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ROUTE CHANGE FOR CROSS CHANNEL VFR ROUTE

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has announced an amendment to the Recommended VFR Route between the Solent control area and the Channel Islands. The route, which provides an alternative shorter profile for GA flights between the south coast and the Channel Islands, is detailed in Aeronautical Information Circular 14/2007 (Yellow 233) and is being amended to reflect the origin of the route in the Isle of Wight. The change will take effect on 11 March 2010 and will be incorporated into the 1:500000 Aeronautical Chart 'Southern England' Edition 36.

In order to reduce the number of infringements of the Southampton and Bournemouth Control Zones and the Solent Control Area (and remove any confusion regarding the route's origin) the Recommended VFR Route will be depicted on charts as commencing/terminating abeam St Catherine's Point at the southern tip of the Isle of Wight. To help pilots navigating around the airspace, a number of additional visual reference points have also been established.

To reduce the number of accidental infringements of Danger Area EDG 036 charts and accompanying guidance have been enhanced to draw attention to the danger area and advise pilots on how to obtain details of EDG 036 activity.

Full details of the changes will be published in Aeronautical Information Circular Y 007/2010 on 25 March 2010. In addition AIP ENR 6.2.1 (SOLENT CTA, Bournemouth CTR & Southampton CTR) and Jersey AD 2 EGJJ-1-10 will be amended on AIRAC 4/2010 (8 April) to reflect the changes. The new VRPs will be established by NOTAM on 11 March 2010, and incorporated into the Bournemouth and Southampton AIP entries on AIRAC 4/2010.

The revised route will also be depicted on 1:250000 Aeronautical Charts 'England South' (Sheet 8) and 'The West & South Wales' (Sheet 7) when the current editions are replaced 8 April 2010 and 30 June 2011 respectively.

Further guidance may be found on the *Solent VFR Guide* - which will be updated to reflect the newly established VRPs - on the flyontrack website <http://www.flyontrack.co.uk/content/links.asp> and *How to fly through the South Coast Danger Areas* which may be found via the Airspace and Safety Initiative website. Details on the new VRPs can also be found on the flyontrack website.

A chart showing the revised route is attached.

<<PN 0510 chart.pdf>>

Notes to Editors

The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator. Its activities include: making sure that the aviation industry meets the highest technical and operational safety standards; preventing holidaymakers from being stranded abroad or losing money because of tour operator insolvency; planning and regulating all UK airspace; and regulating airports, air traffic services and airlines and providing advice on aviation policy from an economic standpoint.