



Hong Kong Aviation Club - Message from CFI

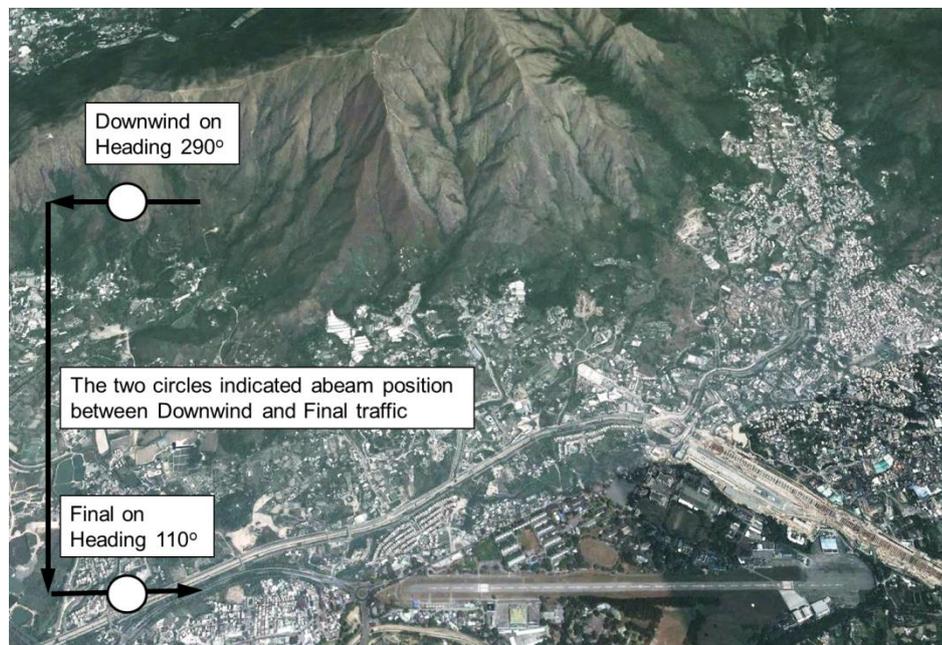
From: CFI (A)

To: All Pilots

Date: 13 September 2014

CIRCUIT SEPARATION

Occasionally, there have been aircraft following preceding aircraft with less than ideal separation. As a rule of thumb, please do not turn Base from Downwind until the preceding aircraft is at or has passed abeam your present position in the opposite direction on Final.



RADIO USAGE

During engine startup and shutdown, avionics should be shut down to avoid voltage peak which may damage the avionics. On our Cessna fleet, where the 'master avionics switch' is being fitted, this switch should be used to turn on and off on the avionics. The 'power/volume knob' is relatively delicate and more susceptible to damage. Please leave the 'power/volume knob' at the 'on' position unless there is no 'master avionics switch' installed on the aircraft to shut off the avionics such as HHN.

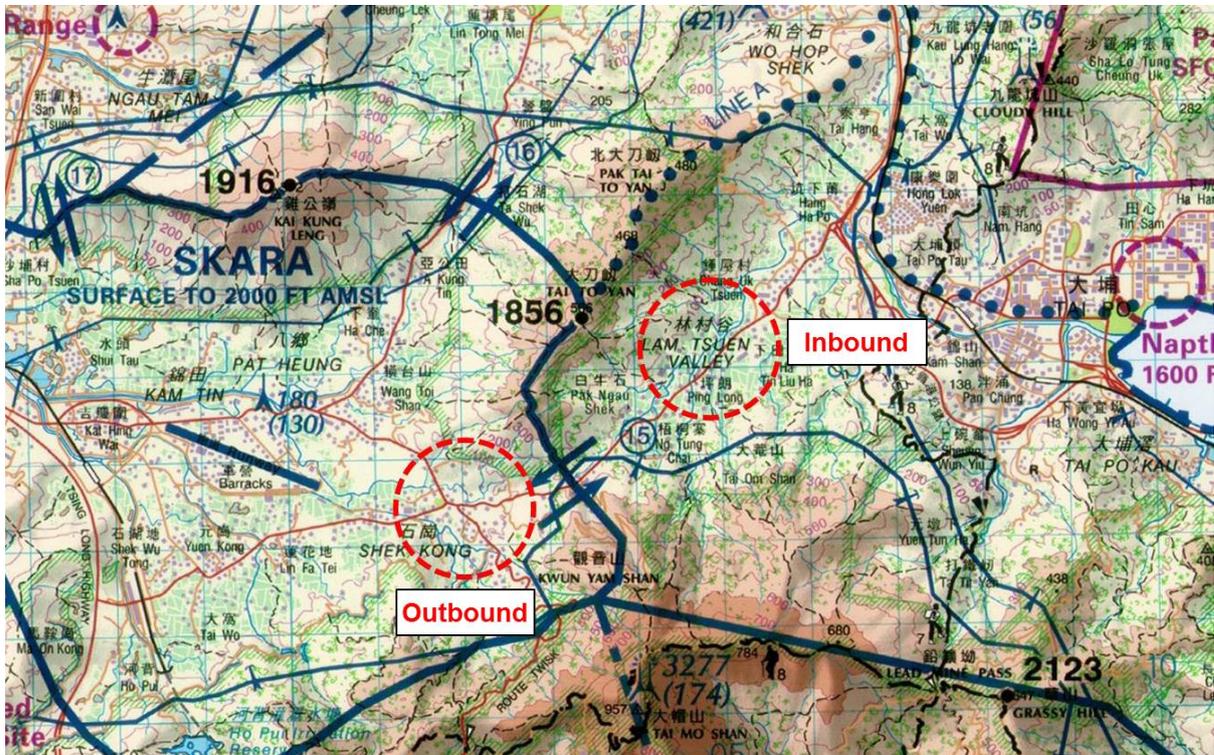
C172R ENGINE START DURING HOT WEATHER

Engineering has advised that there was a no. of instances where pilots have difficulties starting engines on fuel-injected C172R during summer. Per POH, the engine is considered a hot engine within 30 min of shut down and engine start should first be attempted without priming. Starting a hot engine is facilitated

by advancing the mixture control promptly to 1/3 open when the engine fires and then smoothly to full rich as power develops. Please consult 'Starting Engine' under 'Amplified Procedures' in POH for further details.

RADIO CHANGEOVER OUTBOUND/INBOUND SKARA

Earlier last month in an afternoon flight, I have visually observed a pilot on an aircraft that has canceled his flight plan and then did a changeover to SKARA when the aircraft was in fact overflying Tai Po/Tin Sam westbound, shortly after it has passed the coastline of New Town. There were other pilots that have made Shek Kong inbound changeover calls in other areas from time to time. Therefore, we would like to standardize the outbound and inbound radio call areas for Kadoorie Gap departure and arrival. On Kadoorie Gap departure, please make your radio switch over to 'Hong Kong Information' when approaching Kadoorie Gap. For SKARA inbound traffic from New Town, please make radio call to cancel flight plan when arriving Lam Tsuen area and then switch over to Shek Kong. Please refer to the dotted circle areas on the chart below for your reference.



GUEST DISCIPLINE

All pilots have signed off GFO and SKOI on a periodical basis and have the obligation to compile accordingly. On item 6 of SKOI-8, you may appreciate that Shek Kong is an active military base and please ensure your guests do not interpret the Base as a nature similar to Disneyland or Ocean Park. Members and/or guests in violation may have consequences with the respective authorities and thereby also affecting our relationship with PLA. We hereby request your cooperation on this matter.

Safe Landing

Emile