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Edward Bodden Airfield – Little Cayman (MWCL)

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) is to provide information on the status, availability and the facilities of Edward Bodden Airfield on the island of Little Cayman.

2. STATUS

Edward Bodden Airfield (MWCL) is a private, uncertified aerodrome. It is also uncontrolled, and private operators use it at their own discretion and at their own risk.

3. AVAILABILITY

The airfield is available seven days a week for Day VFR operations only unless notified otherwise by NOTAM. Prior notification of intended use is required through Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (MWCB), telephone number 1 345 948 1222. There are no Customs, Health, or Immigration facilities at Edward Bodden, and all arriving and departing international flights are required to clear through either Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (MWCB) or Owen Roberts International Airport (MWCR).

4. AIRFIELD INFORMATION

Designators:	
IATA:	LYB
ICAO:	MWCL
FIR:	Kingston
Position:	Lat: 19° 40' 00"N Long: 80° 5'00"W
Elevation:	4 ft AMSL
Hours:	Day/VFR
Time Zone:	GMT – 5
Fees:	No fees are charged for the use of the facility
Telephone:	1 345 948 1222 (Charles Kirkconnell International Airport)

5. FACILITIES

Runway Direction:	10/28
Runway Length:	2500 ft
Runway Width:	35 ft
Surface:	Asphalt strip with a stabilized centreline
Parking:	Limited parking on grass (See Note 9.1 below)
AIS & MET:	Available through Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (See Note 9.2 & 9.3 below)
Hangarage:	NIL
Fuel:	NIL

6. ATC PROCEDURES

6.1 Air Traffic Services

Flights operating to and from Edward Bodden Airfield (MWCL) are to operate in accordance with Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and will be given traffic information in respect of all other known flights operating within the Cayman Islands TMA, Class D and Class G Airspace.

6.2 Air Traffic Service Units

Service to en-route aircraft is provided by MWCR on frequency 120.20 MHz and to arriving and departing aircraft by MWCB on frequency 118.4 MHZ.

6.3 Flight Planning

A VFR/IFR flight plan is to be filed by all aircraft intending to arrive at or to depart from Edward Bodden Airfield with the AIS Office at either MWCR or MWCB. The contact details are:

MWCR
AIS Tel: 1 345 949 4528
1 345 244 5827

AIS Fax: 1 345 946 3078

ATC Tel: 1 345 945 1822
1 345 244 5826

Hours of operation: 0700-2100 local

MWCB
AIS Tel: 1 345 948 1222

AIS Fax: 1 345 948 1583

ATC Tel: 1 345 948 1543

Hours of operation: 0700-1900 local

6.4 Arriving Aircraft

Aircraft en-route to MWCL will normally be under the control of MWCR air traffic control and will be transferred to MWCB for approach and landing at MWCL. When transferred, inbound aircraft are to call MWCB, requesting permission to leave controlled airspace.

ATC will provide information on any known traffic and also the surface wind as measured at MWCB.

When released, the aircraft is to report finals for the appropriate runway (10/28) and will receive a further wind check.

After landing, the aircraft is to call MWCB tower on 118.4MHz to confirm a safe landing. These calls are also intended to provide other aircraft on the ground at, or in the vicinity of MWCL, with supplementary air traffic information to assist in their flight.

In addition, after landing at MWCL, aircraft captains are also required to call MWCB tower on 1 345 948 1543 to confirm a safe landing.

6.5 Departing Aircraft

Aircraft departing from MWCL are required to file a flight plan as identified in 6.3 above and to open a listening watch on frequency 118.4MHz to obtain an air picture.

Prior to taxi, a departing aircraft is to make the following call:
''Edward Bodden traffic - Cal/sign and type of aircraft - Taxiing to runway (10/28)"

Prior to take-off, a departing aircraft is to make the following call:
"Edward Bodden traffic - Cal/sign and type of aircraft - Departing runway (10/28)"

These calls are also intended to provide other aircraft, at or in the vicinity of MWCL, with supplementary air traffic information to assist in their flight.

6.5.1 Departure Options

The following departure options exist:

RWY 10 departure to MWCR - turn left after departure, climbing to 1000 ft, and call Brac Tower on frequency 118.4MHz for service.

RWY 10 departure to MWCB - after departure, maintain runway heading, climbing to 1000 ft, and call Brac Tower on frequency 118.4MHz for service prior to 10nm from MWCB.

RWY 28 departure to MWCR - after departure, maintain runway heading, climbing to 1000 ft, and call Brac Tower on frequency 118.4MHz for service.

RWY 28 departure to MWCB - after departure, turn right on course, climbing to 1000 ft, and call Brac Tower on frequency 118.4MHz for service prior to 10nm from MWCB departure.

These calls are also intended to provide other aircraft, at or in the vicinity of MWCL, with supplementary air traffic information to assist in their flight.

7. COMMUNICATION FAILURE

In the event of a communications failure, aircraft inbound to land should continue their flight and call MWCB on 1 345 948 1543 to report arrival.

Aircraft suffering a communications failure on departure should return to land at MWCL and call MWCB on 1 345 948 1543 to report arrival and to seek further instructions from Air Traffic Control.

Aircraft suffering a loss of communications during the en-route phase of the flight should maintain the last assigned altitude and continue with the flight as flight planned using the information contained within this AIC.

8. WARNINGS

8.1 Road Traffic and Power Lines

An uncontrolled public road runs south of and parallel to the runway 100ft from the edge of the runway. Power lines on 35 ft high poles also run along the southern edge of this road, approximately 130ft from the edge of the runway.

8.2 Runway Markings

There is a single transverse white line marking the threshold of each runway. In addition, the threshold of runway 28 is marked with two white arrows indicating a 600ft displaced threshold. The distance between the marked thresholds is 2,500ft.

9. NOTES

9.1 Aircraft Parking

The apron adjacent to the Airport Terminal is reserved for Cayman Airways Express. All other aircraft are to park on the grass area to the northeast of the runway 28 displaced threshold. Tiedowns and chocks are not provided.

9.2 AIS & MET

There is no Flight plan, MET or NOTAM service available on Little Cayman. However, a full Aeronautical Information Service including international weather and NOTAMS is available through Charles Kirkconnell International Airport on 1345 948 1222 between the hours of 0700-1900 local time.

9.3 Cayman Islands AIP

Cayman Islands AIP is available on the Cayman Islands Airports Authority website: www.caymanairports.com. From the home page, select "Publications", and then Aeronautical Information Services - the link to the AIP is at the bottom of the page.

Additional Information

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