

Helicopter Operations Safety Committee

21-July--2021 Highlights

Presentation to HOSC by Equinor- Helicopter Incident Mariner A

- Presenter Gillian Urqhart, Head of Safety and Sustainability for Equinor UK
 - Description of event, resolution and history
 - Very clear, informative and well received presentation
 - Lessons learned are applicable to East Coast Operations
 - 30th March 2021, Helicopter had to be moved to permit a second helicopter to land with engineers onboard to address a maintenance issue with the first.
 - Aircraft was manually pushed off the main helideck over a grated area. The starboard rear wheel penetrated the deck grating.
- Will share details of the presentation in upcoming minutes

Aviation safety alerts and awareness

- CHI (Cougar Helicopters) Customer Flight Notifications
 - No updates for the period
- AIR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INVESTIGATION REPORT A19A0055
 - INADVERTENT DESCENT DURING APPROACH
 - Initial discussion by HOSC membership
 - Concerns with the content of the report were expressed
 - All agreed that further HOSC review for understanding is required.
 - All HOSC members will read and prepare for in depth discussion at next meeting

No concerns with NL flight operations, procedures and training are clear in this regard

- Two CHI Flight Safety Officers conducted an in dept review of the report
- No change in CHI procedures were recommended

Operational Changes at CHI

CHI DISPATCH

Type B Operational Control at CHI.

HOSC was advised that the following change was driven by Transport Canada's (TC) decision to discontinue support for

- Effective June 12th, 2021 CHI shifted from Type B to a Type C model
 - In the Type B model (Airlines/Cargo), Pilots and Dispatchers are responsible for flight planning.
 - In the Type C model (Commuter/Helicopters), Flight Crews are responsible for flight planning.
 - A detailed MOC process is was conducted to ensure that all activities and areas for adjustment were completed and rectified in advance of the switch-over date.
- Transition activities included, RA's, Communication with Regulator, Documentation updates and communication with operators. Operators communicated the change to workforce.
- No safety risks identified following completion of the RA/MOC activity
- Operational impact is an initial requirement for additional time between check-in and flight departure. Estimate 15 minutes.

Change was not raised at HOSC prior to implementation or during the transition process

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Alternate Landing Weather Automation

- CHI is in the process of shifting to a fully Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS).
- Once implemented, Long Pond will no longer have a staffed Weather Observer.
- HOSC discussed and will add this to the regular agenda for updates as this change progresses

Bauline Radar Maintenance

On July 19th, 2021. NAV Canada has commenced maintenance on the Bauline Radar Dome

- It has been taken out of service which may have an impact on offshore flights
- Impact will only occur on IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) days
- Expect 6 weeks duration for maintenance
- It may affect offshore flight as they must maintain separation for IFR traffic
 - Passengers on a flight in that period may experience longer times for the inbound flights.
 - The aircraft may be directed to go into a hold inbound... which will depend on the other traffic.
 - A hold is a maneuver designed to delay an aircraft already in flight while keeping it within a specified airspace.
 - Consideration is given to the potential for a hold as part of flight planning and fuel requirements during this period

HOSC Website

- HOSC.CA is active and online
- Requesting HOSC members' review
- Operator representatives have provided company approval to proceed and provide commercial support

COVID-19

- Discussed current process at Heliport
- No significant changes currently
- In addition to individual or joint operator processes CHI must continue to follow Transport Canada requirements
- Some changes in testing across operators are ongoing

HOSC document hosting

- Secure site or FTP to host HOSC documents
- ExxonMobil to host
- Expect available for September 2021

Extended flight day

- Based on priority with pandemic decision was made to delay further discussions internally.
- Delayed parked for now, 3rd 4th quarter No change

Next meeting 13-Oct-2021

09:30 NL

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