

News Release



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OLYMPIC PILOT BRIEFING EVENT ANNOUNCED

To help pilots prepare for flying in south east England during the 2012 London Olympics the Royal Institute of Navigation (RIN) and the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), through the Airspace and Safety Initiative (ASI), have joined forces to host a free briefing day in central London on Saturday 10 March 2012.

The event will be held at the Royal Geographical Society and features presentations and Q&A sessions offering pilots the chance to get the latest information from the CAA, NATS and MoD on:

- How to use Atlas Control, the air traffic control unit that will provide the service in the Restricted Zone, R112.
- The options available for flight planning to get access to the Restricted Zone, R112
- How airfields can apply for and use exemptions
- The interception procedures planned to be used by MoD aircraft

As well as the Olympic presentations there will also be a workshop on navigation techniques with Mark Batin, a RIN Fellow and former RAF Navigator and Qualified Helicopter Navigation Instructor. It will focus on VFR navigation, staying on track and integrating satellite based systems with traditional navigation methods.

The event opens at 11.00 with presentations from 13:00 to 16:30.

As well as the briefings it is also hoped to have relevant trade stands and an opportunity for pilots to be able to buy the new March 2012 UK 1:500 000 chart for southern England, which will come with a second free chart showing the Olympic airspace.

The venue has a maximum capacity of 750. Pre-registration is required and places will be provided on a first come first served basis. To register, e-mail your full name and any affiliation (e.g. flying club) to olympics@rin.org.uk. All bookings will be confirmed.

For more information please contact the CAA Corporate Communications Department on 0207 453 6027 or RIN on 020 7591 3135.

For details of Olympic airspace changes go to www.airspacesafety.com/olympics

Notes to Editors:

1. The Airspace & Safety Initiative (ASI) is a joint CAA, NATS, AOA, GA and MoD effort to investigate and tackle the major safety risks in UK airspace.
2. The Royal institute of Navigation (RIN) is a learned society with charitable status. Formed in 1947, its aims are:
 - To unite all those with a professional or personal interest in any aspect of navigation in one body;
 - To further the development of navigation in every sphere;
 - And to increase public awareness of the art and science of navigation.
3. The Royal Geographical Society is situated at 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR