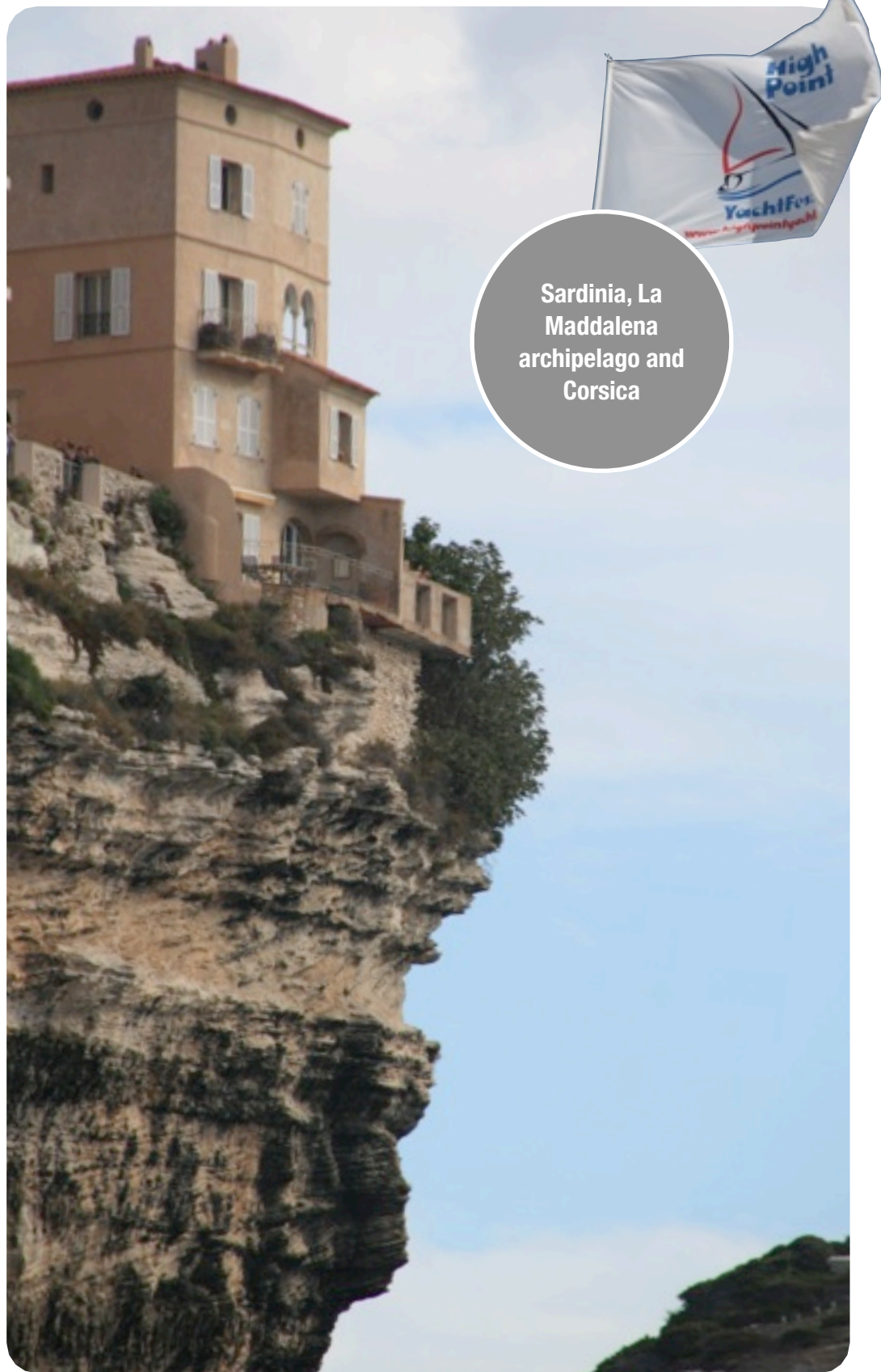


September

2021

WINDY COASTS



Sardinia, La
Maddalena
archipelago and
Corsica

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September 18th to 25th 2010

HPVF

Actual Itinerary - Sardinia/Corsica:

- 18th Meet in Portisco
- 19th Stormbound in Portisco
- 20th Portisco to La Maddelena (via Porto Cervo)
- 21st La Maddelena to Bonifacio
- 22nd Bonifacio to Porto Vecchio
- 23rd Porto Vecchio to Lavezzi
- 24th Lavazzi to Portisco



THE GALE SANDWICH.....

The weather during the week was great, except day 1 which saw 40 knots of wind and meant a day of shelter in Portisco. As the fleet returned on Friday the winds were building for what turned out to be a 2 day storm. Our 5 days of sailing fitted perfectly between these two gales!

Sasha King, John Hall Hall, Mandy Meens and Dave Henderson were delighted to welcomed everyone in the Aquamarina restaurant in the Marina di Portisco on Saturday evening.

Sunday morning we woke to winds of 40 knots and decided to stay in harbour for the day.

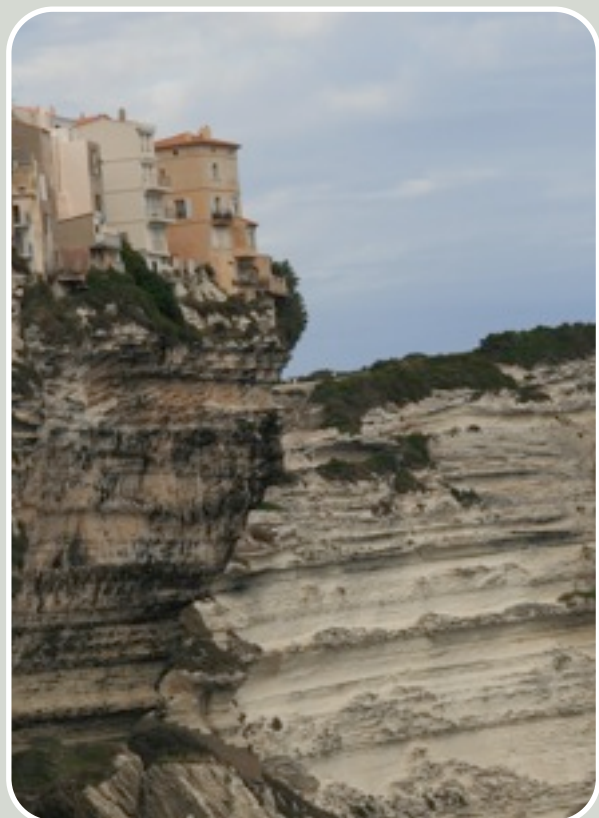
On Monday it was perfect and we sailed to Cala Gavetta on La Maddelena after a midday swim in Porto Cervo and a short race which was won by Carolyn's team, beating Colin's boat by less than a minute!

Tuesday's course involved a start by the SW corner of La Maddalena, a beat between Spargi and La Maddalena

and a finish by the lighthouse on the west coast of Maria. Carolyn won again, just beating Colin with John and Zoran in close competition for last place which John eventually secured.

Then we enjoyed the spectacular cliffs on the approach to Bonifacio - magnificent, no matter how many times you see them!

On Wednesday we anchored in the beautiful bay of Rondinara for swimming and lunch waiting for more wind. It came in the afternoon and we had a short race which Carolyn won and Colin snatched 2nd place from John by just 7 seconds. That took us to Porto Vecchio.



APRES SAIL



Thursday was another day of beautiful weather with a decent breeze and warm sunshine for the race to Lavezzi. This time Carolyn let John sneak victory. We anchored up for the night in the most westerly bay on the SW coast of Lavezzi. While some of the crew swam or relaxed with sundowners, the others prepared for a gourmet feast-fest competition, which Zoran's team won - barnacles couldn't stop this victory!

It was great to spend the night with all four boats rafted up at anchor. In the morning we had turned 180 degrees as the wind changed from a gentle south-westerly to an increasing easterly. Under leaden skies the fleet motored to near the island of Porco. The wind increased in strength and we had a short wet race from there to deep in the Golfo Pevero. Carolyn's crew made probably their only mistake of the week as they rounded Secche del Cervo and set a course too far east. By the time they corrected it the best they could do was 3rd allowing Colin to snatch a win, beating John by 3 seconds!

The winds continued to strengthen as we approached Portisco in a force 7, rising to a full gale overnight and for the next couple of days. Phew, back just in time!

A farewell and prize-giving dinner was held in the Su Cubone restaurant up the hill above the marina. After presenting top spot to Carolyn's team as the fastest crew and overall winner of High Point YachtFest 2010, we moved inside for dinner followed by Karaoke starring our own Dave and Danny amongst others!

Reflecting afterwards everyone agreed it had been an exceptional week of sailing in a fantastic location and with a group of people who had thoroughly enjoyed each others' company.

All agreed this is a place to visit again...and soon!

Gourmet
competition
night, Lavezzi





Carolyn
2010 victor and
Commodore
2011

	TCF	Pts	Disc	Net	O'all
Carolyn	1.10	8	3	5	1
Colin	1.00	10	3	7	2
John	1.06	14	4	10	3
Zoran	1.00	18	4	14	4



Yacht	Start/ TCF	Finish	Elapsed time	Corrected time	Rank
Monday 20th 15:25:00					
Carolyn	1.10	17:07:00	01:42:00	01:52:12	1
Colin	1.00	17:18:00	01:53:00	01:53:00	2
John	1.06	17:26:00	02:01:00	02:08:16	4
Zoran	1.00	17:32:00	02:07:00	02:07:00	3
Tuesday 21st 11:25:00					
Carolyn	1.10	14:10:00	02:45:00	03:01:30	1
Colin	1.00	14:34:00	03:09:00	03:09:00	2
John	1.06	14:41:30	03:16:30	03:28:17	4
Zoran	1.00	14:43:35	03:18:35	03:18:35	3
Wednesday 22nd 16:10:00					
Carolyn	1.10	16:54:00	00:44:00	00:48:24	1
Colin	1.00	17:05:00	00:55:00	00:55:00	2
John	1.06	17:02:00	00:52:00	00:55:07	3
Zoran	1.00	17:15:00	01:05:00	01:05:00	4
Thursday 23rd 13:35:00					
Carolyn	1.10	14:32:45	00:57:45	01:03:31	2
Colin	1.00	14:39:40	01:04:40	01:04:40	3
John	1.06	14:34:00	00:59:00	01:02:32	1
Zoran	1.00	14:39:54	01:04:54	01:04:54	4
Friday 24th 12:10:00					
Carolyn	1.10	13:25:00	01:15:00	01:22:30	3
Colin	1.00	13:31:34	01:21:34	01:21:34	1
John	1.06	13:27:00	01:17:00	01:21:37	2
Zoran	1.00	13:36:16	01:26:16	01:26:16	4



JOHN HALL HALL + CREW



John
and
Mandy



Dave



Sasha



Svetlana



Denis



Arun

COLIN FORD + CREW



Colin (Skipper)



Dilhan



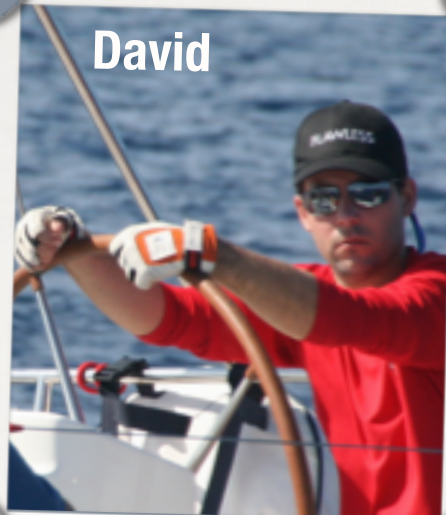
Danny



Keith



Jaklyn



David

CAROLYN KRIJNSE LOCKER + CREW



Frans



Henriette



Carolyn

Rob

ZORAN BRADIC + CREW



Igor Zoran Ernesto Lourdes Elena Evelyn

The winds blew on Saturday, strong easterlies and we had to postpone our start by a day.

Advice from the locals was that, although in the lee is the island, we were experiencing 20 knots of wind, a mile offshore it would be 40 knots and between the islands on the way to La Maddalena, it would be dangerously strong. Reluctantly we had to stay in harbour and check out some bars and restaurants, ending up with John's the party boat.

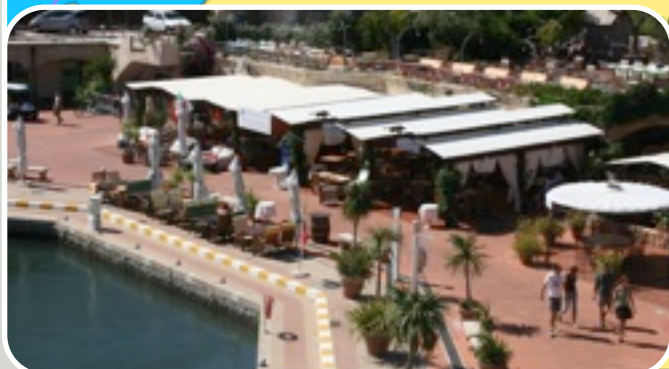
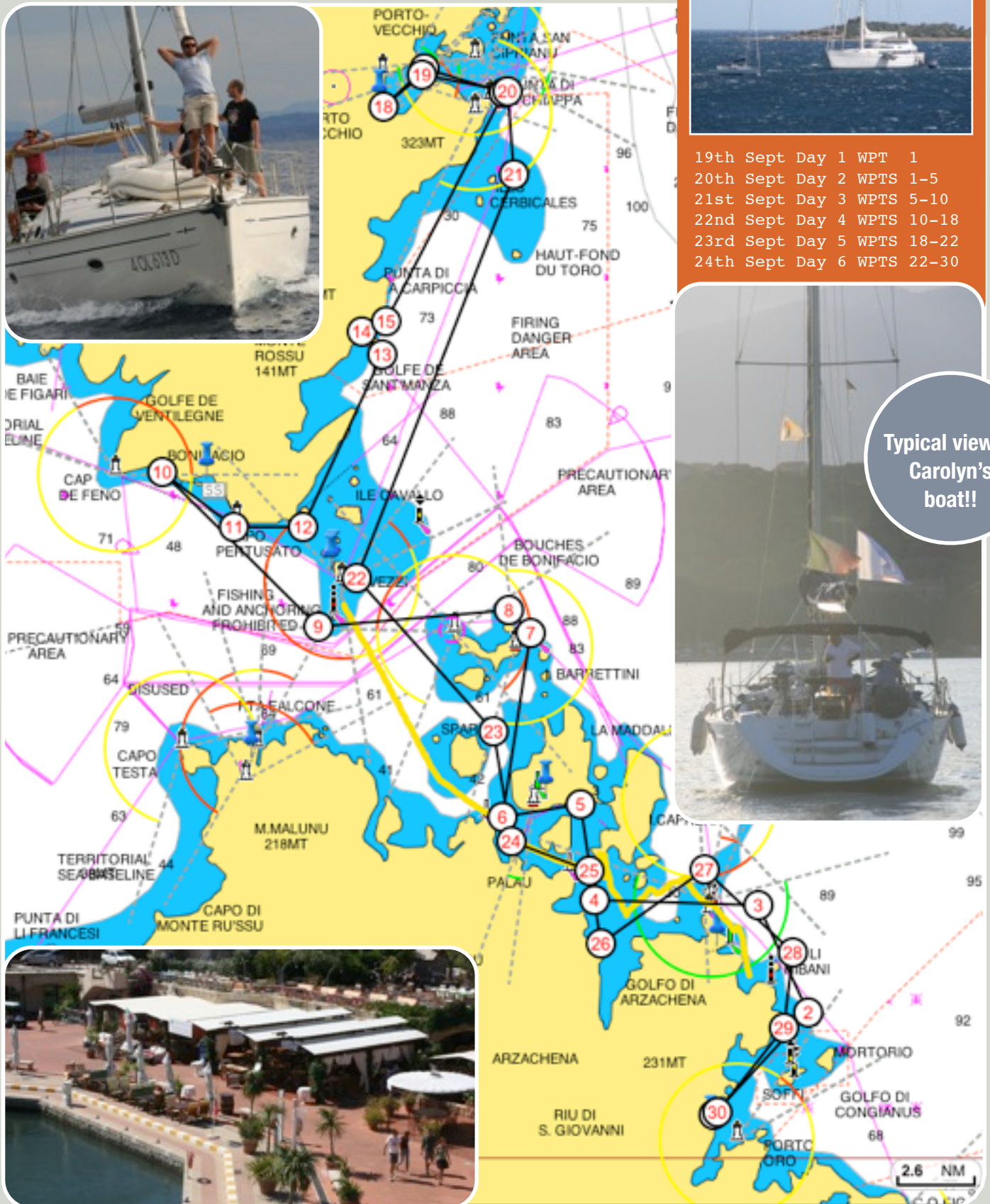
THE ROUTE



19th Sept Day 1 WPT 1
 20th Sept Day 2 WPTS 1-5
 21st Sept Day 3 WPTS 5-10
 22nd Sept Day 4 WPTS 10-18
 23rd Sept Day 5 WPTS 18-22
 24th Sept Day 6 WPTS 22-30

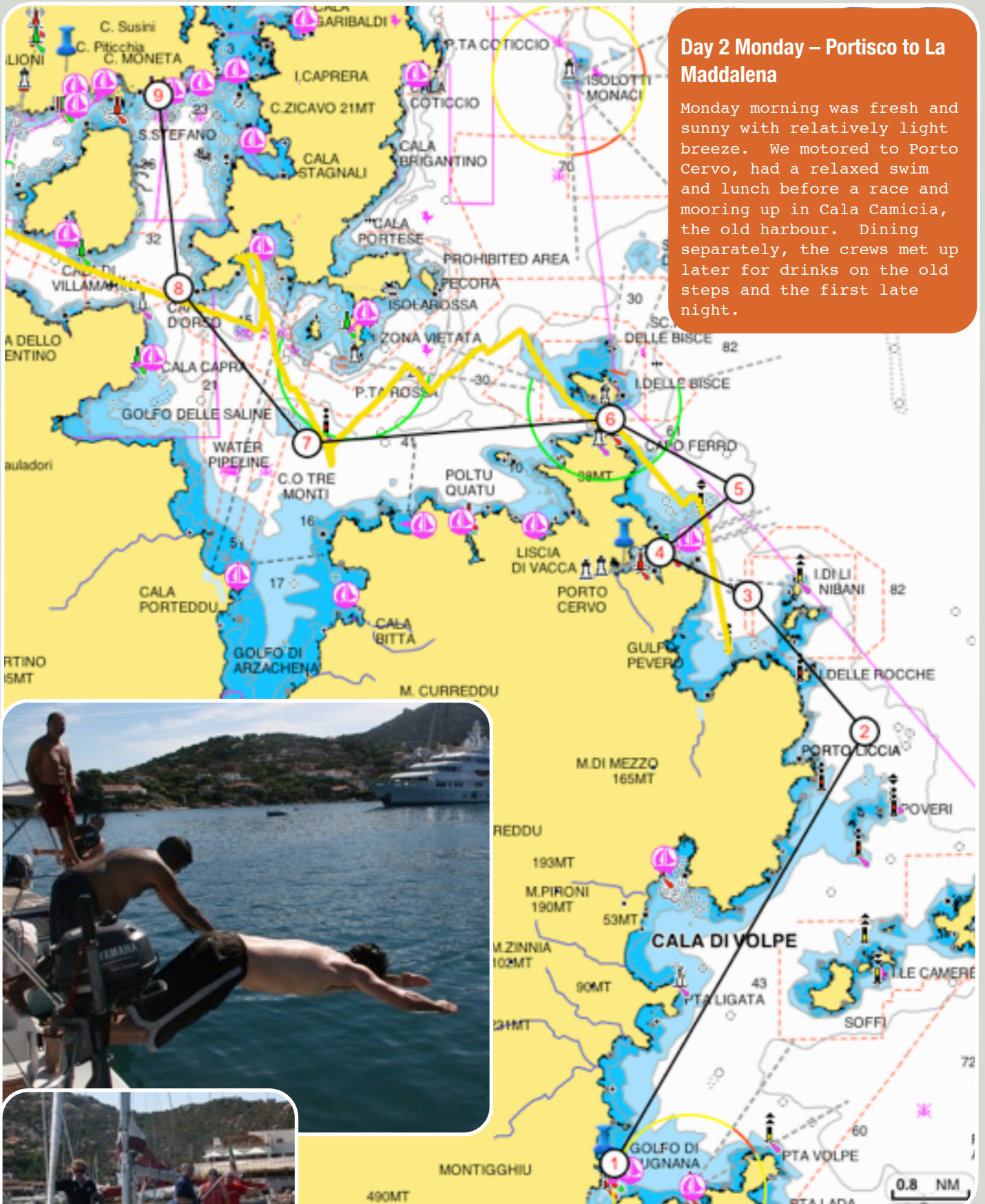


Typical view of Carolyn's boat!!



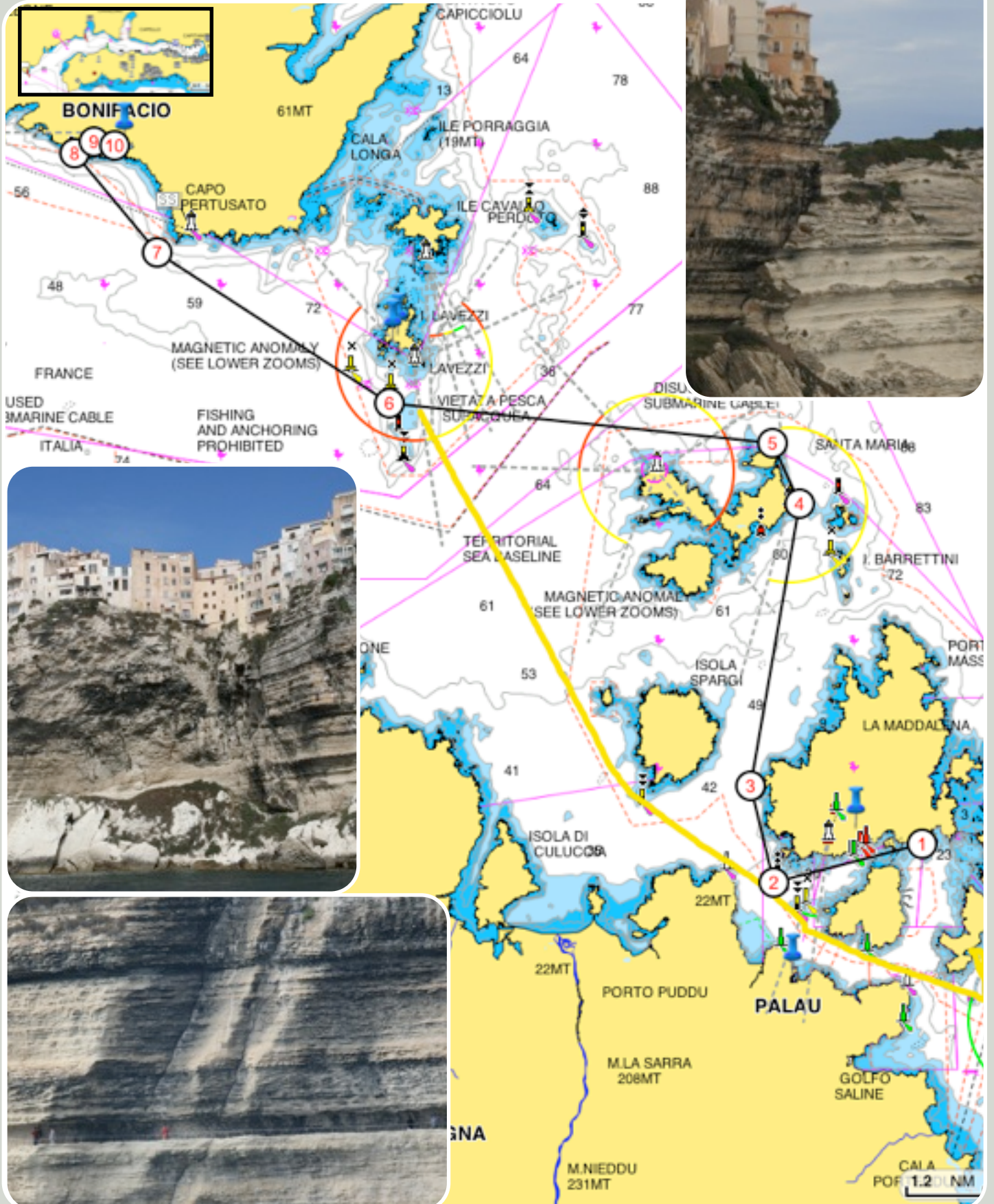
Day 2 Monday – Portisco to La Maddalena

Monday morning was fresh and sunny with relatively light breeze. We motored to Porto Cervo, had a relaxed swim and lunch before a race and mooring up in Cala Camicia, the old harbour. Dining separately, the crews met up later for drinks on the old steps and the first late night.



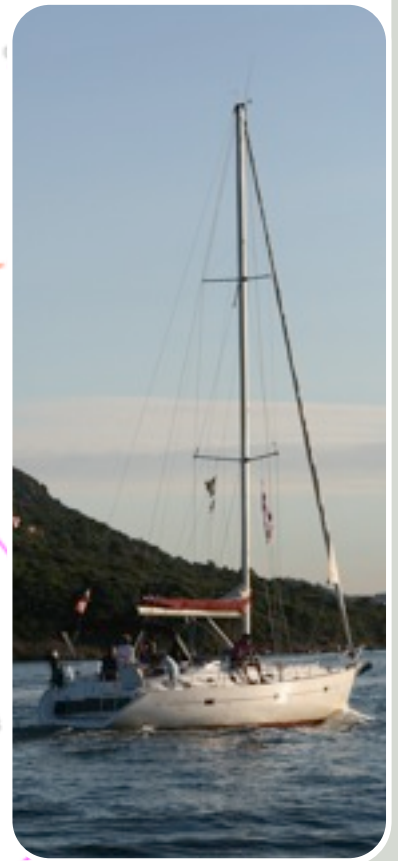
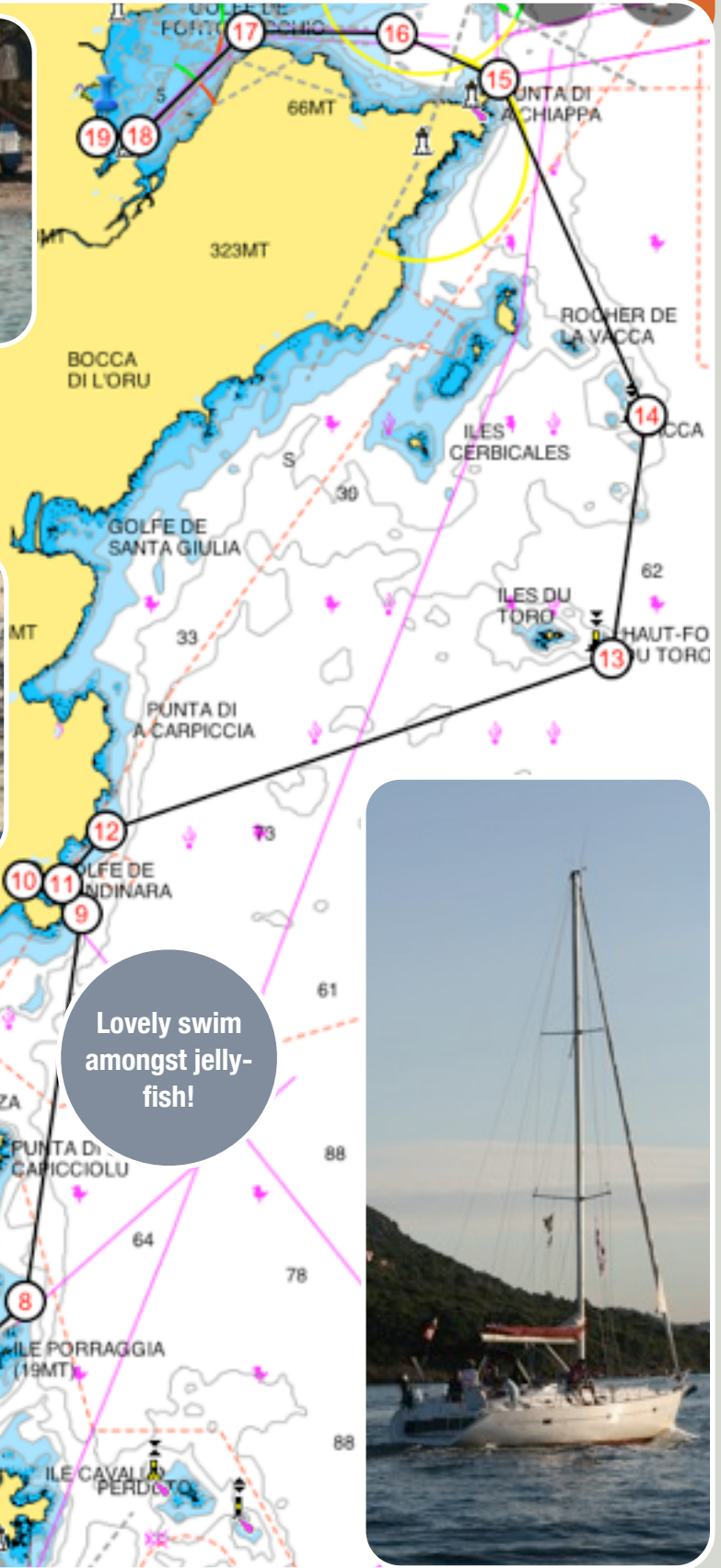
La Maddalena to Bonifacio

In very gentle winds we left La Maddalena and raced from mark 2 to mark 4. Again Carolyn was victorious, but the real competition was for last place, which John managed to snatch from Zoran after a long struggle. The highpoint of the day was motoring under the cliffs outside Bonifacio and then making a spectacular entrance past dramatic rock formations and caves. A lovely dinner high up in the old part of the town was the perfect way to end a great day. The day didn't end quite so soon on Zoran's boat!



Day 4 Bonifacio to Porto Vecchio, via Rondinara

Another beautiful day, and the fleet motored to Rondinara after again marvelling at the spectacular Bonifacio cliffs. After swimming amongst jellyfish (only Frans got stung and he didn't seem troubled by it) and a leisurly lunch we had a late race from mark 13 to 15. Carolyn won again and Colin snatched second place from John by 7 seconds! The entrance to Porto Vecchio was buoyed very differently from the charted arrangement, but we trusted the buoyage and entered without incident. Live music made it a great evening up the hill in the old town.





Day 5 Porto Vecchio to Lavezzi

Thursday was clear and fresh with a good easterly breeze. We raced to a close finish just north of Lavezzi, with John achieving his only win of the week. All boats finished within two and a half minutes, so it was the closest race of the week.

This was a fantastic evening, with crews going ashore, climbing rocks, the gourmet dinner competition, a beautiful sunset, and more....



Friday - Lavezzi to Portisco

A dramatic day's sailing in increasing winds. 30 miles including a race that took us from marks 6 to 10 on the chart below. The wind was still rising as we motored into Portisco and remained at gale level for the next two days.

The prize-giving was held in Su Cubone, and Carolyn was crowned winner and Commodore for 2011.

All crews checked out on Saturday morning and that was it, suddenly it was all over! Next year we will explore a different route in the same general area and all look forward to another great week.

