Standard Operating Procedure

Welcome to Osprey Airways. As we migrate to a new VA system with newsky please take the time to familiarise yourself with the new software.

Newsky will heighten the immersion offered within Osprey Airways, as we navigate the skies competing for market share, demand and profit. It'll require us to improve our flying skills, be accurate and have fun along the way. With different modes, you get to choose a "real mode" or a more flexible Free Flight providing the ultimate choice. I really hope you enjoy this new system as we grow the airline, offer more options and try to run it like a real operation too!

Booking a Flight

To fly using Newsky you first must book a flight. Newsky currently offers 2 options for this - Free Flight or Scheduled. In Free Flight, You can fly any aircraft (that Osprey uses) on any route, similar to FsHub. In Scheduled however you must select a route that Osprey operates, additionally these routes can be limited to specific airframes and will only be available if there is also an aircraft available to fly it. For example if you want to fly EGCC - EGLL in 737-800 but there is no 737-800 at EGCC, you will not be able to operate the route until a 737-800 is flown into EGCC.

The Rating System

Now you've booked a flight, you need to fly it. Newsky uses a very detailed rating system for grading flights, and at a wider level, pilots and airlines. The rating system covers all phases of flight. The basics of the system are as follows:

• Configuration - The aircraft must be properly configured in line with the Flight Plan, ZFW and TOW must be correct to ensure LW is within limits.

• Basic piloting skills - These include having the correct Altimeter setting throughout your flight, Not stalling your aircraft, overspeeding your aircraft and experiencing excessive G-force.

• Lights - Newsky requires that NAV lights, BEACON lights, STROBE lights and LANDING lights are all used correctly and at the correct stages of flight, For example LANDING lights must be off above 10,000ft.

• Takeoff - Newsky requires you to depart (off blocks) within 15 minutes of the time scheduled, requires you to retract your landing gear within 15 seconds of positive rate, Not exceeding the aircraft's max crosswind/tailwind component, not exceeding the aircraft's MTOW, correct flap setting for takeoff, no runway excursions and no large centerline deviation.

• Landing - Newsky requires you to have the aircraft fully configured by 500ft above the runway, approach must be stabilised by 300ft above the runway, no excessive centerline deviation, no tailstrikes or wingstrikes, landing within the TDZ, having sufficient reserve fuel remaining, vacating the runway at an acceptable speed and having an acceptable landing rate.

• Emergencies & Cancellations - In the event of an emergency, set the relevant transponder code or press the emergency button in Newsky. This will mean there are no penalties, revenues or expenses for the airline for the entire flight - a rating will not be given. In the event that you need to cancel a flight, be sure to do so within 60 minutes of the scheduled departure time to avoid incuring a penalty for the airline.

• Logging your flight - Make sure you start the flight within the newsky client prior to boarding - ensuring you are at the correct airport, in the correct aircraft for the flight you have booked. After the flight, head back to the client after parking and click End Flight to file your report