CREW BRIEF & CHECKLIST : GANDER EASTBOUND



DON'TDO THIS!

90-60 MINS BEFORE OEP/ENTRY

RCL (Posn, Time, Level, Speed)	SENT
ACK ("RCL Received by Gander") R	
(IF RCL SENT ON TIME, NO FURTHER ACTION	REQUIRED)

WITH GANDER DOMESTIC

OCEANIC CLEARANCE	NONE (REMOVED)
IF "RCL REJECTED"	READ RCL TO ATC
LEVEL CHANGE	AWAIT FROM ATC

(NEVER GO TO YOUR RCL LEVEL WITHOUT CLEARANCE)

AT OCEANIC ENTRY POINT

FLIGHT LEVEL .	AS CLEARED
SPEED	SET (RCL or ASSIGNED MACH)
ROUTE	AS PER FPL OR RE-CLEARANCE

ATC SYSTEMS ARE CONTINUALLY MONITORING YOUR ROUTE, SPEED, AND LEVEL, AND WILL ADVISE OF ANY DISCREPANCY

TOP 5 PILOT ERRORS

AS REPORTED BY GANDER OCEANIC, DECEMBER 2024



WRONG RCL TIME. Send it when you are 90-60 mins from your entry point. Not before, not after. The I hour cutoff is strict.



ASKING FOR AN OCEANIC CLEARANCE. They are gone, finished, done. (for NAT eastbound). ATC can't give you one, so don't ask!



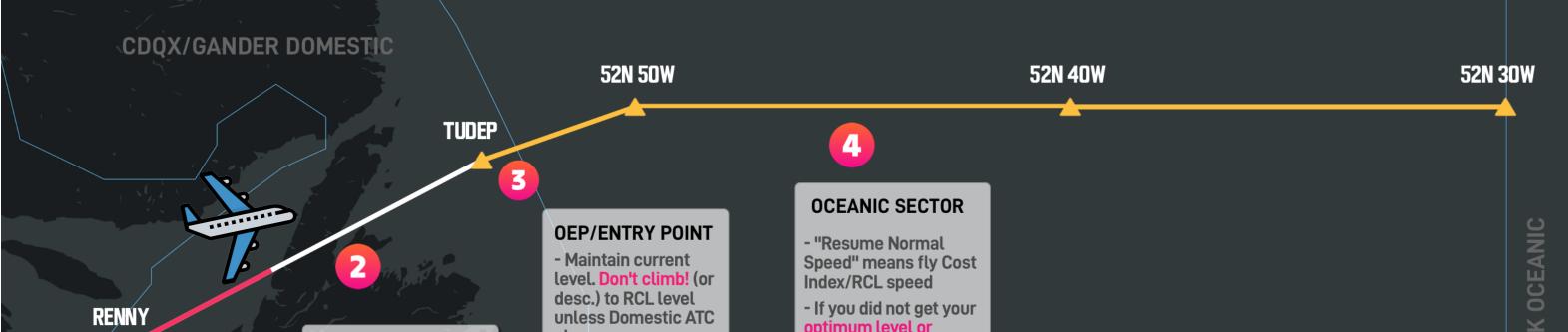
CLIMBING WITHOUT APPROVAL. (Or descending). Too many are getting this wrong. ATC will ensure you are at the right level at the OEP. Don't "do it yourself".



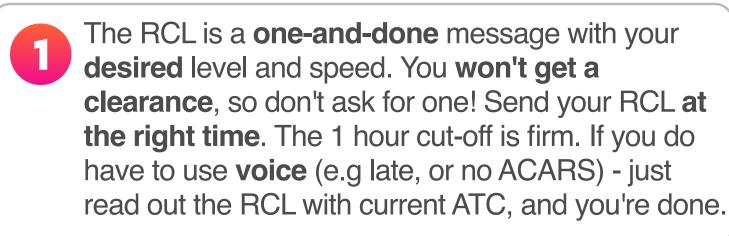
WRONG HANDLING OF "RCL REJECTED". You'll get this if you send your RCL early or late. If late, just tell ATC on the current frequency what your RCL says. Then you're done. You won't be handled any differently. No "Oceanic Clearance".



ASKING FOR ROUTE CONFIRMATION. Don't do it, it blocks the frequency and increases ATC workload. ATC auto-queries your FMS to ensure it's correct.



RCL WINDOW - Send RCL 90-60 before OEP - Receive ACK, done - RCL Reject receive	DOMESTIC SECTOR - Expect No "Oceanic Clearance" - Don't Climb! Domestic ATC will give you a level change IF your Ocean Level is different to your current level - No need to "Confirm	as assig - Route as re-cl	l: Per RCL or gned : As per FPL or	spe ATO is a	amum level or eed at OEP, Oceanic C will advise when it available		NAT EASTBOUND: STEP BY STEP	EGGX/SHANWICK
Use voice	our Route", ATC has it		K	KZWY/NE	W YORK OCEAN	IC	LPPO/SANTA MARIA OCEANIC	





At the Oceanic Entry Point, **maintain** whatever level Domestic ATC has assigned - this is your ocean level. Set speed to Econ/Cost Index, or a Fixed Mach if so assigned. Your **route** is automatically queried with a "Confirm Assigned Route" message - no need to confirm via voice.

Domestic ATC (the radar sector before the ocean)
is responsible for getting you to the level Oceanic
ATC has assigned you. IF your RCL level is
available, they will clear you. Don't just climb
yourself. Nil comms means no change, stay where
you are.



Once in the ocean and traffic permits, you can expect an advisory that your RCL level is available if you didn't get it earlier. If you have an Assigned Mach, when able, ATC will issue "Resume Normal Speed". This means fly RCL speed (Cost Index), and notify of +/- 0.02 changes to this speed.