



THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS

The Islands Of The Bahamas invite exploration from the air as well as the sea. Skies are gorgeous and clear with the weather being "severe clear", nearly every day of the year. puffy cumulus clouds generally dot the island skies at around 2,500' in the morning, if at all, rising to 7,500' in the afternoon. High ceilings and excellent visibility are the norm.

Landing fees are usually waived for single engine planes and range between \$6 and \$15 for twins. Fuel is available at the airports in Nassau; Grand Bahama; Marsh Harbour International, Abaco; San Andros, Andros; Governor's Harbour and North Eleuthera, Eleuthera; Exuma International, Exuma; and Great Inagua. It is advisable to check with the airports for availability and prices.

Departing from the U.S. is a simple process. You need not depart from any designated airport. An international Flight Plan must be filed prior to crossing the U.S. coastline.

Entering The Islands Of The Bahamas. You must land at an Airport of Entry upon your initial arrival in The Bahamas.

Landing Procedures Nassau and Grand Bahama are controlled airports. **YOU** should advise approach control 25nm out for landing instructions. The Out Islands are uncontrolled airports with no control facilities. Pilots are required to announce aircraft identification, location and intentions.

Nassau and Grand Bahama are the only airports of entry in The Bahamas where the pilot can file an instrument approach. Nassau and Grand Bahama are the only two lighted runways that allow flying at night. All other airports require

you to arrive and depart between sunrise and sunset.

The Bahamas Customs and Immigration

You must have proof of citizenship and U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets. A survival raft is recommended. A current customs sticker should be located near the left door of the aircraft. (The sticker can be purchased in the U.S.) It is required that aircraft be equipped with an operable mode C transponder.

When arriving in The Bahamas at a port of entry, pilots are required to submit three (3) copies of the C7A General Declarations form. If flying to other Bahamian ports, the C7A will be used as a cruising permit. A cruising permit or transfer is needed to fly to other Bahamian ports. Upon departure pilots will need to submit a completed C7 General Declarations/Outward Form and surrender copies of immigration cards to Bahamas Customs.

Hours of operation for Custom's and Immigration at Airports of Entry are 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily.

Departing The Islands Of The Bahamas,

There are five items to cover on your preparation for departure from The Bahamas for the United States: Do your paperwork; file a flight plan, make advance customs notification; land at an airport of entry, clear customs. You must be an instrument rating pilot to fly to Nassau and Grand Bahama after sunset.

for further information on requirements. and flying to The Islands Of The Bahamas, call 800-32-SPORT (800-327-7678), E-mail grolle@bahamas.com or visit the website at www.bahamas.com.