

Annual checks 2012

Requirements

All solo pilots up to and including Basic Instructors will be expected to undergo annual check flights as detailed below. Current Assistant Category and Full Category Instructors are exempt.

Annual checks are to be completed by 31 March 2012. Those who have not completed annual checks after that date will not be permitted to fly in any glider; private or centre owned, until such time as the checks have been completed.

The following items are to be covered in the 2012 annual checks over an absolute minimum of 2 winch launches, 1 aero-tow and briefing session with a Full Cat / Ass Cat instructor, to include the following:

- Winch Launch Failure.
- Spinning / Stalling (including exercise spin/stall from a failed winch launch recovery).
- Normal circuit ensuring correct spacing, height of final turn and speed control.
- Check understanding of new rules and local airspace.
- Use of ABC checks by person hooking on the cable.

The following items are to be closely monitored as each has been witnessed on numerous occasions. If any of these items cannot be demonstrated as described, the pilot will have to re-fly the exercise.

- Glider must release if the wing starts to drop (winch). Member to be failed on that flight if he or she fails to release and the wing subsequently touches the ground.
- Progressive rate of rotation into the full climb should be over 5 secs (4 secs minimum).
- Final turn height to be completed by 300' MINIMUM.
- Approach is to be at a constant speed until the flare. Too often i have witnessed a bleeding of energy in the last 50-100' leaving little or no energy to flare.
- Landings are to be fully held off.
- R/T Calls to be made downwind and on final.
- Eventualities to include (min-winch only) and max launch speeds as well as the minimum approach speed in the event of a launch failure in addition to the subsequent plan of action. This should be stated as the last piece of information prior to accepting the cable.

Notes for instructors:

This is the only opportunity to fly with some individuals during the year, so please ensure that the standards are being met and corrected where necessary. However, ensure the flights are tailored to suit the experience levels of those being checked.

Basic Instructors may only fly with the CFI or DCFI and will be expected to produce the approved lessons off of the winch and aero-tow, in addition to dealing with some induced difficulties, spin recoveries etc.

Paperwork

Ensure that the Glider Pilot's Licence is signed up if applicable (revalidation requirements: 5hrs P1 in previous 12months. signature by authorised instructor in logbook to certify compliance).

Annual checks are to be signed up by the instructor in the signatures file located in the log cabin once the instructor is satisfied that the pilot has met the required standard.

Field Landings Checks (FLC)

FLCs are to be conducted with a qualified BGA MGIR in a motor-glider AFTER 1 Mar and prior to their first cross country. They remain valid for the remainder of the calendar month. This applies to ALL pilots, including those who wish to fly private aircraft cross-country from PNGC. They are to be signed up in the log-cabin. Cross Country defined as distance >10nm from Daedalus or outside of safe gliding range.