



Italy Sardinia



Very important information is that all the black boats in Rod Heikels "Italian Water Pilot" are "free of charge" places if there is space!!!

We visited all the places with an * in 2004-2006 and some of them again in 2009 and 2010. So prices mentioned below may have gone up afterwards. Most of the places are free quay sides (black boats in the pilot) but we added also a few places with (cheap) marinas and some beautiful anchorages. We didn't have any problems with our length of 14 m or our 2.05 m draught. The places without * were visited by friends who passed on the information to us.

Sardinia

Golfo delle Saline *, (Anchorage): 41°09'.7N 09°25'.4E, NE side

Golfo delle Saline is a beautiful, safe and protected anchorage just a few miles south of Maddelena. The holding is perfect (sand) no swell or rolling from passing ships. We were here all alone!

Olbia *, 40°56'.22N 09°31'.44E, east side

Go via the buoyed channel to the south side of the quay (p265). The whole quay until the corner is free of charge; at the beginning are mostly big ships Med moored. Find a free space or moor alongside another yacht (its common use here). Water at the quay, you need a long hose. The shops are nearby, even a big supermarket just beyond the ESSO station.

Arbatax *, 39°56'.76N 09°42'.98E, east side

North of the breakwater is a big and safe anchorage, the holding is perfect (sand) but open to NE-E. It is safe to leave your dinghy at one of the small pontoons in the marina, the staff is friendly. The Marina is not expensive out of (high) season, showers and even a bath is available. There is a perfect and cheap yard with travel lifts (35, 60 and 200 tons) and very friendly and helpful staff, all facilities available when you are on the hard standing. Opposite of the marina and at the south side of the breakwater we often saw yachts moored and perhaps it's a free of charge quay, without facilities of course.

Porto Coralle *, 39°26'.4N 09°38'.4E, east side

Porto Coralle is a tiny marina but very cheap, we paid in 2009 for Zeezwaluw (14m) only 21 € /night incl. electricity and water. The marina is in the middle of nowhere, there is only a camping shop in high season but it's a perfect spot to wait for good winds to sail to Sicily. The surroundings are perfect for nice walks inland or along the winding shoreline.

Villasimius anchorage *, 39°07'.58N 09°30'.05E, south side

In 2009 we anchored off the beach north of the marina breakwater in 8m crystal clear water. The holding was perfect in the sand bottom. It was a bit wobbly due to the light swell but still OK. Off the beach inside the marina breakwater were 3 ships at anchor, which looked more sheltered against wind and incoming swell. We don't know if the marina collects anchor fees though.

Cagliari, Marina del Sole *, 39°12'.08N 09°07'.43E, south side

The marina is situated at St Elmo's quay (it's not St Elmo's marina) recognisable by the pointed tents, Gazebos' at the quay. The marina is the cheapest of Sardinia to winter, even in summer, prizes are negotiable. In 2009-2010 there were at least 12 boats with live-aboards from many nationalities; most UK but also Ireland, Australia, France, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany were present. All facilities like water, electricity, showers & toilets (basic) and even a washing machine are available.

In the Gazebo is a bar and book swab, whilst BBQ has been organized in the gazebo by live-aboards during winter probably will be in summer as well. The lovely town is in walking distance with all the necessities you need like supermarkets (Lidl & Carrefour) chandlers, weekly open air- & daily covert market. Trains and busses run to every place in Sardinia and the Cagliari airport with cheap flights (Ryan-air and Easy jet) is just a 10 minutes ride. The marina provides 2 cars for rent (€ 7,-/hr).

Porto Malfatano anchorage *, 38°53'.58N 08°49'.01E, south side

This well sheltered anchorage, only open to the southerly quadrants, is very attractive and has a few very nice white beaches. It's not packed with boats and we liked it very much early April in 2010, we were the only boat there. We anchored E of I. Teredda in 5m crystal clear water. The bottom is sand with weed patches clearly visible, holding in sand was perfect. Because we only spend the night and never went ashore, we don't know what can be expected ashore but there were no shops or restaurants in view.

Porto Ponte Romano anchorage *, 39°02'.29N 08°28'.04E, south side

The anchorage is just south of the breakwater and sheltered against the predominate NW-winds. There are gusts in the afternoon but not bothersome, no swell is building up. We anchored in 5-10m clear water, holding in mud and weed was good. We spent 3 days at anchor to clean the bottom of mussels/barnacles from our wintering place in Cagliari.

Porto Ponte Romano quay side *, 39°03'.44N 08°28'.28E, south side

Moor along the E-side quay in the corner of the commercial harbour, it's allowed and free of harbour fees (2010). The very friendly Guardia Costiera will ask for your ship papers etc. but they won't charge you mooring fees. No electricity, but water is available at the most eastern corner of the quay at the Costiera building. Shelter against the prevailing NW-winds is perfect, SE or SW-winds will cause a swell and will push you against the wall, so no place to be with strong southerlies! The town is in walking distance and even a Lidl (30 min walk following the signs) & Super Pan (15 min walk) can be found. A Chandler, a fuel station and you can even swab or buy an Italian gas bottle in this little town. All these shops are in the main road following the road across the bridge into town. Follow the road further and you will end up in the centre of this pleasant town.

Calasetta *, 39°06'.55N 08°22'.8E, west side

The tiny and shallow anchorage is SW of the breakwater, open to all winds out of the east corner. The holding is poor (rock-hard sand and weed) and sometimes fouled with lines and lobsterpots. If there is space you are allowed to moor at the inside of the northern breakwater in the fishing harbour. But if the fleet comes in, you have to move. There are a few little shops for provisioning available but no water or electricity at the quay.

Cabo San Marcos *, 39°52'.80N 08°27'.33E, west side

The anchorage is just inside the Golfo di Oristano at the north side of the bay. It's a beauty and a very peaceful spot to anchor, holding is perfect (sand) and shelter is good, especially from the nasty westerly winds.

Porto Conte *, 40°33'.9N 08°13'.2E, west side

This anchorage lays in a beautiful enormous bay. Shelter and holding (sand) are perfect. The water is crystal clear. Good snorkelling and windsurfing!

Stintino *, 40°56'.1N 08°14'.0E, north side

Inside the NE breakwater to starboard, are a few free pontoons (2009) connected to the shore. Moor alongside, bow or stern to at the pontoons. No electricity or water at the free pontoons, but in the marina opposite, water is available. In the tiny town everything is available even an Internet cafe.

Busses run to [Sassari](#) or [Porte Torres](#) at regular basis. The famous Fornelli passage is a 60 minutes' walk away!

Castelsardo *, (marina) north side

A free berth is sometimes available inside the harbour to starboard at the fuel quay, opposite the marina. The town with the castle on top of the hill is worth a visit and a great reward after a long steep walk.

Cabo Testa *, 41°14'.27N 09°09'.81E, north side

This anchorage gives a perfect shelter for southerly winds and the holding is good (sand), take care of the few stones at the bottom. The anchorage at the south side of the cape gives you shelter for the northern winds and holding is also very good (sand)

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