

TEXEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

GENERAL

Here is another update from the Texel International Airport. The newsletter is published twice per year.

Despite the wet summer, with many weekends unsuitable for flying, we have actually had a reasonable (flying) year on Texel. The spring and autumn were particularly good. We will certainly reach 24,000 aircraft moments and maybe even 25,000 before the end of the year. But... in order to achieve that we will need to have good VFR weather ... and your help!

In the winter Texel Airport is open 7 days per week during the Uniform Daylight Period and there are no weekend supplements on landing charges. The airport restaurant "The Horizon" is open 7 days per week from 10.00 till 16.00.

EVENTS

Due to the 10th Texel Airshow on 28th July 2012 there will be no Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in next year. We may possibly host a Piper Cub Fly-in. Keep an eye on our web site for details.

On 2nd June Texel will be host to the 2012 ISACAR Rally. Routeing via Leeuwarden the rally will end at Texel Airport. See www.isacar.nl.

We are very pleased to announce that [Leaseweb](#) will be the main sponsor of the **Leaseweb Texel Airshow 2012**. The airshow will take place on **Saturday 28th July 2012**. Together with [Leaseweb](#) we will be producing a spectacular show. Inbound and outbound slots for the Saturday can be requested by email from 1st January 2012.



For more information and if you would like to **sponsor** our fantastic Texel Airshow please visit www.texelairshow.nl. For sponsor info, click [here](#).



From 7th till 9th September 2012 there will be another **Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in**. For more info see www.flyin.nl and www.texelairport.nl.



TOUCH & GO PARADISE

Up until 1st April 2012 you can practice your touch & go (crosswind) landings at EHTX for just €4 * per landing, 7 days per week. In the summer period (April – September) there is a supplement on weekends and public holidays, making the touch & go price €7.50 each.

**) Aircraft up to 1,500kg and in noise categories 3 - 8. Prices incl. 19% tax.*

Other fees can be found on www.texelairport.nl > Pilot Information > Landing Fees. Or just contact us for details.

NEWS FROM TEXEL AIRPORT

Hardening of taxiways - In April the Texel company *Schraag* laid 2,300m² of open concrete blocks. These blocks form a hardened taxiway from the new Flying Focus and Texel Maintenance hangars to the apron. Especially in the winter period this will improve access for these companies. Simultaneously a large part of the taxiway (the 6 metres in the centre) to runway 22 has been strengthened with similar concrete blocks.

Since the end of August we have been able to use this hardened taxiway regularly during the heavy rain in August and September. Thanks to this strengthened taxiway aircraft were able to continue using runway 22-04 without leaving tracks in the grass. The 'long' runway is semi-hardened with lava stone in the top layer, making the runway useable during longer periods of heavy rainfall.



Aerial view of the hardened taxiway, taken on 25th August. (Flying Focus)



Work In Progress on RWY 13 – At the end of April the contractor *De Vries & Van de Wiel* tackled the problems with the first 200 metres of Runway 13. During periods of heavy rainfall there was a problem with standing water, making the crosswind runway 13-31 sometimes unuseable. The runway has been deep-ploughed, raised and equipped with extra drains 40cm below the surface which should solve the problem.

We expect runway 13-31 to be ready for use around the middle of May 2012. Until then the 13-31 has been temporarily extended in a north-easterly direction and the temporary dimensions are 630m x 30m.

New Fire Brigade Garage – In October we made a start on the construction of a new garage for our IVECO fire truck. The new truck was too large for the old garage. Before the winter sets in we will have the new location ready.

[NEWS FROM COMPANIES BASED AT TEXEL AIRPORT](#)

Texel Motor Gliding Club (MZCT)

MZCT offers a very affordable way to fly. The annual contribution is €350. Per flight hour, when the engine is in use, the cost is €60. The club is also on the look out for companies wishing to participate in sponsoring. There is the possibility to advertise on one of the three motor gliders. For more information see www.mzct.nl.

Texel Airport Hotel

The "Texel Airport Hotel" is open all year round. To book a luxury suite and for the latest offers see www.hotelairporttexel.com.

Restaurant 'The Horizon'

The restaurant has a discount card for regular customers. On your 6th visit you will receive €10 discount. In the winter months the restaurant is open daily from 10.00 till 16.00. For more info see www.texelairport.nl > Companies.

Texel Aviaiotn & War Museum

The museum is closed for the season. In April 2012 the museum will re-open with a new conservatory. For tours please contact the museum directly: 0222-311689 or info@lomt.nl. Website: www.lomt.nl.

Texel Paracentre & Tessel Air

In the winter season the Texel Paracentre is open by appointment (and weather permitting). Regular activities will resume in March and the centre will then be open 7 days per week again. See www.paracentrumtexel.nl.

Flying Focus

The aerial photography company currently has 4 aircraft based on Texel, which are parked in their own Flying Focus hangar. There are splendid books and calendars for sale. For more info: www.flyingfocus.nl.

Texel Aircraft Maintenance

This capable maintenance firm is THE Aquila Service Station for the Netherlands. For more info: www.vliegtuigonderhoudtexel.nl.



SPECIAL VISITORS

In recent months there have been a number of interesting visitors to Texel International Airport! First visits are recorded and placed on our website, see www.texelairport.nl > Live Traffic en/of Visitors. Are you not on our site yet? Then plan your visit! To receive the photo in high resolution just send us an email. A selection.







Don't Forget!!!

Circuit altitude is 1000 ft all year round

We have fuel from Air BP > Current prices on www.texelairport.nl

You can rent bicycles from the Airport Office

Come and see our famous sheep and lambs

Texel for a day of sun, sea and beach

Eat freshly caught fish in Oudeschild

We have a golf course 4km from the airfield: www.detexelse.nl

Our seal sanctuary: Ecomare: www.ecomare.nl

Diary: What is happening in 2012?

- 10 March 31st *Halve van De Waal*, see www.halvemarathondewaaltexel.nl.
- 9 April Lambing stroll, see www.hetgoudenboltje.nl.
- 25-26-27 May Home Theatre Festival Broadway Den Hoorn.
- 2 June ISACAR Rally, see www.isacar.nl.
- 9 June *Round Texel*: Largest Catamaran race in the world with parties on the beach featuring well-known artists, see www.roundtexel.com.
- 7 July Island Samba, see www.islandsamba.nl.
- 28 July Leaseweb Texel Airshow, see www.texelairshow.nl.
- 4-5 Aug Body & Brain Festival, see www.bodyenbreintexel2009.nl.
- 5 Aug Eagles Summer Equestrian Event
- 11 Aug Harbour Fish Festival in Oudeschild
- 31 Aug 1 Sept Tropical Sea Festival in De Koog
- 7-8-9 Sept 4th Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in, see www.flyin.nl.
- 14-15-16 Sept Culinary Texel, see www.texelculinair.nl.
- 30 Sept Texel Half Marathon (6th edition), www.texelhalvemarathon.nl.
- 12-13-14 Oct Texel Blues Festival, see www.texelblues.nl.

For more tips see the Texel Tourist Authority website www.texel.net.

Of course, both you and your airplane can stay the night on the island. We are more than happy to help you find suitable accommodation. Maybe we will even have a space for your aircraft in the hangar.

AND FINALLY

If you do **not** wish to receive our newsletter anymore please send us an email at info@texelairport.nl, and we will remove you from the mailing list.

You are always warmly welcome to visit the greenest airfield in Europe!

Happy landings and see you soon on Texel.

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