

BGA

Resources for Instructors (and others). There's a new page on the BGA website detailing online resources available for instructors, including the latest edition of the BGA Instructor Manual. Although designed primarily for instructors, all pilots, including trainees, may find much of the material useful. We'll add to the information as it becomes available so do keep checking back. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/pilot-resources-flying-training/instructors/>

Conferences

Club Management Conference Saturday 11th November 2017, Highgate House, Northamptonshire

This is the BGA's conference for Chairmen & Club Managers, Treasurers, CFIs and Junior Gliding reps and other volunteers who run our gliding clubs. It is a day valued as much for the opportunities to network and share ideas as it is for the informative presentations and discussions. There is a full programme balanced between plenary sessions for all delegates and dedicated sessions featuring the Treasurers' Forum, the CFI Forum, and the Juniors Conference. BGA staff and volunteers will also be on hand to discuss individual points. The subsidised delegate fee of £20 includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Thank you to those who have already booked a place. Bookings close on Thursday 2nd November or when we reach 200 delegates (whichever is reached first). Accommodation is available at the venue for those of you who wish to begin discussions on Friday evening or perhaps wish to make a weekend of it.

BGA AGM and Sporting Conference Saturday 17th February 2018, Nottingham Belfry. The BGA AGM and Sporting Conference programme is starting to take shape. We're already looking forward to a great day! Following lessons learned last year, numbers will be restricted at the evening event, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Details and booking for both events are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/events/>

Safety

Managing Flying Risk. The BGA publication 'Managing Flying Risk' captures much of the hard won good practice guidance that has previously appeared in other BGA publications and is a must read for all pilots at BGA clubs. The BGA office can supply hard copies and of course the publication is available on the member's website at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/general-safety-publications/managing-flying-risk-guidance/>

Incident Reporting. Incident reporting is of course a great way of ensuring that issues and trends are spotted and can be addressed before they result in an accident. An increasing number of clubs have in place local incident reporting systems to 'capture' those incidents which are not required to be reported to the BGA. BGA accident and incident reporting requirements are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/bga-requirements-guidance/accident-reporting-requirements/>

Ground Training Progress Card. We have written to club CFI's and Club Safety Officers noting that a generic BGA Ground Training Progress Card has been developed to help to ensure that pilots are provided with the information and training they need on the airfield in addition to that received during flying training. The document, which can be modified as required by clubs to suit their own operation, is available at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pilot-training/bga-ground-training-progress-card-trial-version/>

AAIB Report - Collision. Last December, two aircraft collided in VFR conditions in Class G airspace. The AAIB investigation concluded that neither pilot saw the other aircraft in sufficient time to take effective avoiding action. The AAIB report can be viewed at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/59afe854e5274a180e3705d5/SZD-51-1_Junior_glider_G-CLJK_and_Cessna_150L_G-CSFC_09-17.pdf

Club Safety Officer Seminar. Following last year's successful programme, there will be a CSO seminar at The Scottish Gliding Centre at Portmoak on 4th November 2017. Any Club Safety Officers or CFI who wishes to may attend – please contact Liz Pike at the BGA office. Further CSO seminars will be notified in due course.

Airspace

RT Training. There are places available on the RT course being held at London Gliding Club on the 28th October. Anyone BGA club member interested in attending should contact the course trainer at chularupasinha@hotmail.com

FASVIG ADS-B Trial. The Future Air Space VFR Implementation Group (FASVIG) has announced plans to carry out a trial of real-time traffic displays for Air Traffic Services (ATS) at UK general aviation (GA) airfields. FASVIG report that real-time traffic displays based on ADS-B have the potential capability to enhance GA airfield ATS situational awareness and flight safety. The aim of the trial is to gather evidence to enable the CAA to assess this capability and give consideration to authorising use of ADS-B real-time traffic displays by GA ATS units. Additionally, it is hoped this trial will encourage further development of technology to support ATS provision at UK GA airfields.

Doncaster Sheffield Airport (DSA). DSA is consulting on the introduction of aRNAV (RNAV) Standard Instrument Departure (SID) procedures and RNAV Instrument Approach Procedures (IAPs). DSA (otherwise known as Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield, or RHADS) believe that the adoption of the departure procedures (SIDs) requires an additional portion of controlled airspace for procedure containment to the east of the existing airspace. The consultation document, associated annexes and FAQ's is at www.flydsa.co.uk/about-us/dsaconsultation . The consultation closes on 15th December 2017.

Oxford Airport and RAF Brize Norton. Oxford airport and RAF Brize Norton are about to launch a consultation on their joint plans for a large area of class D airspace that reaches from Hinton in the Hedges in the north, overhead Oxford in the east, to Wantage in the south and across to Aston Down in the west. This proposal will effectively exclude gliding from a large area of airspace, increase the risk to those forced into choke points to the east and southwest of Oxford and Brize, and significantly impact on a number of gliding clubs operations. The BGA, which is working closely on this topic with the GA Alliance, will be advising clubs and their members to respond to the consultation.

Airworthiness

Maintenance. Recent discussion with a club has highlighted the need for large syndicates or groups to ensure that they have a documented process in place for maintaining their aircraft. Regardless of whether EASA or non-EASA, the advice is valid anywhere a group of people operate an aircraft, and in particular club-owned aircraft. Any club that needs advice should speak to a Regional Technical Officer or the BGA CTO who can be contacted via the BGA office.

FES Battery Fire. The AAIB has published a Special Bulletin following a battery fire. <https://www.gov.uk/aaib-reports/aaib-special-bulletin-s3-2017-on-hph-glasflugel-304-es-g-gsgs>

FLARM. Owners of aircraft equipped with FLARM are reminded that the effectiveness and range of their FLARM is dependent on a number of factors. Advice and checking tools are available on the FLARM website. <http://flarm.com/>

Regulatory

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). GDPR is designed to strengthen existing data protection laws for all individuals who reside in the EU. The new rules will come into force in the UK from 25th May 2018. The Sport and Recreation Alliance has produced a helpful guide at <http://sramedia.s3.amazonaws.com/media/documents/db49ef58-e5fa-411b-a994-4185e0bedc8e.pdf>

8.33 kHz Radio Equipage Claims. A significant number of owners have now received payment of 20% of the cost of re-equipping with an 8.33 kHz radio. Here is another reminder that the second claim round for 20% funding of the costs of equipping gliders and other aircraft with 8.33 kHz radios is open and runs until 30th September 2017. The CAA confirmed in August that funds are still available but we do urge that you claim as soon as possible, remembering to include proof of payment with your claim. As well as the cost of the radio, certain associated ancillary costs may also qualify for funding. Details of the scheme, including an online claim form are on the CAA website at <https://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-funding-application/>

EASA Pilot Licence Conversion. As previously reported, there is a UK exemption published in the CAA's Official Records Series 4 that describes how under an existing temporary opt-out from the EASA regulation, a pilot can choose to operate in the UK using national, BGA, or EASA licence privileges. For sailplanes and balloon pilots only, the opt-out is expected to be extended from 8 Apr 2018 to 8 Apr 2020. At the time of publishing, the CAA's website notes;

“To fly any EASA certified aircraft, from 8 April 2018 you will need to hold an EASA licence. There are two exceptions: the deadline for sailplane and balloon licences under EASA SPL, BPL, LAPL(S) or LAPL(B) is 8 April 2020 (mandatory conversion is not required prior to this date)...”

Pilots who fly EASA aeroplanes using UK NPPL or UK PPL privileges are advised to ensure they hold the correct licence and privileges (including sailplane towing rating) by 8 April 2018. The BGA is surveying clubs on EASA tug pilot future training needs to ensure that resources are in place in good time.

EASA aeroplane pilot licence conversions must be sent to the CAA. Sailplane pilot licence conversion applications must be submitted to the BGA. See <https://members.glding.co.uk/pilot-resources-flying-training/pilot-licence-conversion/>

UK Aviation Strategy. The Department for Transport is seeking views on the proposed approach for developing a new aviation strategy for the UK. The BGA will be submitting comments. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/a-new-aviation-strategy-for-the-uk-call-for-evidence>

UK SLMG Class Rating. Under the Air Navigation Order 2016, UK SLMG class ratings (regardless of the licence they are included in) are required to be maintained on a 24 month validity period cycle. The CAA has published an exemption allowing specified licence holders to maintain an SLMG class rating using the previous '5 hours in 13 months' flight experience and validity arrangement, or the option to obtain a 'certificate of test' with a 13 month validity period.

Competitions and Cross-Country

British Team 2018. The World Gliding Championships for Club, Standard and 15m classes are to be held at Ostrow Wielkopolski, Poland in July 2018, and 20m Multi-Seat, 18 Metre and Open Classes are to be held at Pribram, Czech Republic in August 2018. The results of the vote from which the British Gliding Teams will be selected in the next two weeks are as follows;

Club Class 1) Tim Fletcher 2) Gee Dale 3) Tim Milner 4) Ian Macarthur 5) Brian Spreckley 6) Jake Brattle

Standard Class 1) Jeremy Hood 2) Howard Jones 3) Richard Hood 4) David Bromley 5) Kim Tipple 6) Paul Fritche

15 Metre Class: 1) Tim Scott 2) Derren Francis 3) Gary Stingemore 4) Matthew Cook 5) Leigh Wells 6) Philip Jones

Open Class: 1) Andy Davis 2) Russell Cheetham 3) Peter Harvey 4) Dan Pitman 5) Richard Browne 6) Ken Barker

18 Metre Class: 1) Andy Davis 2) Mike Young 3) Russell Cheetham 4) Steve Jones 5) Peter Harvey 6) Gary Stingemore

20 Metre Multi-Seat Class: 1) Steve Jones 2) Andy Davis 3) Russell Cheetham 4) Peter Harvey 5) Leigh Wells 6) Kim Tipp

2018 Nationals Dates. Dates and venues have been confirmed for next year's national championships. These are:

18m and 20m Multi-Seat Classes - Husbands Bosworth, 7-15th July 2018

Club Class - Dunstable, 4-12th August

Open, Standard and 15m Classes - Aston Down, 18-26th August

Junior Nationals - Lasham, 18-26th August

General

Launchpoint. Launchpoint is a registered charity that aims to provide opportunities to experience gliding and to help glider pilots expand their horizons in the sport. Its aims are delivered through Caroline Awards and the new Ted Lys Awards, which provide new

opportunities for experienced glider pilots. The awards are open to all.

<https://members.glidering.co.uk/launchpoint/>

Darlton Powers Up! Darlton gliding club have already experienced a huge improvement in their club facilities after installing their mains power supply, which included constructing an underground connection across a large field. The project was funded by Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund, and the success reflects a great deal of work and persistence by the club. Any club needing guidance on completing a funding bid can seek advice from the BGA Development Officer, Alison Randle.

Royal Aeronautical Society GA Events.

The RAeS Future of UK Airfields event will be held in London on the 24th October 2017. The Royal Aeronautical Society wants to help bring the GA sector together to help provide some answers to these questions posed by Ministers, as well as inputting into the work of the new All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on GA, recently set up to promote the GA sector in Parliament. The conference is expected to cover issues affecting the future of UK airfields and hopefully provide some practical solutions, including: planning policy and legislation, regulation, the role of local authorities, taxation and finance, access to airspace. Registration for this event is £37.50 +VAT.

The RAeS GA Conference 2017 takes place in London on 20th November 2017. This year's General Aviation conference will look at Avionics and Power Trains. The programme has now been released. The 2017 Design competition will also be launched at the conference. There is a special BGA rate available for this event.

To attend either event, please contact the RAeS <https://www.aerosociety.com/events/>

Please Stay in Touch! If you are reading this on a club noticeboard or by using a link from social media or a club email, why not sign up (free of charge) for BGA news to be sent direct to your email account via the BGA's online account management system, E-services? As well as news subscriptions, E-services allows you to maintain your contact information, renew other subscriptions and make a number of applications.

If you haven't received login details, you can access E-services by going to <https://members.glidering.co.uk/eservices/forgot-password> and entering the email address that you believe the BGA holds for you. If there is a match, you'll receive an email with temporary password with which you can access the system. If not, please contact the BGA office.

Or if it's easier for you, simply contact the BGA office by email or telephone 0116 2892956 providing a few details and we'll do it for you.

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