

IBAC Bulletin 16 - 05

Subject: NAT Oceanic Navigation Errors

IBAC was represented at the 15th Meeting of the NAT Scrutiny Group held 19-23 September 2016. This Bulletin picks up the highlights of the meeting as reported in the IBAC Summary Report (<http://ibac.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/IBAC-NAT-SG-Sept-2016.pdf>) prepared by Mr. Mitch Launius, who represented IBAC.

The meeting reviewed the errors that occurred during the period January to June 2016.

Of the errors attributed to business aviation, 10 were lateral interventions, 9 were lateral deviations and 6 were large height keeping deviations.

Lateral errors

Recurring trends were evident reflecting prior events and previous conclusions of the Scrutiny Group. Lateral errors increased from 12 in the previous reporting period to 19 of which 16 were crew error. At least 7 of the 16 crew error events were confirmed to be where the crew 'Followed the Flight Plan instead of the Clearance (FFPISOC)

Operators and training providers are urged to address this subject i.e. FFPISC at every opportunity.

Execution of Contingency Procedures

Incorrect execution of Contingency Procedures including for weather deviations, remains notable during this reporting period as has been the case in many prior reporting periods.

An updated version of the ICAO NAT OPS Bulletin OESB (Oceanic Error Safety Bulletin will be released soon and will be found at:

<http://www2010.icao.int/EURNAT/Pages/welcome.aspx>

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Editorial note: See also IBAC Bulletin 16-04.

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