

**2024 No. 1212**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Isle of Wight) (No. 3) Regulations 2024**

*Made* - - - - 22nd November 2024

*Coming into force* - - 18th June 2025

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 gathering there of a large number of people at the Isle of Wight Festival 2025.

The Secretary of State makes the following 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) (Isle of Wight) (No. 3) Regulations 2024 and they come into force on 18th June 2025.

**Interpretation**

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

**Restricted airspace**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning at 0700 hours on 18th June 2025 and ending at 1100 hours on 23rd June 2025 no aircraft is to fly below 2,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 2 nautical miles centred at 504318N 0011557W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

- (a) to any aircraft operated by or on behalf of—
  - (i) a Police Air Support Unit,
  - (ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or
  - (iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
- (b) to a festival event unmanned aircraft flying with the permission of the Isle of Wight heliport operations manager, or
- (c) insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023(c).

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none are relevant.  
(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).  
(c) S.I. 2023/1101.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

*David J Best*

Grade 7

22nd November 2024

Department for Transport

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of East Cowes, Isle of Wight, Hampshire due to the intended holding there of the Isle of Wight Festival from 18th June 2025 to 23rd June 2025 (inclusive).

In view of the significant number of helicopters expected to operate from the temporary heliport at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, Hampshire as well as the large numbers of people expected to attend the festival, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

These Regulations apply except insofar as flying is already prohibited by the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Prisons and Young Offender Institutions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1101).

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 permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Isle of Wight heliport operations manager 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 0330 1382734.