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HELICOPTER SAFETY ADVISORY CONFERENCE-RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

High Density Traffic Area Procedures

NOTE: Recent years within the Gulf of Mexico has shown an increase in bird activity and resultant bird strikes. Consideration should be given to reducing airspeed when operating at lower altitudes.

Note: High density traffic area maps can be found on the HSAC website under library.

Inbound Traffic Will

1. Descend to 500-feet prior to reaching 10-nautical miles from the intended destination
And maintain 500-feet until the approach is begun to the destination heliport.
2. Call 10-nautical miles from the intended destination, giving altitude and direction from the destination.
3. Call 5-nautical miles from the intended destination, giving altitude and direction from the intended destination.
4. Call 2-nautical miles from intended destination giving landing direction.
5. Call landing at destination or on short final if radio communication is not possible with the traffic advisory from the ground.

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Outbound Traffic Will

1. When departing a heliport within the traffic advisory area, will call prior to taking off, and wait a few seconds for the traffic advisory for another aircraft to report with any conflicting traffic, before beginning a take-off.
2. Execute an expeditious climb above 700-feet to desired cruising altitude.
3. Call "*Clear of the area*" 10-nautical miles from the departure point, including altitude and direction.

Local Traffic

Traffic passing through the traffic advisory area will do so at 1200-feet or above. Between the altitudes of 1200-feet and 3000-feet, pilot will:

1. Call at 10-nautical miles from the traffic advisory area, giving altitude and route of flight as they enter the area.
2. Call "*Clear of the area*" at 10-nautical miles from the traffic advisory area giving altitude and direction as they leave the area.

The landing / pulse light will be ON during operations within 10-nautical miles of the traffic advisory area. DO NOT OVERFLY ANY HELIPORT BELOW 500-FEET.

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