

NAVIGATION BULMF

OLD WARDEN

19 - 21 July 2024

Estimated total distance 670 km.

[EB??-LFCA-EGKH-EGTH / EGTH-EGKH-LFCA]

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1. OBJECTIVE

Pleasant navigation to England organized by the Belgian ULM Federation and attendance to one of the legendary Old Warden meetings.

2. GENERAL PRESENTATION

Navigation from EB??¹ to LFAC (Calais, customs) and EGKH (Lashenden/Headcorn customs again!), followed by the flight to EGTH (Old Warden).



¹ The pre-departure concentration platform will in principle be the base with the most registered participants.

3. EXECUTION - AIR TRIP

NAVIGATION

The navigation is described in the PLOG in the appendix, with the detailed route, radio frequencies, etc. (from Skydemon). The electronic version of this PLOG will be available to all participants. This route is informative and it is up to each group of crews to prepare their own navigation and to correctly respect NOTAMs and different airspaces (restricted, prohibited, etc.).

PLANNING

The timing below (after confirmation) will be binding, and it will be up to all crew groups to try to comply. ! However, priority is given to safety!

19 July: ? (EB??) - Calais (LFAC) - Lashenden/Headcorn (EGKH) - Old Warden (EGTH) 430 km

Navigation

EB??¹ – LFAC Calais : 190 km (estimated)

LFAC Calais – EGKH Headcorn : 110 km EGKH Headcorn – EGTH Old Warden: 130 km

Constraints: Customs clearance at Calais (exit from Schengen) AND at Lashenden/Headcorn (entry to UK)

Provisional timing

Reception of participants at EB??: 09:00 LT (UTC+2)

Concentration at EB??: 10:00 LT
 Briefing: 10:30 LT
 First departures from EB?? to Calais (LFAC): 11:15 LT

- Gathering in Calais (LFAC): 13:30 LT, customs, refuelling, sandwich at bar/brasserie of

the airport at everyone's convenience.

Departures to Headcorn (EGKH): 15:00 LT

- Gathering at Headcorn (EGKH): 15:30 LT, douane, refuelling (UTC+1)

First take-offs to Old Warden (EGTH): 16:00 LT
 Arrival at Old Warden (EGTH): 17:30 LT
 Bus departure to the hotel: 18:30 LT

Dinner at the hotel

20 July: Old Warden / Shuttleworth

Activities

Entrance to the airshow and visit of various museums on site:

https://www.shuttleworth.org/product/summer-evening-2024/

Lunch: at everyone's convenience on the Old Warden base (*Food Court* in accordance with the organisers of the airshow).

Dinner: @Milton Keynes (all participants)

Exact schedule to be determined.

21 July: Old Warden (EGTH) - Lashenden/Headcorn (EGKH) - Calais (LFAC)

240 km

Navigation

EGTH Old Warden – EGKH Headcorn: 130 km EGKH Headcorn – LFAC Calais: 110 km

LFAC Calais – Homebase

Customs constraints: idem day 1

Return individually to home bases from Calais. Pay attention to July 21 and its restrictive notams due to the national holiday.

Provisional timing

- Gathering at the Old Warden airfield (EGTH): 09:30 LT (UTC+1)

- First take-off to Headcorn (EGKH): 10:30 LT

- Gathering at Headcorn : 12:00 LT, douane, refueling

First take-off to Calais (LFAC): 13:00 LT

Gathering in Calais: 13:30 LT, customs, lunch, refueling (UTC+2)

- Lunch at everyone's convenience.

Departure to the respective airfields: p.m.

EXECUTION OF THE FLIGHT

The navigation details will be refined according to the requirements of the different national authorities of the zones through which we transit (BE, FR, UK).

<u>Preliminary Leg.</u>: Initial concentration EB?? is at the initiative of each crew.

<u>Leg 1, EBxx – LFAC</u>: Flights departing from EB?? to Calais will be done **individually** after the general briefing which all participants are required to attend.

<u>Leg 2, LFAC – EGKH</u>: the cross-channel flight to Headcorn will be carried out in **groups of 8 aircraft**. This is a specific request from the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority – UK). A leader will be designated and will be the group's "responsible" for flight information services. Specific management of the transponder and radio will be communicated later.

<u>Leg 3, EGKH – EGTH</u>: the flight to Old Warden will also be done in groups of 8 aircraft in the same way as leg 2.

Return flights will most likely be done in the same way.

Group flights are not easy. They are restrictive and require discipline from all crews. Groups and leaders will be designated based on the characteristics of the aircraft and the English language licenses of the participating pilots.

4. EXECUTION – GROUND TRIP

If a sufficient number of participants is registered, a bus ride for accompanying persons will be organized. The organization will be put in place as soon as a precise idea of the number of potential participants is known.

19 July: departure from XX to Calais – Folkestone – Old Warden

Route

Bus journey, via the Channel crossing by EuroTunnel shuttle. Support for participants at XX and/or YY (to be determined).

Provisional timing

- Concentration at XX: 09:00 LT (UTC+2)

First departures to YY: 09:15 LTConcentration at YY: 10:00 LT

- Second departure to Calais: 10:30 LT
- Shuttle Calais-Folkestone: xx:xx LT

Arrival at Old Warden: 17:30 LT

- Arrival at Old Warden: 17:30 LT (UTC+1)

Dinner: at the hotel with the group of pilots

20 July: Old Warden / Shuttleworth

Entrance to the airshow and visit to the museums at Old Warden with the pilots.

21 July: Old Warden - Folkestone - Calais - XX / YY

Route

Return journey, reverse of the outward journey. Stop at Calais airport for lunch with the pilots.

Provisional Timing

- Departure from the hotel: 08:30 LT (UTC+1)

- Departure towards dispersal locations YY and/or XX:
- Estimated arrival YY:
- Estimated arrival XX:

5. LOGISTICS

ACCOMODATION

The booking at the hotel is done by the organizers of the BULMF.

Two nights are planned, in the Milton Keynes region, probably at the Mercure Hotel. Details later.

All rooms booked are double rooms. The budget takes this into account. For pilots alone on board, the organization is responsible for regrouping in pairs at the hotel.

FUEL

A priori and with the information currently available (airfield website, available VAC cards, national AIP, telephone contact), there would be:

MOGAS: @ EGKH and EGTH

- <u>100LL</u>: @ LFAC

TRANSMISSION & COMMUNICATION IN FLIGHT

The 8.33 kHz radio and transponder are in principle mandatory.

In Belgium and the United Kingdom, the aeronautical language in use is English.

In France, the French language is in principle used for the type of flight concerned by this navigation.

The complete table with codes and frequencies is given in the PLOG in the appendix (PLOG Skydemon)

NAVIGATION MAPS and VAC OF AIRFIELDS

Various electronic maps (via the Nav App) are available.

It is prudent to also have "hard-copy". Each crew is responsible for having up-to-date flight maps.

The VAC cards in electronic version of the airports visited (LFAC, EGKH, EGTH) will be made available to crews by the BULMF organizers.

6. ADMINISTRATION

CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION

- England is not Schengen and is no longer EU. You must go through customs or at least "customs-authorized" airports. See the definition of Certificate of Agreement Airport in the General Aviation Report Guidance. Old Warden Air Force Base (EGTH) does not have this certificate. Consequently, before arriving at Old Warden, there is an obligation to stop at an airport with the Certificate of Agreement, hence the need to pass through Lanshenden/Headcorn (EGKH).
- Each crew must submit their GAR (General Aviation Report) to the British customs authorities, both for entry and exit from the United Kingdom.

This administrative act is the responsibility of each crew.

- Although belonging to the Schengen area, France also places air restrictions on the Belgium-France border passage², but we should not have any problem stopping in Calais, both on the outward and return journeys.
- The Belgian identity card is not enough. You need a passport to enter the UK!

PERMIT TO FLY

<u>ULMs identified (registered) in France</u> are exempt from administrative procedures for flying in British airspace. See Air Navigation Order 2016, General Exemption E 5628 of 21 January 2022.

<u>ULM registered in Belgium</u> must obtain a permit to fly over the territory from the British authorities. The BULMF is currently in negotiations with the CAA (UK) to obtain a general authorization for the group of Belgian registrations. It could therefore be that there is no individual administration to be done. If these negotiations are not successful, this paperwork will be the responsibility of each crew individually.

Please note: aircrafts registered under a "600 kg legislation" (German for example) also require authorization to fly over France. If applicable, this administrative burden is the responsibility of the crew concerned.

FLIGHT PLAN (FPL)

FPLs will need to be established for almost every leg.

Sending FPLs: via your Navigation App (Skydemon, AirNavPro, or others). The eurofpl site can also be useful for this purpose https://www.eurofpl.eu, etc...

Please note: OLD WARDEN (EGTH) does not have the ability to manage your flight plans. It will take a stand-alone online technique to do this.

Closing FPL:

Belgium: +32 (0)2 206 25 30
 France, BRIA Bordeaux: +33 (0)5 57 92 60 84
 United Kingdom: +44 (0)845 601 0483

Prepare your electronic flight plans in advance! It will make it easier.

The preparation of the flight plans, their submission and closing are the responsibility of each crew individually.

² See https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen-borders-and-visa/schengen-area/temporary-reintroduction-border-control en

ONBOARD DOCUMENTS

In addition to the usual documents to carry (navigation documents, insurance, technical file, license, flight documents, updated charts, etc.), it may be useful to carry a hard copy of your GAR. The British are sometimes surprising!

Reminder: take your passport and not the identity card!

7. RESPONSIBILITY

The pilot in command is at all times solely responsible for his flight and for all decisions concerning the conduct and continuation of his flight. He is required to strictly respect the aeronautical rules of visual flight and the regulations of the various airspaces crossed.

By registering, all pilots acknowledge (without being exhaustive):

- hold a valid piloting license on the date of navigation, or be in training accompanied by an instructor,
- if applicable, hold a passenger transport license,
- be covered by aviation insurance covering the legal minimum and valid on the date of navigation,
- that the aircraft is covered by a valid registration/identification certificate and by the airworthiness certificate provided for by the legislation of the state in which the aircraft is registered,
- have a valid aircraft (radio) station license.

8. SAFETY

MARITIME OVERFLIGHT

The maritime overflight must always be prepared and carried out with particular care. Life jacket is mandatory. For the proposed navigation, the beacon is a good additional option but not obligatory. Consult the BULMF website for the latest advice on this subject.

9. BUDGET

PILOTS - CREW

The contribution to the costs amounts to:

- 640 euros per crew (pilot + co-pilot/participants), or 320 euros per person.
- 350 euros per single pilot.

This amount includes: reception at the departure base, landing taxes (Calais, Headcorn, Old Warden), evening meal on July 19 and July 20, entry to the airshow, travel (bus) on site, hotel in double room for 2 nights with breakfast.

This amount does not include: fuel, snacks/sandwiches in Calais (July 19 and July 21 midday) and in Old Warden (lunch July 20).

PARTICIPANTS by BUS

For the participants by bus:

- ?? euros per participant

Further details later when the trip is organized.

PAYMENT

Payment must be made by bank transfer to the BULMF account BE70 7510 0406 2825 with the mention "Old Warden registration deposit + name".

50% deposit upon registration, the remaining 50% before June 30, 2024.

Effective registration is only final after receipt of payment of the deposit.

CANCELATION

Reimbursement in the event of cancellation: in negotiation with the various parties involved.

10. REGISTRATION

Registrations are made on the BULMF website www.bulmf.be and must be received by January 31.

Based on registrations, the program will be specified and finalized. Additional specific personal or aircraft-related data may be requested as necessary.

The first payment (50% deposit) is due upon registration. The balance will be due by June 30, 2024. Constrained by the English authorities, we will only be able to accept a maximum of 40 participating aircraft. Registrations will therefore be made based on the "first-registered-complete-file" (full data submitted, including receipt of the first payment) "first-participants".

11. MISCELANEOUS AND REMINNDERS

- It is obvious that the weather conditions can disrupt the entire schedule and the entire expedition.
- Each crew is responsible for managing their fuel.
- Cash (€ and £) useful for on-site expenses (fuel and probably for expenses in aeroclubs).
- Do not forget to bring life jackets.
- Do not forget your passport (no ID card!).
- It is important to have an aircraft in perfect flying condition.
- **GAR, FPL, and permit to fly are the responsibility of each crew.** The organizers are ready to help "managing" these administrative constraints, but their execution is the responsibility of the crews.
- **Each pilot in command is responsible for understanding and applying** NOTAM, Sup AIP, AIP, etc. likely to influence the parameters of his flight.
- Each pilot in command is **systematically** and **individually responsible** for all flight decisions taken during all phases of his flight.
- The project may be cancelled at any time by BULMF for any reason of force majeure.

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PLOG

PILOT: Michel Lefebvre

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Brakes On	Shutdown	

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Cap Blanc Nez Dover Castle		1800	3000	108	310	256/21	L 300	99	35 (167)	11 (58)
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