

# Midweek Briefing 29JUN: Santa Maria Oceanic Strike, US Entry Requirements

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**Santa Maria Strike: Four Routes** 29JUN Santa Maria Oceanic has published four special routes for use during the upcoming “**July Friday Strike Series**” ATC Industrial Action. Read the article and then Summer of Strikes.

**New US Entry Requirements** 29JUN The US has updated entry processing through ESTA (the online visa system for countries using the Visa Waiver Program). Read the article.

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**LTBA/Istanbul** has reopened to traffic after a terrorist attack on 28JUN. 40 people were killed in a series of explosions and gunfire at the International terminal on Tuesday evening.

**UMZZ/Belarus** will undergo a re-evaluation of its currency and banks will be closed to the public between 30JUN and 01JUL, if operating to Minsk you should ensure you have sufficient cash available for those days.

**EGZZ/UK** Much has been written about Britain’s departure from Europe this week (and we’re talking Brexit, not football), but if you’re having trouble figuring out how this will affect you as an operator, that might be because it won’t. Read the article.

**LGZZ/Greek Islands** Now that summer is here in Europe, the annual capacity challenge at Greek Islands is most acute on weekends, expect healthy slot delays if operating to LGIR (Iraklion) LGKP (Karthos) LGMK (Mikonos) LGZA (Zakinthos) LGSR (Santorini) LGSK (Skiathos) or LGSA (Chania).

**VHHH/Hong Kong** The CAD issued a reminder to operators this week that the airport is under strain, and slots issued must be strictly adhered to. It would seem that the Slot Adherence procedure issued earlier in the year isn’t really working. Any local operators have feedback? Let us know.

**EFRO/Rovaniemi** has no Jet A1 available from until July.

**LPPS/Porto Santo** is also out of Jet A1 until 01JUL.

**DAAA/Algeria** New fax/phone number for the ACC (Area Control) in Algiers: **+213 (0)21 67 49 27** until 23JUL.

**AYZZ/Papua New Guinea** Reports of civil unrest, student demonstrations across Papua New Guinea started in May 2016 and are ongoing. There have been violent clashes between students, other groups and the police in Port Moresby, Lae and the Highlands.

**PWAK/Wake Island** has advised its High Loader is out of action until later in the year, so for large aircraft like B767 upwards, no offload capability exists for cargo.

**EGZZ/Scotland** (Will we need a new ICAO code soon?) Glasgow ATC – at both EGPK and EGPF – has sporadic closures overnight at present due to staffing issues. Keep an eye on Notams.

**WAAF/Ujung Pandang** has some radar outages affecting high-level overflights, optimum levels may not be available.

**LPPO/Santa Maria Oceanic** has published four special routes for use during the upcoming “July Friday Strike Series” ATC Industrial Action. The Strike Time Period is : 0700-0900Z, during which time only these four routes will be accepted. -ROUTE A- 45N020W 40N030W 37N040W -ROUTE B- DETOX 39N020W 36N030W 34N040W -ROUTE C- LUTAK 36N020W 33N030W 29N040W -ROUTE D- ULTEM 27N040W

**LIZZ/Italy** We have been notified of possible ATC industrial action on 23JUL which was previously scheduled on 05JUL. Details and participation of relevant ACCs are as follows: National strike (ACCs and airports) 0800-1600 UTC. Local strike at LIRA – Ciampino 0800-1600 UTC.

**VCBI/Colombo, Sri Lanka** There was industrial action yesterday, 28JUN, by Immigration Officials, which may continue. Flight delays possible.

**LEZZ/Spain** There was a strike threatened by Apron Controllers at LEMD/Madrid but that was cancelled on Monday.

**LPZZ/Portugal** The seven unions of NAV Portugal sent a pre-notice for an industrial action for ATC and non-ATC personnel, during two hours daily on: 30JUN and 8/15/22/29JUL.

**KATL/Atlanta** Upgrades on the airport have officially started, which will include a new runway, concourse and hotel.

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## Midweek Briefing 11MAY: Reykjavik Oceanic Closure, Australia to turn off Nav aids

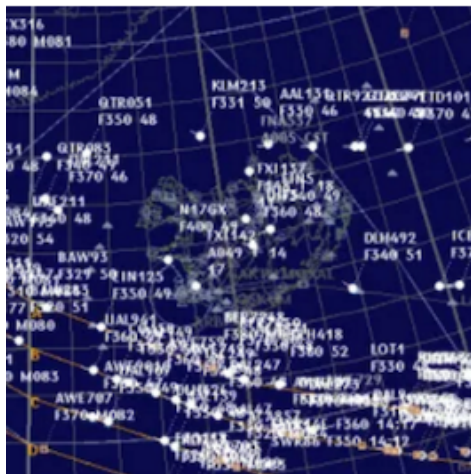
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**Reykjavik Oceanic Closure** 11MAY Operators planning eastbound flights across the NAT should be aware of a NOTAM issued earlier by Reykjavik Oceanic/Iceland ATC, that essentially asks traffic to avoid the airspace wherever possible, due to further ATC Industrial Action. Read the article.

**Australia to turn off Nav aids** 11MAY On 26MAY, Australia will switch off around 180 different VOR's, NDB's, and other ground-based Nav aids. All international operators will be required to have GNSS/GPS as primary navigation. Read the article.

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**CYMM/Fort McMurray, Canada** is closed due to Forest Fires; only emergency and evacuation flights are allowed.

**EGPX/Scottish** Expect delays from 17MAY when controllers change to a new ATC system. ATC advises a fundamental level of change in the method of operation within Scottish Upper Airspace will result. There is no change to the Oceanic Operation, and Domestic CPDLC will be available at all times from 17MAY.

**KATL/Atlanta** closed one of its three security checkpoints in the domestic terminal for three weeks and will reopen 25MAY. They have added additional security lines to the other 2 checkpoints in hopes of reducing the impact. Plan for extra time if you are heading through ATL in the next few weeks.

**LGZZ/Greece** An update on 09MAY was issued for the slot allocation Rules and Guidelines for all Greek Coordinated Airports. The updated document can be found at GABA report.

**YZZZ/Australia** CASA has issued clarification as to who is responsible for Terrain Clearance when ATC instructs an aircraft to "resume own navigation". Consistent with ICAO standard, while under radar vectors below the MSA, ATC assumes responsibility for Terrain Clearance. The AIC is worthwhile refresher reading as this applies to most International Ops.

**OYRN/Mukalla** has reopened after it was recently re-captured by government and Emirati soldiers. It is currently only accepting humanitarian and aid flights.

**HKIS/Isiolo** is a new airport in Kenya that will be operational in early JUN. The new facility will cater to domestic and international flights and will have annual passenger capacity of 125,000 and a 1400m runway. Isiolo is located near many national reserves, approximately 125 mi/200 km northeast of Nairobi.

**BIRD/Reykjavik Oceanic** Operators planning eastbound flights across the NAT should be aware of a NOTAM issued earlier by Reykjavik Oceanic/Iceland ATC, that essentially asks traffic to avoid the airspace wherever possible, due to further ATC Industrial Action. Eastbound flights in particular will not be accepted into the airspace unless ... [Read Full Article](#).

**LIZZ/Italy** Another ATC Industrial Action in Eurore has been announced for 14MAY, this time in Italy and affecting only part of operational personnel. Only some air navigation services may be affected. The following NOTAM has been issued.

**EGLL/London Heathrow** has been identified as the airport most affected in the UK by laser strike incidents with 121 in 2015, followed by EGBB/Birmingham with 94, EGCC/Manchester recording 93 and EGNM/Leeds Bradford with 77.

**SKBO/Bogota** has introduced a significant enhancement to the current ATC infrastructure by adding Secondary Surveillance Radar or SSR. The Columbian CAA issued AIC **A07/16** to cover the upgrade. This will help increase the level of safety for operations in SKBO, especially given the terrain in the vicinity.

**WZZZ/Indonesia** The Visa-Free Program has expanded to Nationals from a total of 169 countries and are now eligible to enter Indonesia without a visa. Although the regulation is silent on the allowable activities under this status, the previous version of the law restricted its use to tourism.

**LFPG/Paris** The first IFR LPV approach was implemented at LFPG for Runway 26L on 03MAY The new approach mirrors Cat I ILS approach minimums, including a 200-foot decision height, and it is supported by the European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS).

**WSZZ/Singapore** has introduced a system called **ATLAS** (Air Transportation License and Administration System), for obtaining the application, renewal and administration of licences and permits for scheduled and non-scheduled air services.

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## Midweek Briefing: High Seas Airspace, Canada New Entry Rules

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**High Seas Airspace - near misses** 16MAR The Baltic Sea (Scandinavia) is seeing an alarming rise in traffic proximity events, and ICAO has issued guidance to operators with background and information. Military flights operating under 'due regard' are, well - not. **Read the full article** about High Seas airspace.

**Canada New Entry Rules - relaxed** 16MAR The new Canada Entry Rules - requiring most visitors to have an eTA before departing - came into force yesterday; with a caveat. In short: you should have one, but it's OK if you don't - at least until September 2016. **Read the full article.**

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**Cxxx/Canada** The new Canada Entry Rules - requiring most visitors to have an eTA before departing - came into force on 15MAR; with a caveat. In short: you should have one, but it's OK if you don't - at least until September 2016. Read the full article.

**Cxxx/Canada** Effective 30MAR, Canadian rules will no longer require an approach completely independent of GNSS at the planned destination. However, where a GNSS approach is planned at both the destination and the alternate, the aerodromes will need to be separated by a minimum of 100 NM. Refer AIC5/16.

**Baltic Sea** Based on several concrete examples of missing flight plans, the Russian Federation, Finland and Estonia agreed to define 7 new waypoints for State aircraft operations over the High Seas that could be used, to replace the current string of LAT/LONG coordinates, to facilitate all future FPLs between St. Petersburg FIR and Kaliningrad FIR. The ICAO Secretariat assigned the following 5LNCs: PISIS-PIDINPISIM-PIRUX-PINIX-PIVAX-PIPOM. All involved States (Russian Federation, Estonia, Finland and Latvia) agreed to implement/publish these waypoints (all over the High Seas), for the 30 MAR 2016 AIRAC date. Read the High Seas Airspace article.

**North Atlantic** CPDLC and ADS-C services will be out of service in Gander, Shanwick, Shannon and Reykjavik FIRS on 21MAR for periods lasting no longer than a few hours due to Inmarsat satellite replacement work. Please check the FIR NOTAM's that pertain to your operation that day.

**Kxxx/United States** Due to a missile launch from within Miami Airspace the FAA has issued NOTAM

A0366/16 to advise of the potential impact to operations with KZMA, KZWY and TJSJ FIRs from March 16 to March 17th. Please check the NOTAM for full details on all the possible routing constraints.

**LTXX/Turkey** NATO has begun surveillance within the Turkish FIR as part of assurance measures for Turkey. The first duty period was 12-15MAR.

**Time Changes** Clocks go forward/back depending on whether you've just had a long winter or a long summer. The US changed on 13MAR, most of Europe is on 27MAR, Australia and NZ on 03APR. TimeandDate.com has a very useful list.

**KTEB/Teterboro** A new Charted Quiet Visual Runway 19 visual approach will be published on 31MAR. Starting 04APR, the FAA will test the procedure for 180 days to gauge pilot compliance and environmental impact to determine if the procedure will become permanent.

**YMML/Melbourne** will host the Formula 1 Grand Prix 17-20MAR, with additional traffic to both YMML and YMEN/Essendon during these dates.

**KATL/Atlanta** Officials in Atlanta are laying the groundwork for an expansion of the world's busiest airport. Work will begin soon on a \$6 billion expansion and renovation project at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Workers will update the domestic passenger terminal and concourses, and add a sixth runway and a hotel. Work begins on concourse renovations later this year.

**Lxxx/Austria has** issued AIC 4/16 outlining the near future use of more direct Free Route Airspace.

**Oxxx/Iran** The U.S. State Dept issued a Travel Warning to reiterate and highlight the risk of arrest and detention of U.S. citizens, particularly dual national Iranian-Americans, in Iran, and to note that FAA has advised U.S. civil aviation to exercise caution when flying into, out of, within, or over the airspace over Iran.

**NVVV/Port Vila** Runway 11/29 will be closed from 16MAR at 1300Z until 17MAR at 1930Z for maintenance. This essentially closes the airport during the time period.

**Yxxx/Australia** A reminder that Easter travel could be severely disrupted with Border Force and Immigration staff at international airports across Australia planning to take strike action on the eve of Good Friday.

**UIBB/Bratsk** Don't go. No fuel. Until 31MAR.

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