

Levant Summer 2020

We sail as a family of four (mum, dad, teenage daughter Miriam aged 14 and teenage son Eric age 11) and had a wonderful summers cruising in 2020. We sailed from Falmouth to Scilly via Newlyn, and cruised the islands for three weeks altogether. The anchorages were busy; there was limited water and fuel supplies, and we had to queue to restock our food supplies. However, the weather was calm and settled, and both the pubs and the beaches were great places to be. We had a few firsts; swimming between Bryher and Tresco, paddleboarding with seals in the Eastern Isles, and sailing the passage between St Agnes and the uninhabited island of Annett.

My lovely daughter instagrammed the trip, making it seem just as magical as it actually was. My son mapped the Wi-Fi/ phone signal of the entire islands, ensuring that he would only visit spots where he could continue gaming on his handheld console. Ah, the pleasures of sailing with teens! Clearly, as we have the map and the memories, we must return....

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