

BASE GUIDE

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THE MEDITERRANEAN | SICILY

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BASE ADDRESS

Portorosa Marina

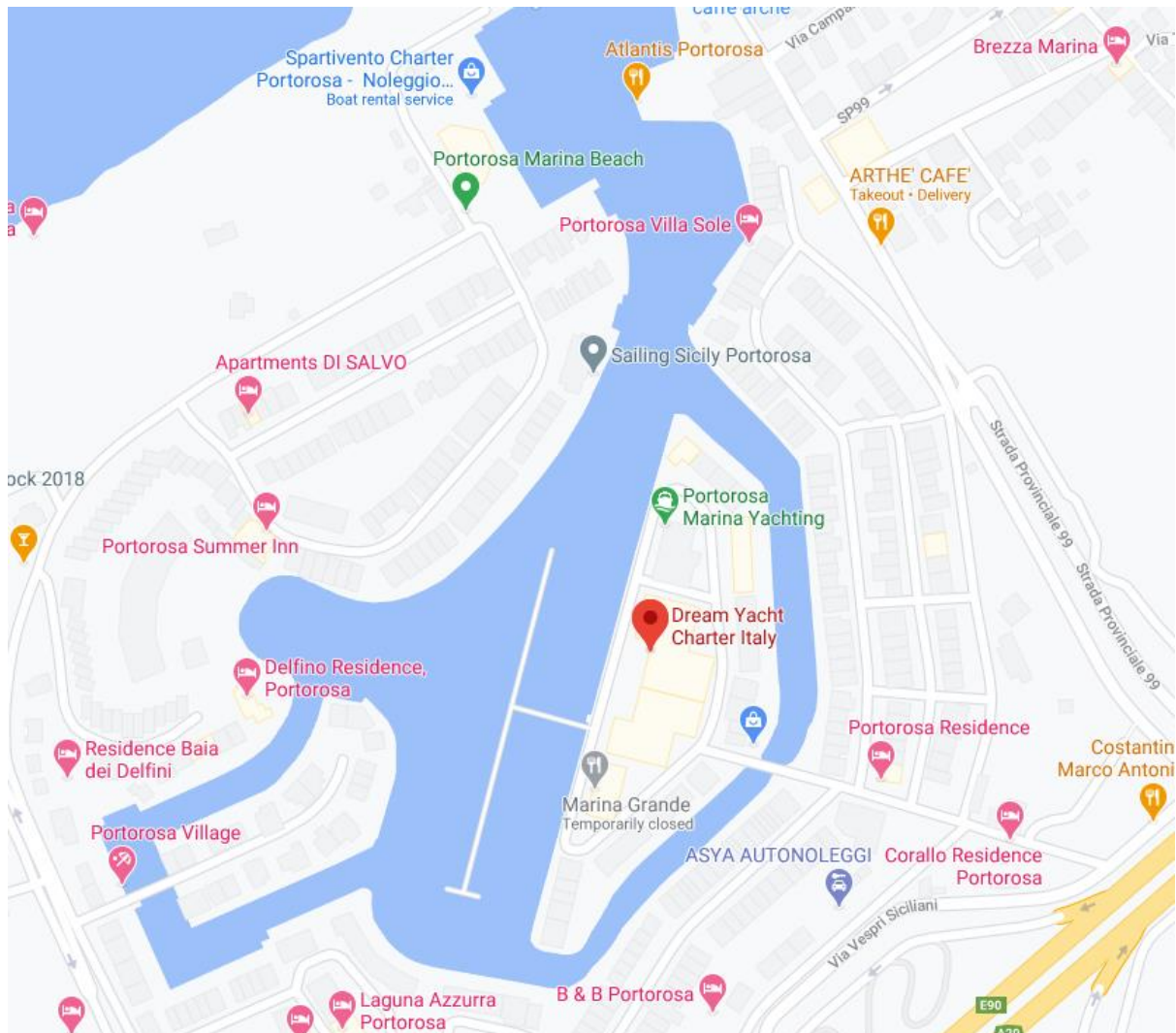
Via Prestipaolo

Tonnarella, Furnari 98054

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

OPENING HOURS: 9am – 5pm

BASE MAP



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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:

Name: 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: Yes No

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation time is from 5pm.

YACHT BRIEFING

All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 30-60 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.

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

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DISEMBARKATION TIME

All boats have to return to base on no later than 6pm on the last evening of charter and disembarkation is at 9am the following morning.

To assist in making checkout as smooth as possible, we ask that you arrive back at the base the evening before disembarkation. The vessel's equipment, along with a general visual check of its interior and exterior will be thoroughly conducted. A diver will be present with a camera and have a check of the boat's hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. The 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 an organized transfer from the airport, please contact our customer service. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to the 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).

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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

Outside the marina (2 km):

Conad Supermarket

Via Nazionale

98054 Furnari ME

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	8:30am - 8:30pm
Sunday	8:30am - 1.30pm

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

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](#)

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- [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 Quattropiani 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.

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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. You can also purchase Wi-Fi from our base.

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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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.

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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 a 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)