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LOUISVILLE STANDIFORD ATC TOWER LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 11-1

SUBJECT: Bowman Field "AIR DEVIL DEPARTURE" VFR-to-IFR Departure Procedure

CANCELLATION: May 10, 2013

A new optional VFR-to-IFR departure procedure, called the AIR DEVIL DEPARTURE, is now available for IFR departures off of any runway at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky (LOU). It is published in the SPECIAL NOTICES section of the Airport Facility Directory.

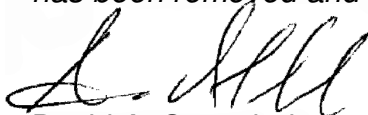
Because of the close proximity of Louisville-Standiford Airport (SDF) to LOU, there are frequently lengthy delays in obtaining IFR releases off LOU, particularly off runways 24 and 33, in order to provide the required IFR separation from SDF departures. The AIR DEVIL DEPARTURE allows pilots to depart under VFR conditions much sooner, and often more aligned with on-course, with the expectation to resume their IFR flight plan once clear of SDF traffic.

To utilize this procedure, pilots that have an IFR flight plan on file should request their clearance on the ground from Bowman Tower and squawk the assigned code. Pilots may then request this procedure by using the term "Air Devil Departure". The Air Devil Departure may also be suggested by LOU tower personnel when it appears a lengthy delay for an IFR release is possible. As always, pilots have the option to refuse the procedure and wait for a normal IFR release.

When the pilot is ready to depart and is released by SDF departure Control, Bowman Tower will assign initial direction of turn and heading to be flown. (**EXAMPLE-** "Air Devil Departure approved, turn left heading zero niner zero, runway two four, cleared for takeoff"). To avoid any conflicts with SDF traffic, pilots are expected to complete the turn within 1½DME of the Bowman VOR (BQM), while maintaining VFR conditions at or below 2500' msl. Once cleared by SDF Departure Control to climb above 2500', and the aircraft leaves 2500', the IFR portion of the flight plan is activated.

Since this is initially a VFR departure, the reported weather requirements are a ceiling of at least 3000'agl, and a visibility of 3 miles or greater. The flight visibility and cloud clearance requirements for Class C/D airspace specified in FAR 91.155 still apply while the aircraft is at or below 2500' msl. Any deviations from assigned heading/s to comply with this requirement should be immediately reported to ATC.

NOTE- The initial publication of this procedure indicated a right turn in the description, but this was in error, as any direction may be specified. The previous "SENECA DEPARTURE" has been removed and is no longer available.



David A. Senechal
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TERMINAL AREA GRAPHIC NOTICE

(Not to be used for navigation)

Bowman Airport VFR Departure Procedure

“AIR DEVIL DEPARTURE”

PILOTS SHOULD SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THIS PROCEDURE USING THE ABOVE NAME

ATIS
118.275
CLNC DEL
118.9
GND CON
121.8
BOWMAN TOWER
119.5
DEPT CON
132.075



Remaining within 1½ miles of the Bowman VOR (BQM), turn to the heading assigned by LOU ATCT. Maintain VFR at or below 2500 feet. Expect IFR activation and climb within 10 minutes after departure.

WEATHER MINIMUMS: Ceiling 3000 and visibility 3 miles.

NOTE: Receipt of a clearance to climb above 2500 feet from Louisville Departure Control constitutes activation of IFR clearance upon leaving 2500 feet.