# Cruise Log Dalmatian Islands Solta, Korcula, Sv Klement, Hvar, Brac September 2-9, 2006

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Boat: "STAR TWO", Star Yacht 1310, 43ft, semi-displacement trawler style motor yacht, 2x Volvo AD41 200hp, built 1990. Chartered from Offshore Boote (www.offshore-boote.at). Charter base: Marina Kremik near Primosten.

Total logged: 218 nm. Diesel consumption 852lts or 3.9 litre/nm
Kremik – Maslinica (Solta) – Sv Klement (Pakleni Islands) – Korcula – Lumbarda - Brna – Vela Luka – Uv.Perna/Privala - Sv Klement (Palmiziana) – L.Tiha – Bol – Vrboska – Uv.Zukova – Milna – Trogir - Mali Drvenik – Kremik.

## Saturday Sept 2nd : Taking over the boat + first short leg to Solta

This time we had flown into Split the night before and stayed in Primosten.
Arrive at Kremik in sunshine and warm weather on Saturday at 14:00, and receive a friendly welcome by the Offshore team; our boat is prepared and ready. After the usual check-in procedure and catering from the local mini-market we leave Marina Kremik at 16:15 to make the most of our turn.
The afternoon breeze, a slight W 4 has started, we set course SE towards Solta; arrive in the small and charming fishing harbour of **Maslinica** and moor on the quay at 18:30. There are 4 restaurants available; toilets in restaurants only. Our fish dinner in the restaurant right at the very end of the harbour is good and reasonably priced.
We then enjoy a quiet night on board.

## Sunday Sept 3rd : Solta to Korcula Town

We leave Maslinica in bright sunshine at 10:00 and head for the Pakleni Islands on the SW end of Hvar.
Anchor in **Soline bay** (S side of Sv Klement) for lunch and a good swim in the warm sunshine.
We weigh anchor at 14:15; the afternoon W breeze has started and we set course to Korcula town, passing the island of Scedro on it's S side. With our most comfortable cruising speed of around 10kn the ETA is 18:30.
Approaching Korcula from W through the Korculanski Kanal we get scenic views of the Old Town in the afternoon sun. Berth in the **ACI Marina Korcula**.
Have excellent dinner in Addio Mare and coffees in one of the cafes on the fortification walls. The town is still busy with tourists at this time.

## Monday Sept 4th : Around Korcula – Korcula Town to Vela Luka

We go for a short sightseeing walk through the Old Town taking in the fortifications and the cathedral, and leave the marina about midday, a hot and sunny day.
Between the picturesque small islands E of Korcula we make our way round Rt Raznjic at the SE tip of the island, and stop for lunch and a swim in Uvala Prizna with its popular beach and views towards Lumbarda in the distance.
From here we follow the S coast of Korcula to the W, passing Brna.

The wooded coast and its views towards the small islets in front, between Brna and the SW tip of Korcula, is varied and pretty, some residential developments going on here or already in place.
We go round Rt Velo Dance and into **Vela Luka**, the harbour quay is full at 18:00, we need to anchor in the harbour. We have a decent meal at the Konoba in the N part of the harbour (on the first floor terrace). Later, we look for a nice cafe to have a night cap but find the places deserted, a workmen's town on a Monday evening: Nothing invites tourists to spend an evening in this smelly harbour. What a difference to lovely Korcula town.

## Tuesday Sept 5th : Vela Luka to Palmizana (Pakleni Islands)

The sounds of leaving fishing boats wake us after a quiet night at anchor in Vela Luka harbour; again it's a start of a bright sunny and calm day.
After breakfast on board we leave, the rising temperature drives us to a cove. We anchor in nearby **Uvala Perna** on island Proizd at the NW end of Korcula, where we are on our own. Despite an old "military zone" sign on land and some rubbish left ashore, this place is a perfectly fine swimming bay with clear water.

After a good swim and lunch we set off at 13:30 for a leisurely cross (15 mls) to the Pakleni islands, in very slight swell from W raised by the afternoon breeze.
We pass the anchorage between Marinkovac and Borovac, where we spot quite a few yachts, and anchor in Uvala Vinogradisce (Palmizana, S cove, with access to restaurants), which is already occupied by sailing boats apparently intending to stay overnight.
With more yachts arriving we leave the anchorage by 16:00, scared by all those super potent sailors trying to cross our chain, and go to the **ACI Marina Palmizana**. After some good exercise of throwing ropes and untwisting moorings we relax, I even have a small swim in the marina.
A member of an Austrian catamaran crew provides happy hour entertainment to his mates by mightily sounding his trumpet - his "artistry" reverberating across the marina and beyond.
Have superb fish dinner at trusted Meneghelli's, but it comes at a price.

## Wednesday Sept 6th : Palmizana to Vrboska

Beautiful morning in Palmizana marina, again a sunny day with temperatures reaching 30 deg C. The forecast for continued hot weather make us change our plans and go for more local cruising and longer stopovers for swimming.
Left berth at 11:00. Harbour tour in Hvar town watching a large Jadrolina ferry arrive.
Carry on to **Luka Tiha** cove, N side of Starigrad Kanal, where we anchor in the NE arm in this beautifully green wooded cove. The proximity of trees, however, allows a couple of large insects (crickets) to pay us an intrusive visit at lunch, causing much disturbance to the female members of crew. They do prefer the more barren coves with clearer bottom and underwater fauna rather then overwater creatures.
After lunch we leave for Bol on Brac; anchor W of **Dugi Rat** sand dune, just off the beach. Despite some swell from the afternoon W breeze we have a good swim.
At 17:00 we leave and head for **Vrboska**, and go on a mooring in the ACI marina. Later on we notice that 4 or more spaces on the town quay are free, whilst the marina appears to be full (some of the boats seem to be berthed for long stay).
We have a very good and value for money dinner at Restaurant Luka, it's terrace overlooking the marina and harbour.

Vrboska is a small, picturesque and quiet fishing harbour, set in green woodland; it seems a far cry from the tourist crowds in Hvar town.

**Thursday Sept 7th : Vrboska to Milna**

We leave Vrboska around 11:00.
Passing the anchorage S of Zecevo islet we follow the N coast of Hvar to W, looking into small coves e.g. Zala Luka, but find them too narrow or steep for us to anchor.
At 12:00 we anchor in the E arm of **Uvala Zukova** cove (Hvar) on 8m, a very pleasant bay. There are a few old fishermen's cottages and small local boats, an ample and protected anchorage for a swim and to have lunch.

A very warm and sunny day, again 30deg C, with light wind in the afternoon from 15:00.
The sea is calm on the passage to Brac and into **Milna**.
We first tie up in the **Marina Vlaska** (cove N of harbour entrance) but then decide to upset the marinaio and leave for the **ACI Marina** right in town. Given the unpleasant smells we notice in Milna harbour, it might have been a better choice to stay in Marina Vlaska outside (these smells are potentially due to a fish factory but we suspect they stem from a lack of hygiene and adequate waste management facilities given the large number of boats in the marina around the small harbour).
Milna is, anyhow, a pleasant place with old houses, restaurants and cafes. We have a good dinner at Restaurant Fontana.

**Friday Sept 8th : Milna to Kremik**

Leave Milna at 9:30
Still notice sewage smells.
The day starts sunny, hot and calm, but there is a forecast of a weakened cold front approaching from the N later in the day causing NE gusts.
We cross the Splitski Kanal to Trogirski Zaljev and into **Trogir** for a harbour tour – notice a couple of huge "gin palaces" tied up alongside waiting for their guests and obstructing the view of the harbour promenade whilst idling.

From Trogir we head to Mali Drvenik and anchor at 13:00 in **Rina** cove on 5m depth, which offers no protection from S and W. Anyhow, there is hardly any wind, the sun is very warm and getting a bit hazy over the afternoon.
Good bay for swimming; there is also a small restaurant, .
Leave for Kremik and arrive at 16:30, still no wind and calm sea.
Later, around 19:00, the forecast wind gets up and lasts for about 5 hours.
This evening we have a nice dinner at restaurant Dalmacija in Primosten.

We raise a glass to Apollo and Poseidon for this week of brilliant cruising in continued sunshine, balmy air and calm seas.

**Sat Sept 9th : Checking out and returning the yacht**

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Maslinica (Island of Šolta)





STAR TWO's 5☆ Crew





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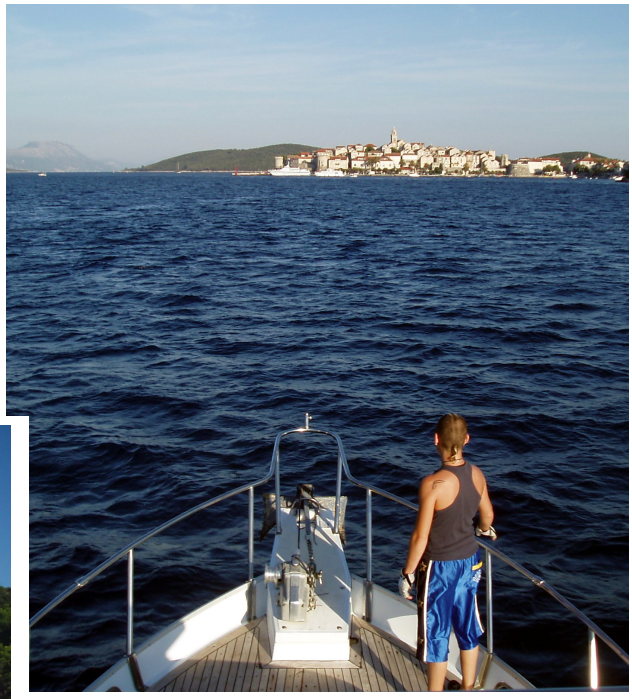


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Vela Luka





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Korcula Town



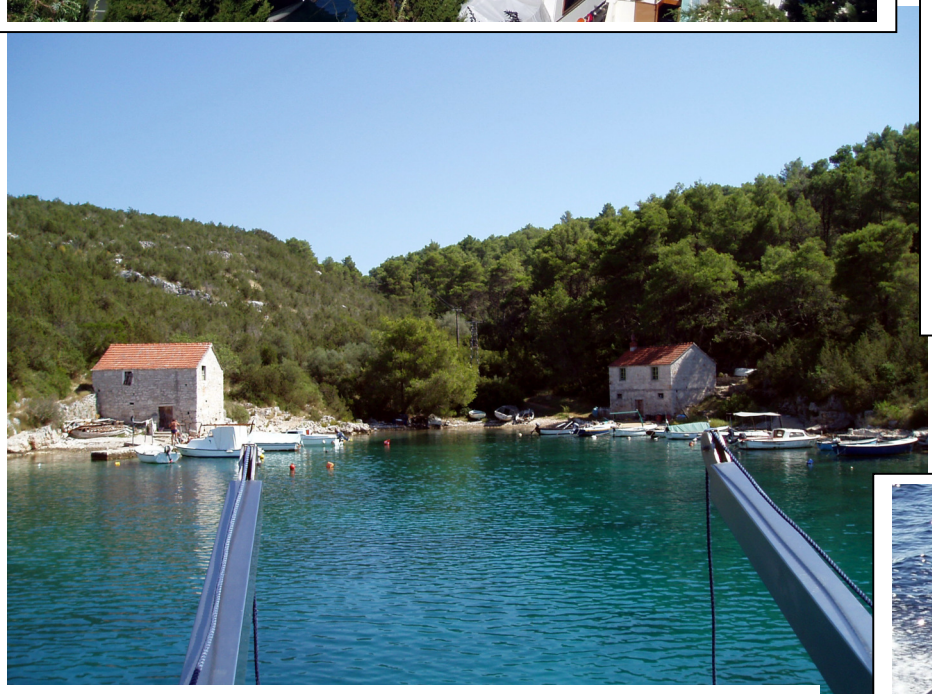




Vrboska







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Palmizana

