

2015 No. 1355

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portsmouth)
Regulations 2015**

Made - - - - *4th June 2015*

Coming into force - - *23rd July 2015*

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Portsmouth and the Solent, Hampshire, by reason of the America's Cup Sailing Race that is scheduled to take place there during the period from 23rd to 26th July 2015.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portsmouth) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 23rd July 2015.

Interpretation

2. In paragraphs (2) and (4) of regulation 3 all times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5) and during the periods specified in paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 504603N 0011151W,
- (b) 505136N 0010928W,
- (c) 505044N 0010045W,
- (d) 504503N 0010014W, and
- (e) 504603N 0011151W.

(2) The periods referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) between 0900 hours and 2200 hours on 23rd and 24th July 2015,
- (b) between 0900 hours and 2300 hours on 25th July 2015, and

(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

(c) between 0900 hours and 2000 hours on 26th July 2015.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5) and during the periods specified in paragraph (4), no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 504603N 0011151W,
- (b) 504503N 0010014W,
- (c) 504300N 0010000W,
- (d) 504408N 0011231W, and
- (e) 504603N 0011151W.

(4) The periods referred to in paragraph (3) are—

- (a) between 1030 hours and 1530 hours on 24th July 2015,
- (b) between 0945 hours and 1530 hours on 25th July 2015, and
- (c) between 0945 hours and 1545 hours on 26th July 2015.

(5) Paragraphs (1) and (3) do not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) being operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) being operated by or on behalf of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) being operated by or on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (d) flying with the permission of the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th June 2015

Kate Jennings
Head of Aviation Policy Implementation
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace in Portsmouth and the Solent during the America's Cup Sailing Race that is scheduled to take place there during the period 23rd to 26th July 2015. A large gathering of people will be present and intense and unusual aerial activity will take place in the area. Accordingly, the Civil Aviation Authority's Safety and Airspace Regulation Group considers that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the Race for reasons of public safety and security. This has been agreed with the Department for Transport.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(2) and 3(4) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(5)(d), the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary may be contacted on telephone number 023 9272 3110 or 023 9272 5500.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, telephone 020 7453 6586.