
Subject: Gander Oceanic Transition Area (GOTA)

Background

Additional surveillance radar and ADS-B installations were recently activated within the Gander Oceanic Control Area (OCA). To take advantage of these new capabilities, the Gander Oceanic Transition Area (GOTA) will be created effective May 29, 2014. Several traditional oceanic entry and landfall fixes will be replaced with new named fixes at different locations.

The formation of the GOTA, and new fixes, will enable half-degree track spacing associated with the Reduced Lateral Separation Minimum (RLatSM) initiative scheduled to begin in the North Atlantic in 2015.

Specific Changes

The following fixes will be deleted:

URTAK, BANCS, RONPO, COLOR, NOVEP, VIXUN, LOGSU, KOBEB, CYMON, DENDU, DOTTY, CRONO, HECKK, REDBY, CARPE, STEAM, OYSTR, VALIE, SCROD, and LOACH

The following fixes will be added:

AVPUT, CLAVY, EMBOK, KETLA, MAXAR, PIDSO, SAVRY, URSAP, ALTOD, CUDDY, DORYY, HOIST, JANJO, LOMSI, NEEKO, RAIIN, TUDEP, ALLRY, ELSIR, JOOPY, NICSO, PORTI, SUPRY

The Delta Orientation charts are being revised to accommodate this change. If the revised orientation charts are not available on May 29th, it will be necessary to plot any new oceanic fix on an existing orientation chart. The fix coordinates will be listed on the flight plan, the AT 1/2 chart, as well as in the aircraft navigation database.

Conclusion

With the introduction of the GOTA, many of the waypoints associated with Gander Oceanic have been replaced with new fixes. Additional oceanic entry fixes will continue to be added to support half-latitude tracks later in 2015.

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