

Jeune Genevois Cruise 2012

Saturday, 8th. September

After our flight in the morning of the 8th. September from Geneva to Naples, a representant of the Charter Company was waiting for us to bring us from the airport to the harbour, from where we took a ferry, a one hour trip, to Procida.

At the arrival in Procida, again a nice person from Sailitalia collected us and accompanied us to their office, where I had to do the paperwork for the boatcharter. Finally, in the afternoon, after all formalities, boat check and inventory, we took over possession of our „Cyclades 43.4“ a very nice yacht.

Provisions were already on board, thanks to Dennis who sent the shopping list days before to Sailitalia.

In the evening, a bit tired, we decided to have dinner in one of the taverns close to the marina.

Sunday, 9th. September

The weather prognostics for the next 4 days are very good.

Wind :NE 3-4, Temperature air :28°C, Temperature water :26°C

After a small problem with the GPS, which was solved by a specialist from the company, we left the marina of Procida at 10h30.

Our direction is Ventotene. Cap 280° - 32 nm.



We enjoyed the nice sailing conditions, but after a time people became hungry and a few crew members started to prepare some nice food and opened a bottle of Italian wine which was delicious.

Before darkness arrived we were welcomed by the kind harbourmaster at the entrance to the old Roman harbour of Ventotene , where we dined in a local restaurant.

Monday, 10th. September

Tired from the long Sunday trip, we decided to relax a bit.

At about 10h we left the harbour for a trip around the island with a stop in a nice bay for lunch, swimming and snorkeling.

The weather was fantastic.

In the late afternoon we returned to the harbour of Ventotene to spend the evening and night again there.



Tuesday, 11th. September

Departure at 10h30 for Ponza, another island, 30 miles west.

Weather conditions were very good. Wind NE 3-4, blue sky.

After 3h of sailing at 5 to 7 knots a very good smell came from the galley; everybody enjoyed what had been prepared.

In the early evening we arrived in the large harbour of Ponza where we found an anchorage between a lot of other boats.

Too tired to cook, we prepared the dingi to go to town.

After a good dinner, every body was happy to come back to the boat and find his cabin.

Wednesday 12th. September

At 10h15, anchor up and departure. After a delicious breakfast our destination is Pamarola, a small uninhabited island

Today the distance is only 7 miles W and at 12h20 we arrive in a tiny nice bay. The ideal place for lunch.

We put the anchor down and immediately most of us jumped into the warm water.

The pleasure was short because also jellyfish liked this place. Some of us got burned but it was not too serious. We prepared the dingi and a few of us made a tour to discover more of this nice anchorage.



While the weather conditions were still excellent we decided to sail to another place on the other side of the island. There we found a large bay which invited us for a swim.

The Guardia di Finanza passed the afternoon checking another sailing boat but left us to enjoy our swimming.

At late afternoon it was time to return to Ponza for the night where we anchored again in the large harbour where a lot of other boats were already present,

Thursday, 13th. September

At 4 o'clock the night I heard a thunderstorm coming and the boat was moving and turning, pulling the chain with funny noises.

I jumped out from my bed and started the motor, to be ready to leave immediately in case of necessity. The crew were not so sensitive; they showed up as I started the motor, but estimated that there was no danger. The wind became very strong and we and all the other boats swung and turned around. Sometimes we came very close but everything passed well.

At about 7h00 the wind died down a bit and I went back to my cabin to take rest.

At 9h30 I woke up again with the smell of nice fresh brewed coffee.

After breakfast we left Ponza with direction Ventotene. The weather was not as nice as the 4 first days. But the wind was strong, force 5-6 and brought us very fast to our destination.

At 1 mile distance from the harbour of Ventotene a speed boat from the harbourmaster came out to offer us a place. I think we were very good clients to have this service. We spent our 3rd night on this beautiful island.

Friday, 14th September.

With sadness we realised, that this day was already the last day of the cruise.

We left Ventotene early because we had again more than 30 miles to do.

We thought that we could make a stop at Ischia, but on the way we had very bad weather. Less and less wind but more and more rain.



Finally we switched on the motor on and headed to Procida, our final destination.
At 17h we arrived in the marina, wet but happy to be back in good health and with
a boat in good shape.

I would like to say Thank You to the crewmembers. It was a pleasure to sail with
them.
But specially a big Thank You to Dennis who helped me a lot to organise this cruise.

Manfred