are specialties that can be looked up on the internet.

Pollara is 12km away and a great spot for the sunset. The restaurant La Locanda del Postino is a dinner option there and they would collect a crew by mini-bus (Mauro or Amelia on +39 335 6779733).



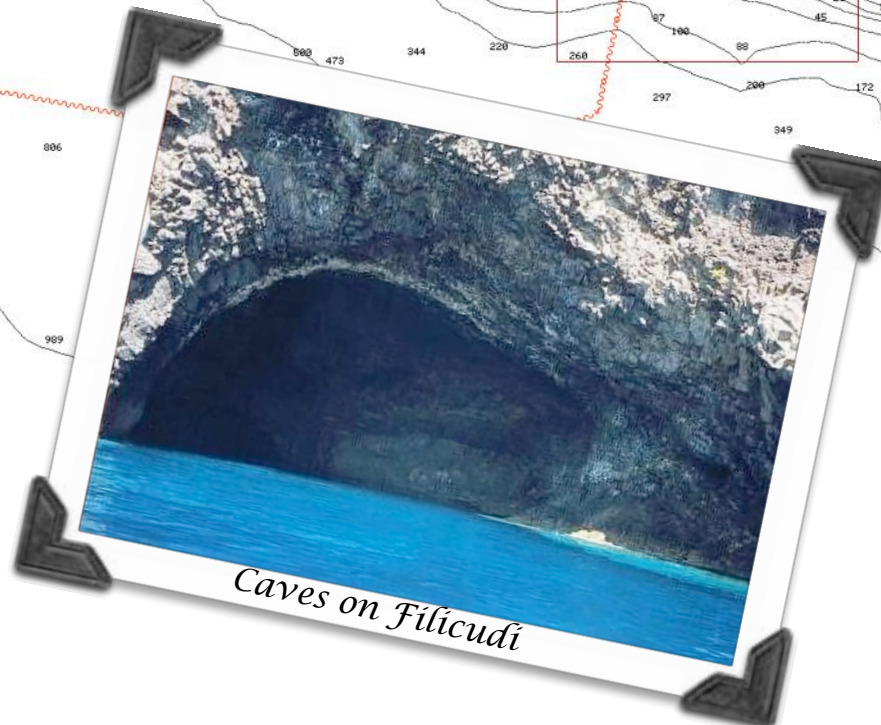
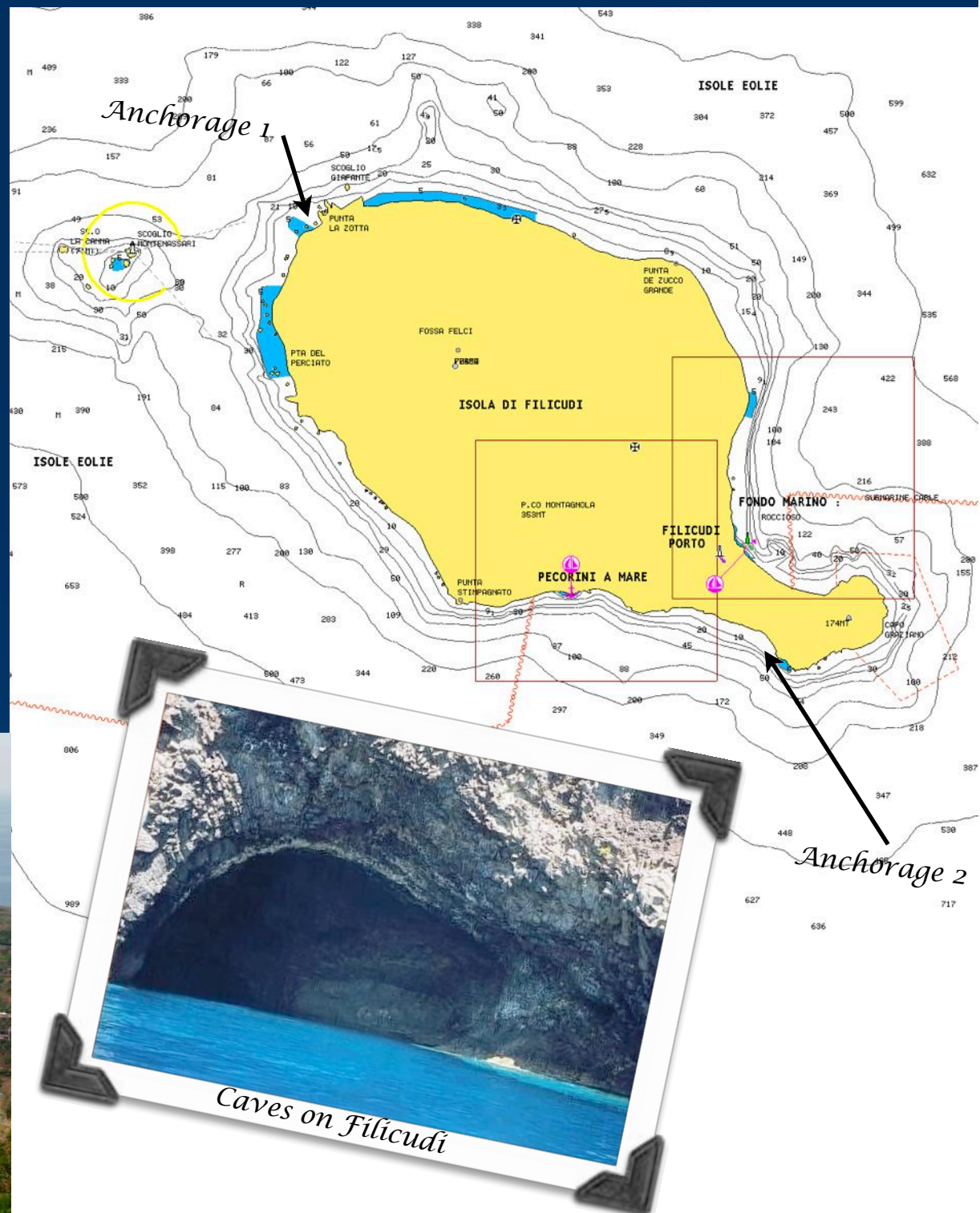
Filicudi

There are no marinas in this little island. We can drop anchor and moor up stern to the concrete pier in Pecorini a mare. The bottom is sand and rock. Call Nino on +39 340 1484645 or +39 090 9889077 to arrange moorings or employ his diving services.

On the way there we could stop at one of the anchorages at Punta la Zotta (1) (beware of rocks!) or the back of the ankle-shaped peninsula in the southeast part of the island (2).

The Saloon on the promenade would a good choice for our apres-sail rendez-vous aperitif beer or Malvasia wine-tasting in simple surrounding frequented by the locals. A place to soak up the local culture.

Antonio and Alina (she's English and they live in the Isle of Wight during the winter) bought a piece of land and built their restaurant, Lidalina, on the seaside so we could eat there (+39 349 8693320), la Sirena or Filicudi Yacht Club which are also good places with nice terraces.



Stop-overs

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Lat/Long</i>	<i>VHF</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<i>Marina</i>	<i>Porto delle Eolie, Salina</i>	<i>N 38° 33.256' E 14° 52.235'</i>		<i>+39 0909843521</i>
<i>Marina</i>	<i>Marina Corta, Lipari</i>	<i>N 38° 27.957' E 14° 57.471'</i>		<i>+39 0909811320</i>
<i>Marina</i>	<i>Sottomonastero, Lipari</i>	<i>N 38° 28.240' E 14° 57.403'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 0909811320</i>
<i>Marina</i>	<i>Marina Lunga, Lipari</i>	<i>N 38° 28.539' E 14° 57.403'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 0909811320</i>
<i>Mooring buoys</i>	<i>Pignataro, Lipari</i>	<i>N 38° 28.626' E 14° 57.717'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 0909813521</i>
<i>Anchorage</i>	<i>Valle Muria bay, Lipari</i>	<i>N 38° 27.558' E 14° 55.982'</i>		
<i>Anchorage</i>	<i>Porto di Ponente, Vulcano</i>	<i>N 38° 25.181' E 14° 57.120'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 3393372795</i>
<i>Marina</i>	<i>Porto di Levante</i>	<i>N 38° 24.893' E 15° 57.674'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 335 8021375</i>
<i>Mooring buoys</i>	<i>Sabbianera, Stromboli</i>	<i>N 38° 48.050' E 15° 14.533'</i>		<i>+39 335 8021375</i>
<i>Anchorage</i>	<i>Fico Grande, Stromboli</i>	<i>N 38° 48.481' E 15° 14.216'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 090986390</i>
<i>Mooring buoys</i>	<i>Enzino, Panarea</i>	<i>N 38° 38.267' E 15° 04.667'</i>		
<i>Anchorage</i>	<i>Cala Milazzese, Panarea</i>	<i>N 38° 37.667' E 15° 04.000'</i>		
<i>Pier</i>	<i>Pecorini a mare, Filicudi</i>	<i>N 38° 33.504' E 14° 33.945'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+39 3286559228</i>
<i>Anchorage</i>	<i>Unnamed, Filicudi</i>	<i>N 38° 33.300' E 14° 35.000'</i>		
<i>Anchorage</i>	<i>Punta la Zotta, Filicudi</i>	<i>N 38° 35.033' E 14° 32.633'</i>		
<i>Pier</i>	<i>Scalo Ditella, Panarea</i>	<i>N 38° 38.251' E 15° 04.494'</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>+390909811320</i>