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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portsmouth)
Regulations 2016**

Made - - - - 21st April 2016

Coming into force - - 22nd July 2016

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the vicinity of Portsmouth and the Solent, Hampshire, by reason of the holding of the America's Cup Sailing Race.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 161 of the Air Navigation Order 2009^(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Portsmouth) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 22nd July 2016.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2)—

- (a) between 1000 hours and 1430 hours on 22nd and 23rd July 2016, and
- (b) between 1000 hours and 1700 hours on 24th July 2016,

no aircraft is to fly below 3,000 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 3 nautical miles whose centre is at 504717N 0010531W.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft—

- (a) being operated by or on behalf of the National Police Air Service,
- (b) being operated by or on behalf of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services,
- (c) being operated by or on behalf of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or
- (d) flying with the permission of the Police Constable Andrew Sparshott of the Hampshire Constabulary.

^(a) S.I. 2009/3015, to which there are amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

^(b) In these Regulations Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

21st April 2016

Tim May
Head of Aviation Policy
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in airspace specified in regulation 3(1) in the vicinity of Portsmouth and the Solent during the America's Cup Sailing Race that is scheduled to take place there on the three days of 22nd to 24th July 2016. A large gathering of people will be present and intense and unusual aerial activity will take place in the area. The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

In relation to regulation 3, the term 'aircraft' includes aircraft as classified by Part A of Schedule 3 to the Air Navigation Order 2009. It also includes, by virtue of article 253(3) of that Order, any small balloon, any kite weighing not more than two kilograms, any small unmanned aircraft and any parachute including a parascending parachute.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Universal Co-ordinated Time (UTC), which for the purpose of these Regulations is one hour behind British Summer Time.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(d), Police Constable Andrew Sparshott may be contacted on telephone numbers 07775 544723 or via Silver Control on telephone numbers 023 9272 3110 and 023 9272 5500.

Full details of the Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular and NOTAM.

Further enquiries of the Civil Aviation Authority may be made to Mr R E J Gratton, Principal Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, telephone number 020 7453 6586.