

## **General Aviation Flights:**

In line with the carefully balanced easing of certain restrictions on normal activity and based on clinical/medical advice, we can confirm the partial easing of restrictions on Island based General Aviation flight activity.

We recognise that there are reasonable grounds for some General Aviation flights to take place whilst under COVID-19 'Stay Safe' conditions. Flights may now be undertaken for 'engine health reasons' in line with engine manufacturers' guidelines or for 'reasonable pilot currency reasons' in line with the requirements and provisions of the national state of flight crew licence issue.

This it is not a complete relaxation of the IOMG guidelines for General Aviation flying but a measured response to technical and pilot currency requirements. It is very important to note that all pilots and crew members must adhere to social distancing guidelines and are accountable for their actions in this regard. Under the current restrictions this means that flights can only be undertaken with crew members from the same household.

General Aviation flights may now take place on the following basis:

- Flights to remain within IOM territorial border/waters
- Flights to be made by IOM based General Aviation aircraft and crews only, therefore ensuring the Island's borders remains secure and intact
- Flights to only take place for either 'engine health' or 'reasonable crew currency' reasons, in accordance with either engine manufacturer guidelines (for the former) or national state of licence issue requirements (for the latter)
- Flights can only take place during the published IOM Airport opening times
- The owner or organisation operating the aircraft must maintain a log of all the aircraft movements. As a minimum, this must include the purpose of the flight, the aircraft registration, the pilot and their licence number, the flight's date, time and duration. This log is to be kept and if required provided immediately in electronic form to IOMG
- Pilots and crew members must follow the current health guidance of social distancing and as IOM citizens are accountable for their conduct in this regard