

# CLEARANCE OR NO CLEARANCE



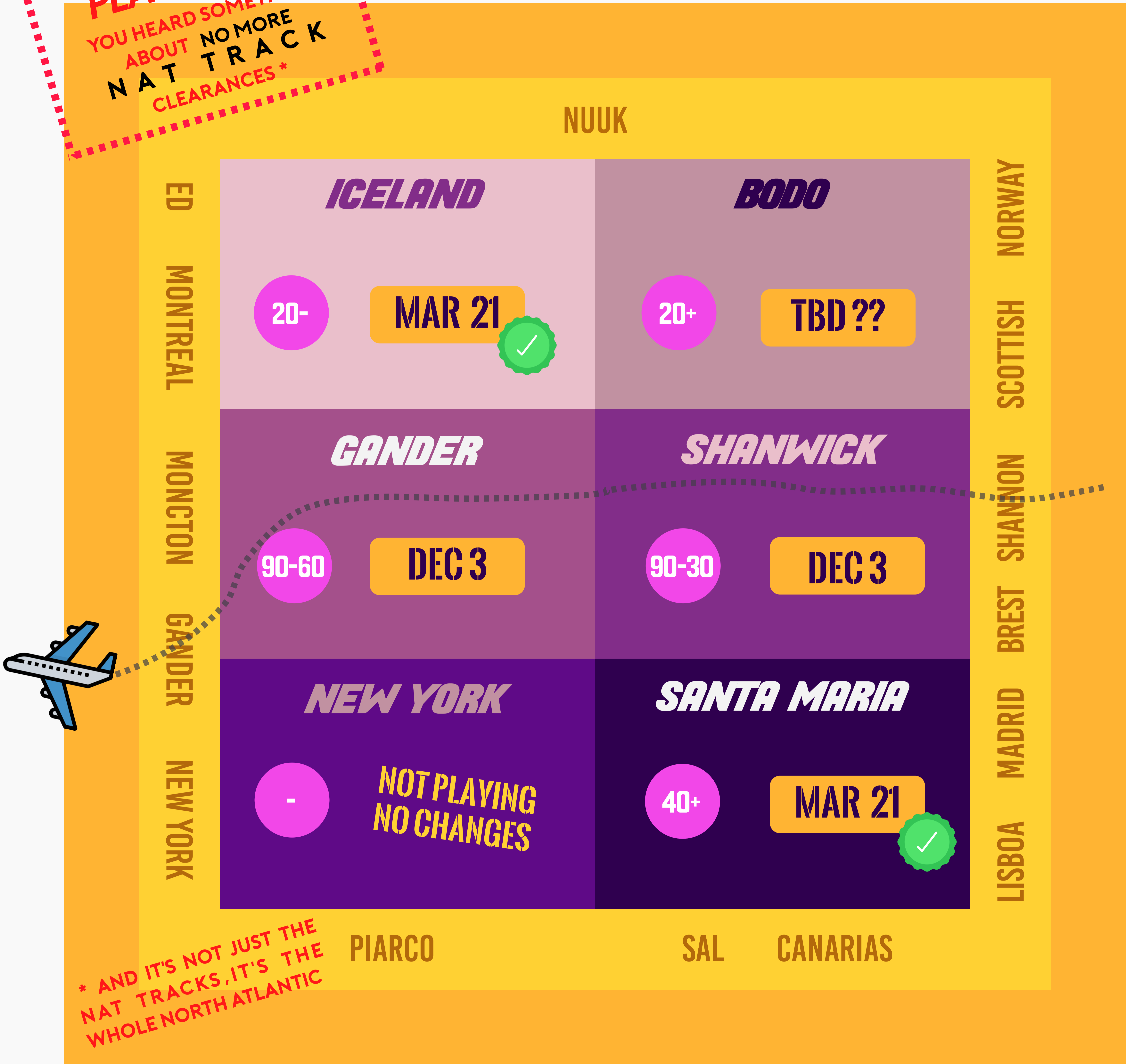
A GAME FOR TWO TRANSATLANTIC PILOTS!



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EDITION 2! (27 MAR 24)

**PLAY THIS IF YOU HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT NO MORE NAT TRACK CLEARANCES \***



\* AND IT'S NOT JUST THE NAT TRACKS, IT'S THE WHOLE NORTH ATLANTIC



HOW TO PLAY

1

Draw a line for your flight and make it go through all the ATC boxes you will talk to. Yellow = Domestic Acc's. Purple = Oceanic ACC's

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Note the date in the purple boxes, and play Clearance or No Clearance!



# WHAT'S CHANGING

By Summer Christmas of 2024, all OACC's on the NAT will stop transmitting an Oceanic Clearance to you. They still want you to send an "RCL" message, which used to mean "Request Clearance", but now it just means "Tell us your latest preferences". **Think of it as Checking In.**

OK, LET'S PLAY!

1

## SAME SAME

For your crossing, do everything that you normally do. Send the RCL at the normal time, with your OEP, Time, Speed (C/I Mach), Level, and Max FL (and 2nd track/lvl pref if you like)

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ERAKA/1710 M082F350-RMK/2ND NAT A F350 MAX F370
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This means send the RCL between 30 and 90 minutes before the Oceanic Entry Point (OEP)

90-30

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## DIFFERENT

Check the Change date. If you are entering the OACC after the change date, you'll get a different response to the RCL, and you will not get an Oceanic Clearance.

Each OACC is doing this on a different date

CHANGE DATE

BEFORE

AFTER

RCL RECEIVED. IF NO CLEARANCE WITHIN 15 MINS CONTACT SHANWICK BY VOICE

RCL RECEIVED BY EGGX. FLY CURRENT FLIGHT PLAN OR AS AMENDED BY ATC

## CLEARANCE

## NO CLEARANCE

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CLX 1259 060224 CZQX CLRNCE
026 ABC123 CLRD TO LFPG VIA
NEEKO NAT W M0.82 F370
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Set Speed: As per clearance

OCEANIC ENTRY

Set Speed: As per RCL (ECON)

RESUME NORMAL SPEED

Notify change of Mach .02 or more. Same as if you receive "Resume Normal Speed"

## SAME AS BEFORE

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Once you enter the ocean and set speed, everything is the same as before.

You do not need an Oceanic Clearance if entering "Clearance Required" Oceanic airspace from "No Clearance" Oceanic airspace



# CONFUSIONS CLEARED UP (FAQ)

## VOICE

### What if we're using voice and not ACARS for RCL?

Instead of sending an RCL message, you can also use voice. Do this if ACARS is U/S, or if you're closer to the OEP than the RCL time guides. Same goes if you get "RCL REJECTED", or you don't get a response to the RCL message at all. There is no specific phraseology, so "KLM 641 with voice RCL" should work.

## RCL TIME

### Are the RCL times changing?

Yes, the times are a little different now - noted in pink on the first page. Shanwick and Gander are the same as before. Santa Maria want your RCL 40 minutes or more from the OEP. Iceland want it 20 mins or less before OEP, Bodo says 20 mins or more.

90-30

## WHY ?

### Why isn't this all happening on one day?

This is question #1 for pilots! It would be nice, for sure. The reason is the domino effect. If everyone was aiming for one single day to make this change, there is a risk that one OACC failing at a late stage would bring the whole project down. So everyone is doing it independently. It's pretty complex on the ATC side.

## TANGOS

### What about the Tango Routes?

These are all within the Shanwick Oceanic area, so when the Oceanic Clearance Removal happens, this will apply to Tango Routes as well. Send the RCL at the normal time, and follow the "No Clearance" line on the chart. See the note on "Prox Airports" if departing Ireland.

## IRELAND

### Ireland - Proximate Airports

These are airports close to the Oceanic boundary, like Shannon (EINN). Previously, Oceanic Clearance was given on the ground. Since August 2023, you get your clearance airborne. After Shanwick changes to "No Clearance Required" (Dec 3, 2024), you just need to send an RCL at least 30 mins before OEP. One exception: Departing Cork (EICK) via LASNO - you need an acknowledged RCL on the ground in EICK.

## OLD V NEW

### What if one Oceanic Area has changed, but another hasn't?

If you're entering "Clearance Required" oceanic airspace, from a "No Clearance" oceanic area, you don't need an Oceanic Clearance. The one that matters is the first one you enter. Figure out your RCL situation with them, and once you enter the ocean, you're all good. For example, say Iceland is "No clearance required" but Shanwick isn't yet. You just send your RCL to Iceland, enter at the OEP, and they will take care of coordinating with Shanwick.

Do you have a question not covered here? Send us yours at [team@ops.group](mailto:team@ops.group), and we'll help you out - and add it into the next version. HAPPY CROSSINGS!

