

# GOVERNMENT/INDUSTRY AERONAUTICAL CHARTING FORUM 05-02

October 26 – 27, 2005

## Recommendation Document

**Subject:** Listing of Glider Field Frequency on Sectional Charts

**Background/Discussion:** We are a glider club operating just west of the Houston Class B airspace. We do approximately 12,000 operations a year with most of the activity remaining within 8 miles of the gliderport-unlike other airports where most of the aircraft depart the area immediately. We often have in excess of 20 aircraft in the air at once without transponders. There are 42 gliders based at the field and three power aircraft. Radio contact with other aircraft departing the Houston Class B airspace is very important for safety. We have had complaints over the years of pilots reporting that although they saw the symbol on the sectional they had no idea of how to contact the field to determine what kind of activity to expect while transitioning area. We have had a few close calls and feel it is a very important safety matter. We have done extensive investigation (started with local FSDO, on to regional office and finally Washington) on getting the frequency listed on the sectional and have been told we need to submit this form to you first. We were told that parachute operation frequencies are now listed and we feel that it is equally important for safety that our glider frequency be listed also. We do not want to wait until there is an accident and someone is hurt before we take action. The traffic from the Houston area is increasing on a daily basis and we feel that we need to address this issue as soon as we can.

### Recommendation:

**Comments:** This recommendation affects IACC 2, Sectional Aeronautical Tactical Pilotage VFR Terminal Area Charts

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**MEETING 05-02:** Mr. Steve Freeman, Soaring Club of Houston, submitted this issue. Mr. John Moore, NACO, briefed the ACF. The Soaring Club of Houston operates west of the Houston Class B airspace with approximately 12,000 operations a year. They are requesting that the glider frequency and symbol be listed on the sectional charts similar to the parachute jump area symbol and frequency. Mr. George Sempeles, Cartographic Standards, reported that NASR couldn't support the frequency data and modifications to NASR would be quite complex. This issue is one request from one operator and could be handled with a chart note. Mr. Moore stated NACO currently publishes one-time, local notes on the Visual Charts that are unique for a specific area. **ACTION:** Cartographic Standards and NACO.

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**MEETING 06-01:** Mr. George Sempeles, Cartographic Standards, reported that the Soaring Club of Houston has in excess of 12,000 operations a year. They have approximately 42 based gliders with over 40 gliders operating in the area at one time. The soaring club obtained authorization from the Federal Communications Commission to use the frequency 123.3 for local traffic advisories. They requested that the frequency information be charted. The NACG received a memorandum requesting the charting of a boxed note on the Houston Sectional, Terminal Area, and Flyway Planning charts to read:

<p>CAUTION Intensive Glider Activity 123.3</p>
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The note was published for the 16 March 2006 effective date. **CLOSED.**

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