

Isola del Gilgio

A day cruise in the waters of the Tuscan archipelago of Argentario



Talamone

June, sunny day, clear sky, favorable weather, we are in Talamone and we decide to sail to meet some friends in Porto Santo Stefano with our beautiful sailboat.



From Talamone to Giglio

At 10:00, having let go of the moorings, we find ourselves at the exit of the Talamone marina heading to Porto S. Stefano.



- 1 - Determine course and distance
- 2 - Knowing that our cruising speed is 5 kt, determine ETA

From Talamone to Giglio

After 1 hour of navigation, at 11:00, our friends inform us that they are sailing towards Giglio island. We decide to join them to spend the day together.



- 1 – Determine the new route and distance to Giglio Porto
- 2 - Knowing that our cruising speed is 5 kt, determine ETA
- 3 - Knowing that our engine consumes 8 litres/hour, and that at the departure from Talamone we had embarked 50 litres, determine our autonomy.

From Talamone to Giglio

After 1 hour and 30 minutes, at 12:30, we decide to fix ship's position: we observe magnetic bearing of the lighthouse of Giglio Porto for 250° and Punta di Torre Ciana for 100° .



- 1 – Fix our position in the chart
- 2 – Are we en route?
- 3 – How far are we from Giglio Porto, and at what time will we arrive?

Sail cruise in Giglio Island

After a beautiful day of swimming in the sea and an evening having dinner with our friends on the Giglio island, the following morning we plan a dive at the Secca della Croce where we were told there are beautiful seabeds.



- 1 – Estimate the distance and the time needed to get to the Secca della Croce
- 2 - Define the coordinates of the arrival point

Sailing Towards Talamone

Beautiful dive. We have lunch at anchor taking advantage of the day with calm sea.

In the early afternoon, at 16.00, we said goodbye to our friends and got back on course for home (Talamone).



1 – plot course, distance, ETA

Back to Talamone

After an hour of navigation we fix our position by noting the lighthouse of Punta del Pendio for 243° and the lighthouse of Punta Lipidonia for 77° .



- 1 – transfer the point on the map, mark its coordinates
- 2 - plot a new route for Talamone