

M/Y Tarilian - Boating in Croatia 2014

Around Central Dalmatia

CRUISE LOG Part 3:

August 28 Thursday flight from London Luton to [Split](#); arrive marina Frapa in time for dinner.

August 29 Friday [Rogoznica](#) to [Kaprije](#) - Mala Nozdra

With a fair weather forecast and NW3 wind we decide to revisit Mala Nozdra, only 15 nm to go. At 14:40 tie up on a buoy of Matteo's restaurant.



N43°40'44.90" E15°43'6.19"

From the distance, witness a mooring incident of a charter motorboat known to us.



a Police rib appears

August 30 Saturday back to Rogoznica / marina Frapa

After good sunbathing and swimming we leave Mala Nozdra at 14:30 and return to Frapa.

August 31 to Sept 2

Changeable rainy and stormy weather does not invite to venture out to island harbours and coves; we stay around marina Frapa and Rogoznica.



N43°32'11.46" E15°58'56.60"



Fishing boats near the new Perla hotel and beach, Rogoznica bay. N43°32'20.83" E15°58'29.03"

After huge and unusual rainfalls a mains water problem is reported, caused by flooding in the area of the source on the mainland, affecting Sibenik, Primosten, Rogoznica and more.

Frapa turns off their showers and puts up notes warning of polluted water.

Not even coffee is served in cafes and restaurants due to the alleged water pollution (!).

In the opinion of people at Rogoznica this is an over reaction, the only reasonable precaution is about drinking the water unfiltered. But Frapa obviously protects itself by serving strict bans. (The marinaio mentions that all charter yachts had filled up as normal.)

Sept 3 Tuesday Rogoznica to [Solta - Maslinica](#)

The immersion heater of the hot water cylinder has started leaking and needs replacing.

Before going on further we visit marina Kremik where Sunce Jahta replaces the part.

Leave Kremik at 12:20 in sun and clouds, NE 2-3.

We have read about the new mini marina at Maslenica on Solta run by the luxury hotel Martinis Marchi. When we tried last year at high season the marina was full. This time we arrive at 14:00, there are many sailing yachts around, and, at first glance, the port seems crowded, but a suitable berth is available.

The small marina at Maslenica, opened 2012, is very clean and has a pleasant upmarket feeling. We walk around, trying to remember how the yacht quay looked like when we visited last time, in 2007.



Maslenica harbour on Solta, hotel Marchi

Instead of visiting the luxury restaurant of the hotel we have dinner at a small konoba, Sakajet, in the inner harbour, a nice meal with some sophistication and friendly service. We find Maslenica worth a visit.

On the way to Solta, just after leaving Kremik, unfortunately a new technical issue had appeared. The gear box oil pressure of the port engine reads dramatically low, also the engine oil pressure of the same engine has dropped suddenly. Given, that both readings are not quite stable, and have started changing suddenly, I conclude the reason is probably an erratic indication rather than a real problem in the engine/gear box, which appear to work as usual.

However, continuing a journey with alarming engine readings is not something I like doing, so decide to visit Nava, the Volvo Penta service, at Split the next morning to have it checked out.

Sept 4 Wednesday Maslenica (Solta) to Split

The weather is low winds, but unstable. There is sun and cloud with a risk of rain showers.

On the short journey to Split the sea is eerily calm, I am running the port engine at low revs - just in case.

At 12:45 we berth at one of the moorings of Nautic Centar Nava in [Uvala Baluni](#), which adjoins ACI marina Split (same approach as the marina, just keep to the right).

The friendly and helpful Volvo expert at Nava investigates the electrical problem and finds corroded cable connections near the bilge area where water must have caused damage over the time (and probably most recently with the leaking boiler!). After treating and changing a couple of contacts the indications are correct - for the time being.

It is too late to go anywhere nice from Split so we decide to stay until tomorrow and walk into town.

We admire the new quay all along from the ACI marina towards the fuel station and on towards the harbour, which is available for alongside mooring at a charge, but inexplicably is without water and electricity installation (how could this have been “forgotten” on a brand new yacht quay?).

There are (still) lots of tourists in town; around the riva (the sea front promenade) we notice a sickening rotten-egg smell in several spots.

For dinner we try to go the recommended ACI marina restaurant, which is actually a land based establishment approached via a road above the marina, with views over the water. To our surprise, is “full” (all tables are said to be booked, only in the adjoining rather simple pizzeria section there is still some space to eat).

We turn our back to luxury and walk back to the restaurant Marina just behind Nava and our boat; have perfectly good dinner without any fuss or luxury prices.

I get the feeling that due to Split’s increased standing as a tourist destination not all is pleasant here any longer, and there is some ripping off going on.

Sept 5 Wednesday Split to Luka cove - [Brac north side](#)

We have never before visited the mainland coast south of Split and the north side of Brac.

The forecast is for more of the same weather, light winds, sun and cloud, and chances of rain, showers and thunder, but warm (22-25 deg C max).

We leave Split at 10:45 and cruise along the coast and then over to Brac, in calm sea and hazy sun.

Anchor in uvala Lovrecina at 4m. This is a good sandy swimming cove, with space for 3 or 4 yachts, with a large (shallow) area sectioned off for swimmers.



The cove seems to be popular with locals N43°22'12.26" E16°39'59.00"



Even on the smallest boat locals are able to arrange a barbecue for 5 (note driftwood fired grill on starboard quarter)

At 15:30 we continue towards Luka cove, we have read about an ecological restaurant there, Pipo.

On the way we tour Pucisca cove and harbour, with its quarries of Brac' white stone nearby. An unusual village. Interesting bright white stone tiled roofs are typical for the area.



Pucisca town quay N43°20'55.32" E16°44'7.66"



Pucisca is famous for its stone cutters



View of Pucisca village N43°20'54.10" E16°44'5.29"

Berth at Pipo's small quay in Luka cove at 16:10, where we are asked to go next to a large motor yacht.

The motor yacht has its generator running, and exhaust gases and noise go towards our boat. Seems a little ironic to moor up at an "all ecological restaurant", and then pollute the neighbour's mooring. After a time of waiting patiently I ask the German boat owner to turn it off.



Dinner at Pipo's, ok but not special in my view.
There is a second restaurant in this beautiful cove, maybe worth a try next time.

Sept 6 Saturday Luka cove (Brac) to [Makarska](#)

In the morning we walk uphill to enjoy a panoramic view of Luka cove.



Luka cove on Brac N43°20'16.55" E16°47'40.09"

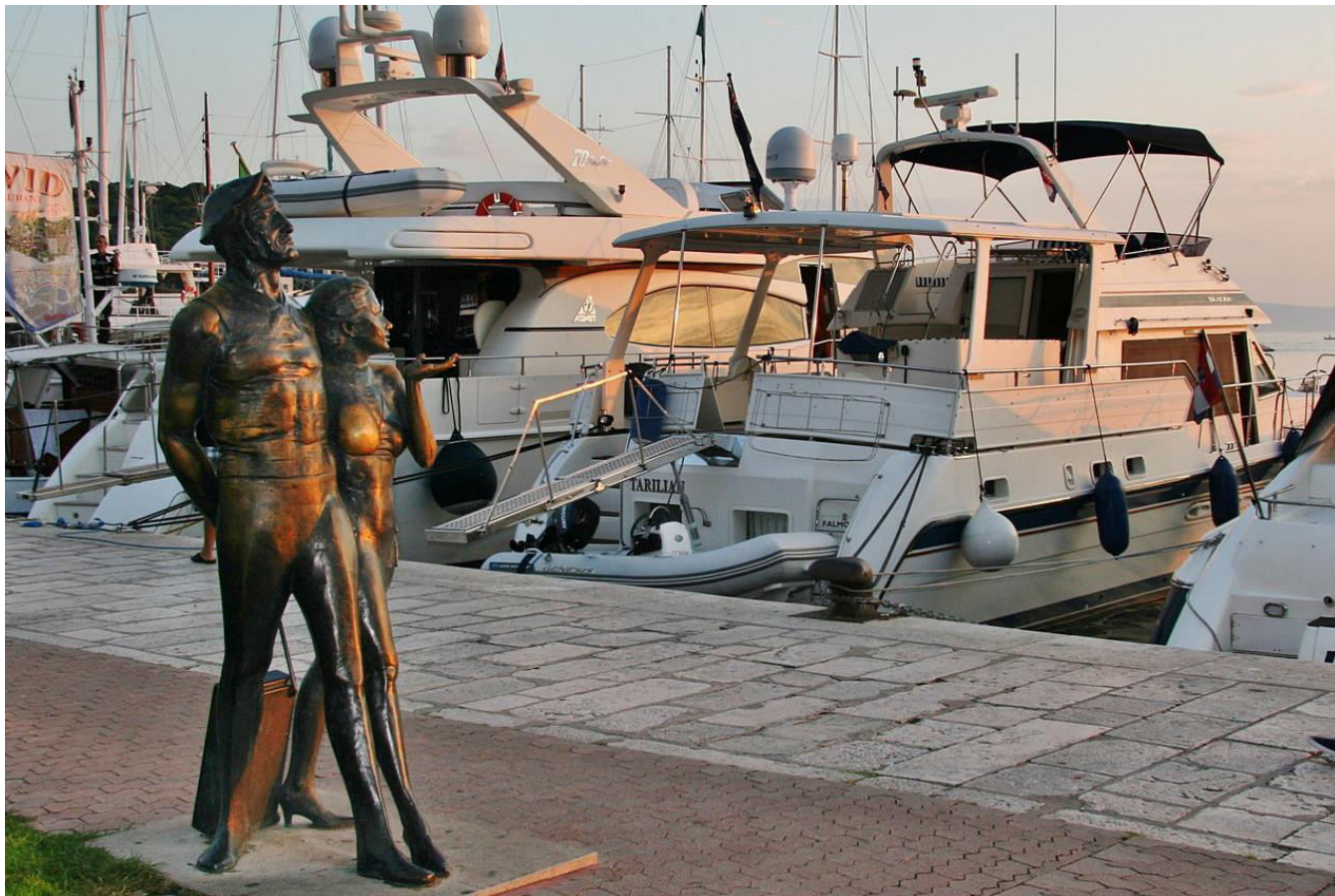
The path is an easy walk, but when I deviate to get to some rocks to take photos, passing through shrubs, I am bitten by insects, probably creepers. Does not seem a big deal at the time, but the bites leave hard small bumps behind which take several months to finally dry and disappear.

We leave berth at 13:35 and cruise to nearby Makarska. Makarska is a resort town on the mainland, and new to us. Berth on the town quay at 15:20. High mountains loom behind.



There aren't many yachts, and I am getting the impression that Makarska does not really bother much about yachts. The electricity installations on the quay are makeshift and inadequate, for water I need an extra length of hose pipe.

But, Makarska is pleasant enough, with an old town with some squares, and a couple of old churches.



On Makarska's riva, right next to our mooring, the certainly unique bronze of a "tourist couple".

Sept 7 Sunday Makarska to Hvar - Tiha cove

Again a forecast of light winds, with a risk of light rain or showers.

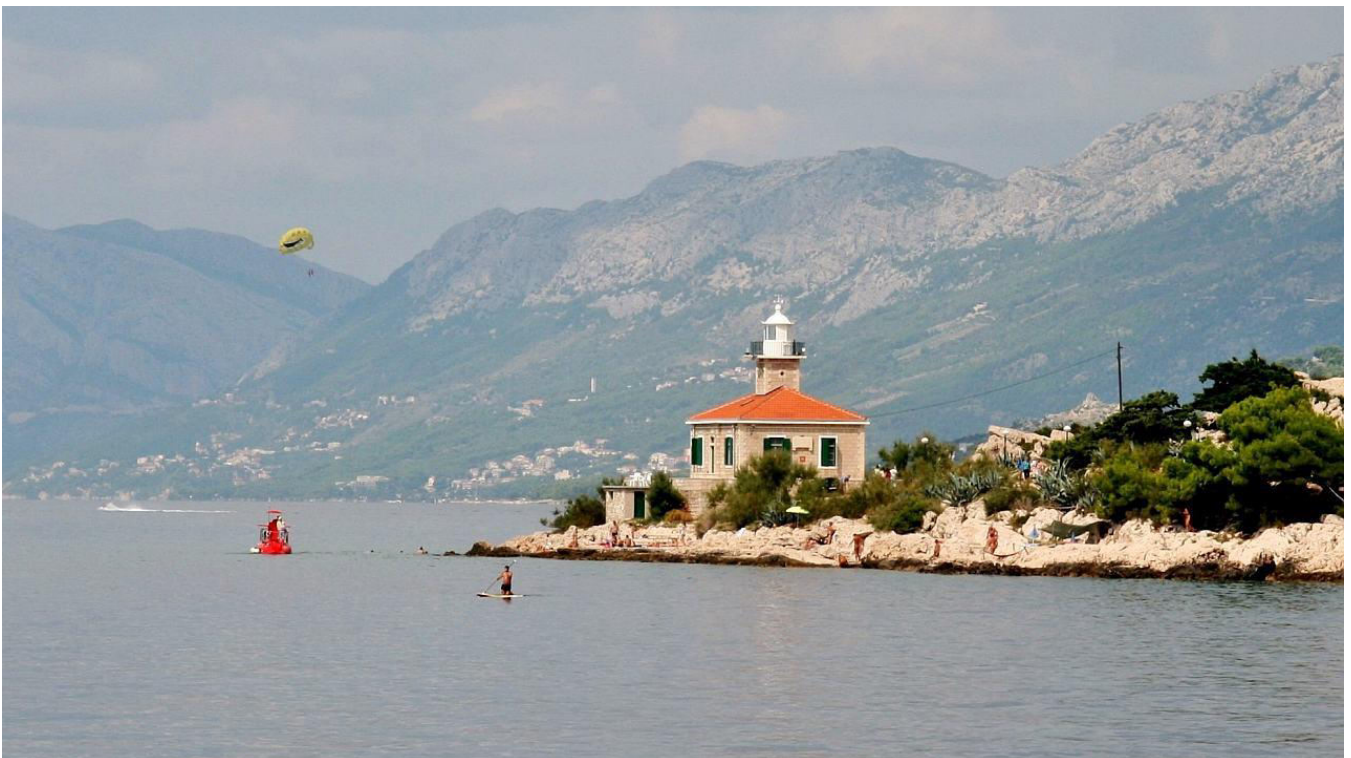


Morning in Makarska harbour. What you expect to see...

Spend the morning with a walk through Makarska and visit to the Franciscan monastery and St Mary's church.



Leave berth at 12:35 and cruise in westerly direction along the south coast of Brac.



Tourist attractions such as para-skiing and semi-submersible boats are available here

Try to anchor in Studena cove but leave as there does not appear to be enough space. Continue past Bol towards Hvar/ Starigrad, and go on a buoy in Tiha cove at 16:00. The weather has kept fairly bright and dry. Have a quiet night on the buoy.

Sept 08 Monday **Luka Tiha and [Starigrad](#)**

Slightly cloudy but pleasant weather continues, spend the morning in the cove, at 15:20 leave for nearby Starigrad, where we berth on the town quay at 16:00. Not busy at this time.

With low air pressure and westerly winds there is high water at Starigrad, its low old quay is almost flooded. We learn that flooding this is a regular event here.



In the afternoon we revisit the picturesque old town of Starigrad and I take a few pictures.





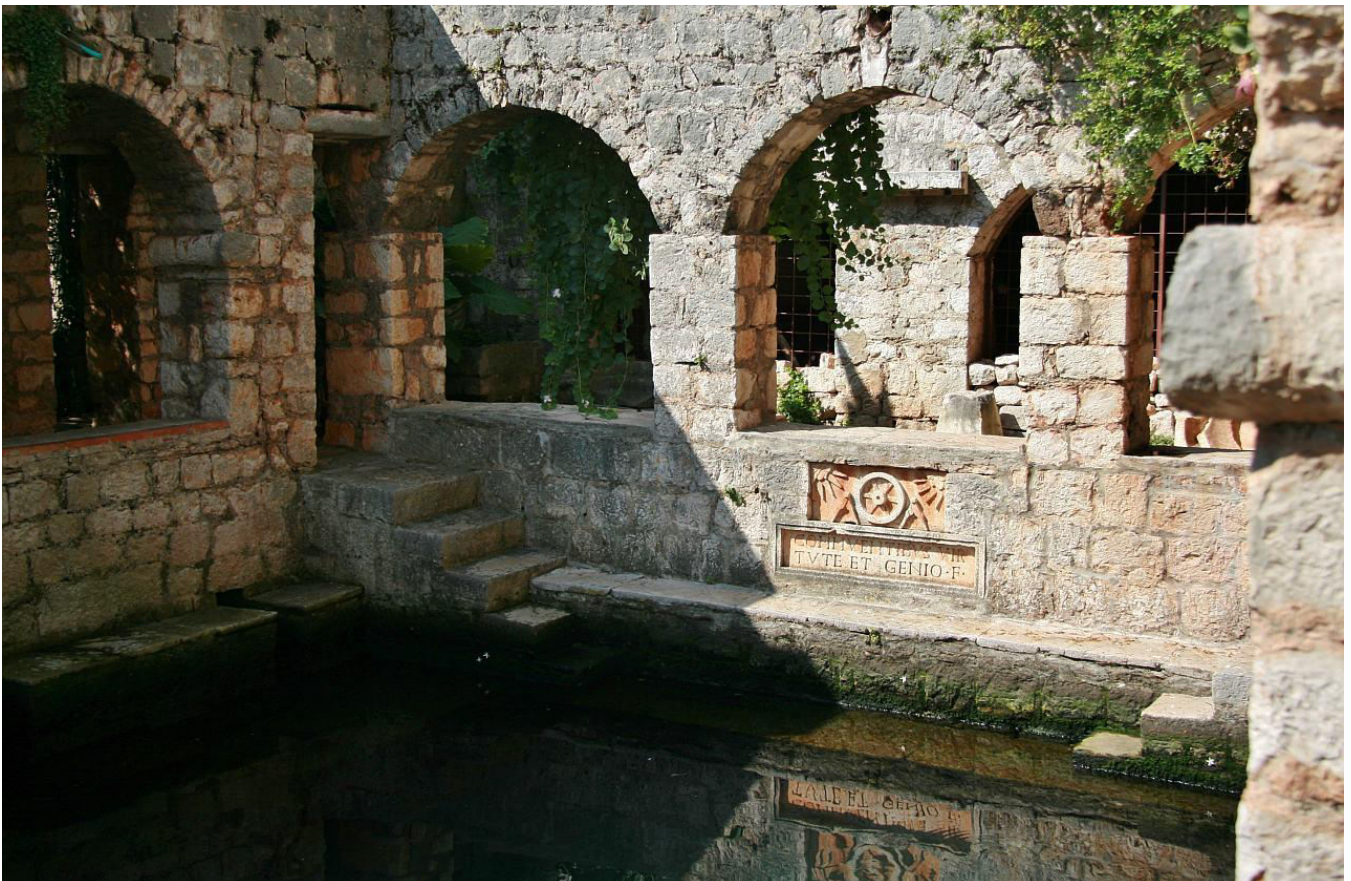
Starigrad old town



Evening in Starigrad harbour

Sept 09 Tuesday Starigrad and Luka Tiha, Hvar

In the morning we visit the interesting fortress “Tvrđalj”, in the centre of Starigrad, the historic residence of the poet Hektorovic.

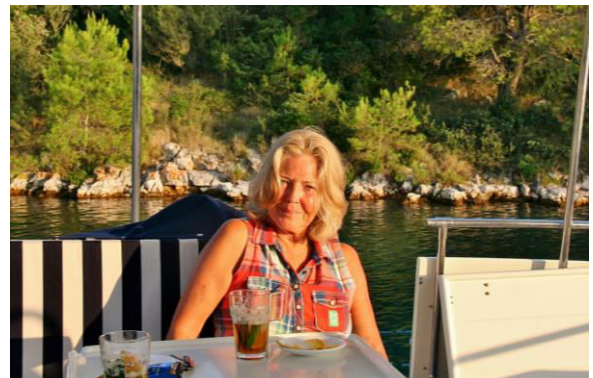
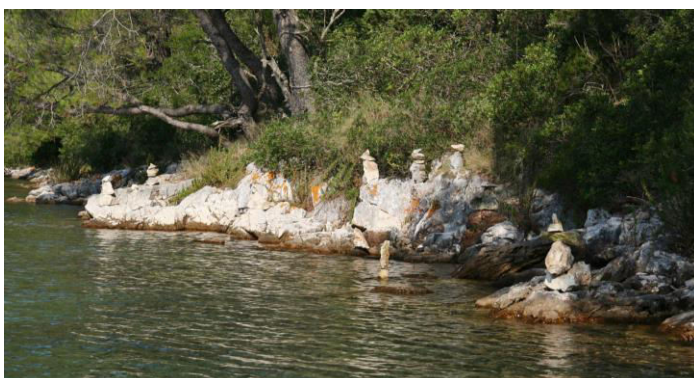


Hektorovic has left his humanistic mottos carved in stone all over the place.



"Remember what will come after"

The weather is getting sunnier and hotter, we decide to spend another night on a buoy in Tiha cove. At 13:00 we leave the quay and make for the cove. N43°13'0.26" E16°33'26.63"



Sept 10 Wednesday Tiha cove to Rogoznica- marina Frapa

A sunny morning is perfect for swimming and using our humble “toys”.



Rain and possible thunderstorm have been forecast for the night.
We leave the buoy after lunch and go back to our home berth at marina Frapa.

Sept 11 Thursday to 13 Marina Frapa, Rogoznica

Unstable, windy and rainy weather makes us stay in port.



Rain and storm over Frapa

Sept 14 Sunday Rogoznica to [Kornat](#) - Opat

Eventually the weather is back to sun and clouds, and we venture out to the Kornati.

The visibility en route is extremely high due to the level of humidity still in the air.
One of those days when distant islands and objects on the water seem to “glide” on the surface as if lifted out.



Reflections in the air over the sea make distant island and boats "float" N43°42'32.58" E15°32'37.20"



Another one ... N43°42'32.86" E15°32'36.42"

Berth at Opat restaurant at 14:20. Excellent dinner, as usual.

Sept 15 Monday Opat to [Lavsa](#) cove (Kornati)

We use the brilliant sunshine and clear views for a walk up "mount Opat" behind the restaurant; just a hilltop on Kornat island, but what views over the archipelago (!).



The hill above Opat cove looking back N43°44'14.61" E15°27'30.60"



Opat restaurant from above N43°44'22.32" E15°26'56.86"

At midday we leave the berth at Opat and continue our Kornati visit at Lavsa cove, another beautiful spot and popular with sailors. There are buoys, and the simple restaurant Idro cor dinner (which does not have moorings).



The Kornati channel in complete calm N43°44'50.76" E15°23'33.82"

Sept 16 Tuesday Lavsa to [Zlarin](#)

A quiet sunny morning spent in Lavsa cove, swimming and paddling. N43°45'7.27" E15°21'56.33"



Lavsa waste collection

At 13:00 we decide it's time to leave and go again for a harbour. A small one, at least. We cruise to Zlarin, 21 nm to go.



Approaching Zlarin we spot a ferry that went to the middle of the quay from aside, to discharge cars

When we arrive at Zlarin just after 15:00 there is no other yacht on the quay, and the harbourmaster not to be seen. Lacking help we berth along side.

Later on the harbourmaster shows up and feels we are quite ok where we are; so it's mooring alongside for a change. Late season has arrived and life is relaxed.



Tarilian at Zlarin pier in the evening sun

Dinner at Koralj restaurant, we are almost on our own.

Sept 17 Wednesday Zlarin to Rogoznica / Frapa

A sunny day, light W and NW wind in the afternoon, max temp 24 has been forecast.

Leave quay at 10:55 and go to nearby [Zmajan island](#), anchor at 11:40 in Smetnja cove for lunch and a swim or paddle around.



In Smetnja cove (Zmajan island) N43°41'11.81" E15°45'39.24"



Fixing the anchor, for the last time in this season

At 14:25 leave the anchorage and head towards Primosten / marina Kremik to refuel, then to our home berth at marina Frapa.



Passing Primosten N43°34'23.69" E15°54'41.07"

17:35 Tarilian is berthed at marina Frapa.

Sept 18 Thursday

Preparing the boat to stay over winter. Flights to London on the following day.

Total mileage on this trip : 239 nm

Tarilian is a Trader 535 Signature, semi-displacement flybridge cruiser with aft cabin and aft deck.
Loa 54 ft/16.5m. Engines: 2x Volvo diesel TAMd73.
Cruising speed on this trip: 9 to 11 kn.

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Total mileage for 2014 : 954nm

Fuel economy for 2014 : 4.3 ltr / nm