SkipperBrief

ROADBOOK · PASSAGE PLAN

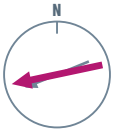
Lorient › Scilly

Bénéteau Oceanis 36 CC · Draught 1.55 m

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DISTANCE	DURATION	ENGINE
01:00	09:11	201.7 NM	32 h 11	7 h 31
Thu 29/10	Fri 30/10 · margin 14:01	12 WP	37 h 01 with margin	~ 19 L of diesel

GO WITH CONDITIONS 2 leg(s) within thresholds, 11 caution, 0 outside.

Weather: Open-Meteo ECMWF · GFS (frozen demo) · Issued Wed 28/10 11:01

No.	Dist. (NM)	Heading · wind	Waypoint and next leg	Time
D	0.0 total +4.8 leg	 258°	**Lorient - South channel** 47°41.50'N 003°22.00'W Buoyed channel, commercial and ferry traffic. Exit via the south channel, Les Truies / Bastresses. Shelter: Lorient / Port-Louis / Kernével · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9 hdg 258° · 4.8 NM · Calm · wind ENE 4 kn (7) · sea 1.2 m · 5.5 kn SOG	01:00 Thu 29/10 Actual Log
1	4.8 total +21.4 leg	 258°	**WP1 Coureau de Groix W** 47°40.50'N 003°29.00'W Stay more than 1 NM off Pen Men (NW Groix). Lorient traffic / Groix ferries. AIS watch at night. Shelter: Port-Tudy (Groix) · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9 · 2.4 NM hdg 258° · 21.4 NM · Calm · wind ENE 5 kn (9) · sea 1.1 m · 5.5 kn SOG	01:52 Thu 29/10 Actual Log
2	26.2 total +20.5 leg	 293°	**WP2 S Glénan** 47°36.00'N 004°00.00'W Glénan islands to the N (rocks, Basse Jaune): pass 3 NM to the S. Many pots. Shelter: Concarneau · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9 · 16.7 NM hdg 293° · 20.5 NM · Run · wind ESE 11 kn (14) · sea 2.0 m · 5.3 kn SOG Models disagree (± 8 kn) · Sea 2.0 m	05:45 Thu 29/10 Actual Log
3	46.7 total +19.5 leg	 321°	**WP3 SW Penmarc'h** 47°44.00'N 004°28.00'W Penmarc'h / Eckmühl rocks: stay 3.5 NM offshore. Many trawlers (Guilvinec). Shelter: Le Guilvinec · Fishing port, access at all states of tide; tricky entrance in S swell · 8.2 NM hdg 321° · 19.5 NM · Run · wind SE 15 kn (20) · sea 1.8 m · 6.2 kn SOG Models disagree (± 7 kn) · Sea 1.8 m	09:39 Thu 29/10 Actual Log
4	66.2 total +3.6 leg	 359°	**WP4 S approach to Raz** 47°59.00'N 004°46.50'W Audierne Bay: cross swell. Possible inshore counter-current before the turn of the tide. Engine ready, reef if needed. Shelter: Ste-Évette (Audierne) · Moorings sheltered from W-NW; exposed to S-SE · 9.1 NM hdg 359° · 3.6 NM · Deep reach · engine · wind SE 16 kn (20) · sea 1.8 m · 7.5 kn SOG · tide +2.0 kn Models disagree (± 6 kn) · Sea 1.8 m	12:48 Thu 29/10 Actual Log

Decision aid only: indicative waypoints to be checked on official charts, official forecasts to be consulted. The skipper remains solely responsible.

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5	**69.8** total +4.3 leg	 **024°**	**WP5 Raz de Sein** 48°02.60'N 004°46.60'W Streams up to 6-7 kn at springs. Pass at slack water, never wind against tide. La Plate / La Vieille to the E, Chaussée de Sein to the W. Shelter: Île de Sein · Small harbour, tidal access, limited shelter · 3.0 NM hdg 024° · 4.3 NM · Broad reach · engine · wind SE 17 kn (20) · sea 1.7 m · 7.3 kn SOG · tide +1.8 kn Models disagree (± 6 kn) · Sea 1.7 m	**13:16** Thu 29/10 Actual Log
6	**74.1** total +11.9 leg	 **345°**	**WP6 N Raz (E Tévennec)** 48°06.50'N 004°44.00'W Tévennec: rocks extend 0.5 NM to the N, pass 1.5 NM off. Overfalls and chop at the N exit of the Raz. Shelter: Camaret · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9 · 12.0 NM hdg 345° · 11.9 NM · Deep reach · wind SE 17 kn (19) · sea 1.7 m · 6.7 kn SOG Models disagree (± 5 kn) · Sea 1.7 m	**13:51** Thu 29/10 Actual Log
7	**86.0** total +6.5 leg	 **355°**	**WP7 S entrance Four** 48°18.00'N 004°48.50'W Iroise: Pierres Noires to the W, Toulinguet to the E. Brest narrows traffic. Follow the Kermorvan / St-Mathieu leading lines. Shelter: Camaret · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9 · 8.8 NM hdg 355° · 6.5 NM · Deep reach · engine · wind SSE 11 kn (18) · sea 1.4 m · 8.0 kn SOG · tide +2.5 kn Models disagree (± 6 kn)	**15:38** Thu 29/10 Actual Log
8	**92.5** total +7.0 leg	 **356°**	**WP8 Four - Valbelle** 48°24.50'N 004°49.30'W Buoyed channel, less than 1 NM clearance (Corsen to the E, Plâtresses / Valbelle to the W). Streams 4-5 kn at springs. Daylight only. Shelter: L'Aber-Ildut · Rocky entrance, daylight, tidal access · 4.5 NM hdg 356° · 7.0 NM · Deep reach · engine · wind SSE 11 kn (19) · sea 1.4 m · 8.0 kn SOG · tide +2.5 kn Models disagree (± 7 kn)	**16:27** Thu 29/10 Actual Log
9	**99.5** total +24.8 leg	 **318°**	**WP9 N exit Four** 48°31.50'N 004°50.00'W Le Four (lighthouse) to the E: stay 1 NM off. Last French shelter before the crossing. Shelter: L'Aber-Wrac'h · Access at all states of tide, preferably in daylight - VHF 9 · 11.6 NM hdg 318° · 24.8 NM · Deep reach · wind SSE 12 kn (20) · sea 1.3 m · 5.4 kn SOG Models disagree (± 9 kn)	**17:20** Thu 29/10 Actual Log
10	**124.3** total +41.9 leg	 **327°**	**WP10 Before Ushant TSS** 48°50.00'N 005°15.00'W Ushant TSS: cross the lanes on a heading as close as possible to a right angle (rule 10). Listen on VHF 13 Ushant Traffic. Shelter: L'Aber-Wrac'h · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9 · 30.7 NM hdg 327° · 41.9 NM · Deep reach · wind S 18 kn (24) · sea 1.8 m · 6.7 kn SOG Models disagree (± 5 kn) · Sea 1.8 m	**21:56** Thu 29/10 Actual Log

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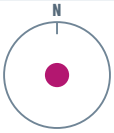
11	166.2 total +33.0 leg	 327°	**WP11 After TSS** 49°25.00'N 005°50.00'W Western Approaches: N-S traffic towards Land's End. No shelter for about 6 h. Shelter: Newlyn · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9/12 · 42.7 NM hdg 327° · 33.0 NM · Broad reach · wind SSW 17 kn (24) · sea 2.2 m · 7.1 kn SOG Models disagree (± 0 kn, 109°) · Sea 2.2 m	04:09 Fri 30/10 Actual Log
12	199.1 total +2.6 leg	 343°	**WP12 St Mary's Sound approach** 49°52.50'N 006°18.00'W Spanish Ledge (E cardinal) and Bartholomew Ledges: follow the leading line. S-SW swell in the entrance. Shelter: St Mary's (Hugh Town) · Visitor moorings, no anchoring in the harbour - VHF 14 · 2.6 NM hdg 343° · 2.6 NM · Broad reach · wind SW 17 kn (21) · sea 2.3 m · 7.1 kn SOG Models disagree (± 1 kn, 141°) · Sea 2.3 m	08:49 Fri 30/10 Actual Log
A	201.7 total		**St Mary's Pool (Hugh Town)** 49°55.00'N 006°19.20'W	09:11 Fri 30/10 Actual Log

DECISION POINTS

1. Day before departure, 6 pm: new AROME / ARPEGE / ECMWF run and forecasts (gale warnings). Leave if mean wind <= 20 kn and gusts <= 28 kn in the W Channel, sea <= 2.5 m at Scilly.
2. WP3 Penmarc'h: if more than 1 h behind schedule for the Raz, stop at Ste-Évette / Audierne or Le Guilvinec.
3. WP4 S Raz: go through only if sea < 2.5 m and no N wind > 15 kn (wind against tide).
4. WP9 N exit Four: last point of no return. Carry on if the evening forecast is <= F5 in Plymouth / Sole and the crew is rested, otherwise L'Aber-Wrac'h.
5. WP11 after TSS: if sustained wind > 25 kn or gusts > 35 kn, bear away for Newlyn.
6. Formalities: Schengen exit (French border police) and UK Border Force declaration before leaving; Q flag on arrival.

VHF AND PHONES

CROSS Étel (Lorient - Penmarc'h) · VHF 16 · 196
CROSS Corsen (Penmarc'h - Ouessant) · VHF 16 · 196
Ushant Traffic (TSS) · VHF 13
Falmouth Coastguard (UK) · VHF 16 · 999
Lorient marinas · VHF 9
L'Aber-Wrac'h · VHF 9
St Mary's Harbour · VHF 14 · +44 1720 422768

LOG NOTES

BOLT HOLES

Port-Tudy (Groix) – 2.4 NM from WP1 Coureau de Groix W · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9
Concarneau – 16.7 NM from WP2 S Glénan · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9
Le Guilvinec – 8.2 NM from WP3 SW Penmarc'h · Fishing port, access at all states of tide; tricky entrance in S swell
Ste-Évette (Audierne) – 9.1 NM from WP4 S approach to Raz · Moorings sheltered from W-NW; exposed to S-SE
Île de Sein – 3.0 NM from WP5 Raz de Sein · Small harbour, tidal access, limited shelter
Camaret – 8.8 NM from WP7 S entrance Four · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9
L'Aber-Ildut – 4.5 NM from WP8 Four - Valbelle · Rocky entrance, daylight, tidal access
L'Aber-Wrac'h – 11.6 NM from WP9 N exit Four · Access at all states of tide, preferably in daylight - VHF 9
Newlyn – 42.7 NM from WP11 After TSS · Access at all states of tide - VHF 9/12
St Mary's (Hugh Town) – 2.6 NM from WP12 St Mary's Sound approach · Visitor moorings, no anchoring in the harbour - VHF 14

ARRIVAL ACCESS

St Mary's access at ETA: 6.13 m of water for 3.05 m required › OK