

2025 No. 830

CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Southampton)
Regulations 2025**

Made - - - -

10th July 2025

Coming into force - -

18th September 2025

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict the flying of unmanned aircraft in the area specified in regulation 3(1) by reason of the intended gathering of a large number of persons in the vicinity of Southampton Docks.

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016^(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (Southampton) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 18th September 2025.

Interpretation

2. In regulation 3(1) the times referred to are Co-ordinated Universal Time^(b).

Restricted airspace

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), beginning with 0700 hours on 18th September 2025 and ending with 1800 hours on 29th September 2025, no unmanned aircraft is to fly below 500 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by straight lines joining successively the following points—

- (a) 505405N 0012458W,
- (b) 505355N 0012430W,
- (c) 505350N 0012423W,
- (d) 505347N 0012417W,
- (e) 505339N 0012424W,
- (f) 505333N 0012421W,
- (g) 505356N 0012506W, and
- (h) 505405N 0012458W.

^(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.
^(b) Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any unmanned aircraft—
- (a) operated by or on behalf of—
 - (i) a Police Air Support Unit, or
 - (ii) the Maritime and Coast Guard Agency for purpose of search and rescue,
 - (b) flying in accordance with a permission issued by the 2025 Southampton International Boat Show’s—
 - (i) event security officer, or
 - (ii) event director.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

10th July 2025

Joe Thompson
Senior Executive Officer
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on the flying of unmanned aircraft in the vicinity of Southampton Docks by the reason of the large number of persons expected to attend the 2025 Southampton International Boat Show which is due to take place there on 18th to 29th September 2025, inclusive.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that the flying of unmanned aircraft should be restricted in the vicinity of the event for reasons of public safety.

The times mentioned in regulation 3(1) are Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC) which is one hour behind British Summer Time (BST).

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Southampton International Boat Show’s event safety officer and event director may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.