

>>> YEP, IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP. Here's why. Since ADS-C and CPDLC came on the scene, ATC can run airplanes tighter together (RLAT =25nm, and RIONG =5 mins in trail) and that means more requirements in CNS - Comms, Nav, Surveillance. The Nav part is easy - that's RNP - and RNP10 is the new minimum in NAT HLA. For the other two, PBCS covers the minimum requirements for Comms - RCP240 means a 4 minute loop from the controller spotting a conflict to the airplane completing the resulting manoeuvre, and for Surveillance, RSP180 means position reporting within 3 minutes.

>>> OTHER STUFF To get into the best airspace – the NAT Tracks between 350-390 – you need to have all the datalink goodies (ADS-C and CPDLC) as well as RCP240 and RSP180 from March 29th, 2018. You need TCAS 7.1 everywhere. No exceptions. You need RVSM between FL290-410 inclusive, but you can climb/descend through the HLA without it. You must have HF to enter the Shanwick OCA. You need HLA APPROVAL to enter NAT HLA airspace.