STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 458

CIVIL AVIATION

The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (East Solent Estuary) Regulations 2024

Made - - - - 3rd April 2024

Coming into force - - 22nd June 2024

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended holding there of a Royal Aero Club Air Race.

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (East Solent Estuary) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 22nd June 2024.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time(**b**).

Restricted airspace

- 3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), between 0930 hours and 1300 hours and between 1345 hours and 1715 hours on 22nd June 2024 and between 0930 hours and 1220 hours and between 1320 hours and 1630 hours on 23rd June 2024 no aircraft is to fly below 1,500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—
 - (a) 504644N 0005724W,
 - (b) 504722N 0005628W,
 - (c) 504345N 0004339W,
 - (d) 503749N 0004434W,
 - (e) 503759N 0005343W, and
 - (f) 504644N 0005724W.
 - (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—
 - (a) flying with the permission of the—

⁽a) S.I. 2016/765, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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

- (i) Solent Air Race air-ground service, or
- (ii) Royal Aero Club Records, Racing and Rally Association Race Officials, or
- (b) operated by or on behalf of the—
 - (i) National Police Air Service,
 - (ii) Helicopter Emergency Medical Services, or
 - (iii) Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David J Best Grade 7 Department for Transport

3rd April 2024

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the East Solent Estuary, Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex by reason of the intended holding there of a Royal Aero Club Air Race on 22nd June 2024 and 23rd June 2024.

A large number of aircraft will be involved in high energy manoeuvres during the event and therefore the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the air race for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permissions mentioned in regulation 3(2)(a), the Solent Air Race air-ground service and the Royal Aero Club Records, Racing and Rally Association Race Officials may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.