



## **'Yacht Care' by Vliho Yacht Club**

**Deliveries - Skippering  
Tuition - Gardiennage  
Rigging - Repair  
Modification - Storage**

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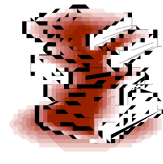
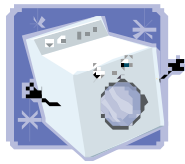
## Why Choose Vliho?

Choosing Vliho as your place to base yourself for a few days, weeks or for the summer is an easy choice to make with all the local facilities to hand, as well as being a nice place to chill out & watch the world go by! Not only is the bay sheltered but it is off the main charter route. It has regular bus services, shops, post office, petrol station, chandleries, police / doctor, boat yards and a good social network.



**Vliho Yacht Club** opened its doors back in 2003 after Ruairi & Vicky decided to be land lubbers for a while. Having cruised around the Mediterranean themselves they realized how important it is to have a place you can relax, chat to someone other than your partner and get the washing done!

Vicky and the team offer friendly hospitality & a wealth of local knowledge ensuring you can make the most of your time here. Available for you to use are WiFi, laundry services, hot showers, free book swap, weather forecasts & live sports / news.



Membership is not necessary to enjoy your time at Vliho Yacht Club, everyone is welcome whether arriving by land, sea or air!

The doors are open every day all year round offering people a chance to touch base with others, exchange experiences & make new contacts (not just more talk about anchors!).

Plenty of events on & off the water are organized as well to keep us all amused e.g. Quiz nights, downhill go-kart racing, quiz on wheels & sailing regattas.

Moving around a lot but want to have a base so your post & parcels can reach you?

You can have them delivered to us...

Vliho Yacht Club, Vliho 31084, Lefkas Island, Greece

# WELCOME TO NORTHWIND

A warm **welcome** awaits you from all the team here at Northwind and Vliho Yacht Club. With all of us having a connection to the water (not just by falling off the gangplank!) & the fact we love living & working here, means we are happy to assist you in any way we can.

Northwind was established in 2009 by **Ruairi** who decided it was time to return to his roots and his first love of all things boats. Ruairi has spent his life on the water, throughout the UK, Ireland & the Mediterranean on beaches (the early young care free years!), flotilla's, boat yards and running and managing a 300 berth marina; as well as fitting in many miles cruising and some serious racing.

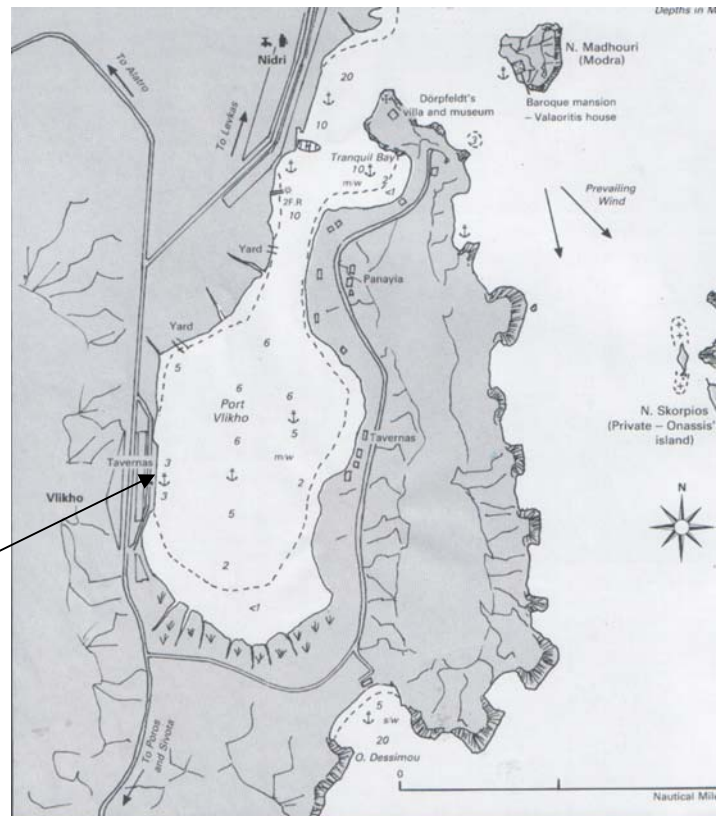
Northwind draws together this wealth of experience to provide a range of yacht care services, solutions & peace of mind for you.

## Where is Northwind?

We are **located** in Vliho Bay on the island of Lefkas, just 1km south of the popular tourist town of Nidri

The narrow entrance opens up to a stunning sheltered bay surrounded by lush green hills and trees, providing a lovely tranquil shelter. The sea bottom is mainly mud / weed providing good holding.

Northwind & Vliho Yacht Club are located half way down in the bay on the west side, right on the waterfront with a slipway opposite the Club.



## **Gardiennage**

Need to return home and have someone look after your boat

Ruairi has a wealth of experience with a diversity of boats and understands that peace of mind, trust and communication are very important. Northwind offers a secure gardiennage service that can be broadened into any work you might need done on your boat while you are away.

We provide gardiennage all year round, allowing you to plan easily the time you want to spend with your boat.

Whatever advice, support or work you need doing, you can ask us at any time.



Our base here at Vliho Yacht Club overlooks the whole of the bay and our orange moorings. They are concrete sinkers with chain and they are inspected annually.

## **Our service**

All boats in our care are visually checked on a daily basis. Once a week your boat is aired and checked. This includes mooring lines, bilges for water & running the engine if required. During periods of stormy weather, all vessels are monitored. For your arrival and departure when possible our qualified staff will place your vessel on the town quay. If this is not possible we will provide a ferry service to and from your vessel.

## **Requirements**

Your boat must be adequately insured to protect her during her stay with us. Before leaving your boat with us, one of the team will go through the working mechanics and any of her 'quirky' features.

## **Our Undertaking**

We are fully aware of our duty of care and it is our interest to protect all boats in our care. Currently we work with 3 large UK insurance companies and their overseas subsidiaries.

## **Recommendation**

We recommend that outboard and dinghies are either stored down below or in lockers or ashore with ourselves, if leaving the boat for an extensive period of time.

## **Storage**

From anything to your dinghy, speedboat or car we can provide storage for any length of time, allowing you to leave whatever items somewhere safe.

## **Syndicate**

A popular choice is to share your boat with other couples to help with the general costs. We already have syndicate boats in our care & we can assist with managing this and ensuring everyone maximizes their allocated time & is kept in the loop with the upkeep of the vessel.

## **Other Services**

Need to leave in a hurry and don't have the time to pack or winterize your boat properly? No worries we can help you with this. Anything from cleaning / laundry to storing sails, allowing you to maximize your time cruising & enjoying your time on the boat.

## **Maintenance**



Taking care of your boat can be a joy & sometimes entails lots of scratching of the head and some choice words!

As much as we all love sailing & being out on the water, there comes a time when your boat needs attention and some extra care. Whatever the size of the job or however complicated (Ruairi loves a challenge!) then we can help you solve those maintenance issues.

All types of boat modification can be dealt with & managed on any scale and our services extend to rigging, electrical, plumbing and all the bits in between.

As part of your boats winterization & with 3 boat yards on our doorstep means that we can have your boat lifted, cleaned, anti-fouled, polished & ready for your



Whatever job you ask us to undertake we will keep you informed of the progress with regular emails and photographs.

Even if you aren't getting your hands dirty, you can still be a part of it!

## **Deliveries**

Sometimes you need someone else to do the moving, (Pickfords spring to mind!) maybe due to a lack of time off work or not enough experience. Whatever the reason we can move your boat for you, it may be a relatively short distance or moving to a new country

Recent deliveries carried out by Northwind have been moving a variety of sized boats to & from Vliho from Menorca, Croatia, Italy & France.

For our full rates, please contact Ruairi to discuss your own personal needs.

## **Skippering & Tuition**

Getting the most out of your boat is generally everyone's aim. We can cover all techniques in order for you to feel more confident & help gain more experience.

New to the Mediterranean?

To be able to squeeze into the various small harbours, we can take you through the different parking techniques favoured in this area, like stern to & gaining the confidence to believe... you really can park a boat in the smallest, most difficult spots!



## **Time Out...**

... it's important!

Various regatta's and sailing events are organized by Vliho Yacht Club & Northwind, drop us an email to find out if an event will be on while you are here or even better, arrange your time out so you can take part in one of them!