### TEXEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

#### **IN GENERAL**

You are reading the latest update from Texel International Airport. The Newsletter is published twice per year.

Despite a snowy winter and a very wet end of summer, 2010 has been a great flying year at Texel Airport. Particularly the months from March to June were a busier period than on average. The year 2009 broke all the records and we will not match that this year, but with a couple of good months still to go we should be able to make 25,000 aircraft movements. Since 1997 that has only been achieved in 2009.

You can of course "help" us to reach the 25,000 goal ...! You are always very welcome to visit Texel International Airport.

#### **TOUCH & GO'S: Until 1st April also €4,00 each during weekends**

Only in the summer months (April till September) are touch & go's **€7,50** each, because weekend flights in that period are considered to cause more noise nuisance in the Netherlands. For aircraft in the Noise Categories 1 and 2 (the least quiet aircraft) there is a noise surcharge. This has been introduced in order to prevent the Noise Limits from being reached during the year. Of course, everybody is still welcome to visit Texel in every type of aircraft. We are an airfield, and at airfields it is the idea that people should be flying!

Even aircraft above 6000kg (DC-3's, Dornier 228's), Jets (Citations, L39's), and all types of twins and helicopters are more than welcome on Texel!

Our main runway 22-04 has been constructed with a layer of lava stone chippings with the green grass top layer above it. This ensures a flat, smooth runway with good drainage and the runway will retain it's strength for a long period! We can therefore continue to use the runway even during the longer wet periods. During the previous winter the Coast Guard Dornier 228 was able to visit Texel a couple of times and had no problems making touch and go's.

Operators of the heavier types are advised to contact the Airport Manager in advance for the latest runway state information.

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	Touch & Go's: € 8,00
E 4.00	1 <sup>ste</sup> landing: € 26,75
	Tarieven uitsluitend geldend voor geluidsklasse 3 t/m 8 (incl. BTW) tot 1 april 2011.
Goedkoop landen op 'Touch & Go Paradise'!	FRIENDSHIP IS PART OF OUR BUSINESS!
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1) Charges applicable only to aircraft in noise categories 3 to 8, but incl. VAT

For information regarding other charges, such as heavier weight categories or noise categories 1 or 2 please contact us on: +31 222-311267. We appreciate being informed of your plans in advance.

And remember... Texel doesn't cause your tyres to wear!

**TIP!** Come to Texel for a navigation flight (for example with an instructor and 2 students). Both student scan practice their landings cheaply, on a super runway, and the evaluation can be held in the restaurant!



#### **10th TEXEL AIRSHOW POSPONED UNTIL 28-7-2012**

**Press Release 6 augustus 2010** – Because De Kooy Airport will be closed for three to four months from July 2010 it has been decided to postpone the Texel Airshow 2010 by one year. The availability of Den Helder Airport is crucial as an alternate airport in case of any calamity and to station aircraft which are physically not able to land on the island. The organisers are not prepared to compromise on any issues concerning safety and regard postponement of the show as the only available option.



Three weeks ago (July 2010) we received the news that the Ministry of Defence has decided to postpone the runway renovations at De Kooy until the spring of 2011. This has been caused by delays to the construction of a new taxi-way which is needed as a temporary runway for the helicopters during the main runway renovation. The maintenance is scheduled to take between 3 and 5 months.

It is therefore uncertain whether De Kooy will be available in time for the Texel Airshow. The organisers have unfortunately been forced to postpone the Show by a further year. The next Texel Airshow is now scheduled to take place on Saturday 28 July 2012.

We realise that we are disappointing many enthusiasts but have no choice than to take this decision. A bonus is that the Texel Airshow 2012 can be linked to the 75th anniversary of Texel Airport. All the more a reason to organise a spectacular Texel Airshow.

For more information and if you would like to <u>sponsor</u> our spectacular Texel Airshow please visit <u>www.texelairshow.nl</u>.

#### **TWO FLY-IN'S AT TEXEL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN 2011**

Because the Texel Airshow has unfortunately been postponed there is now the possibility to organise two fly-in's in 2011.

From 17th till 19th June the Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in is on the agenda. This years theme is "Piper Cub". The organisers want to gather as many Piper Cubs as possible on Texel! See our website for more information and registration.

From 9th till 11th September (to be confirmed) we are hosting the Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in. For more info see www.flyin.nl and www.texelairport.nl.





#### **TEXEL AVIATION & WAR MUSEUM**

The Texel aviation museum is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 11am tot 5pm. In the winter months (from the Autumn Half Term Holiday until the end of March) the museum is **closed**.

Entrance prices:

Adults€ 3,50Children (4-14 yrs)€ 2,00Group discountOn request from 12 persons

For guided tours please contact the museum directly: +31 222-311689 or info@lomt.nl.



For more information (Dutch only) see **www.lomt.nl**.

#### **FLYING FOCUS AT TEXEL**

In Augustus 2010 the well-known aerial photographers Flying Focus commenced Construction of a hangar at Texel Airport. If all goes to plan three of the company's aircraft will be housed before the end of the year in this ultramodern heated hangar.

#### See www.flyingfocus.nl.

#### **RESTAURANT 'THE HORIZON' TEXEL**

As previously announced on the Texel Airport website, Restaurant The Horizon is the new 'airport restaurant'.

It is our pleasure to accept the challenge of returning this super location to it's former glory!

This winter we are serving classical Dutch "stamppot" with a surprising twist. The menu changes regularly and is very good value at  $\in 8,50$ .

The home made soup of the day can also be recommended ... Classical Dutch pea soup, creamy mushroom soup and a typical Dutch brown bean soup. Always  $\notin$ 4,50.

The coffee is certainly worth visiting for! With a tasty Dutch apple pie for  $\in$ 4,50.

We hope to see you soon on our beautiful island.

From 1st November till 1st March Restaurant The Horizon Texel is open daily from 10am until 4pm.

If you would like to make reservations or for further information about the restaurant and other possibilities please contact us via the website or call between 10am and 4pm: 0222-311313.



www.grandcafe-horizon-rotterdam-airport.nl/texel

Tasty...

Atmospheric... De Horizon Texel!





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# Winteractie:

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\* vraag naar de condities.

#### **TEXEL MOTORGLIDERS CLUB (MZCT)**

The only flying club on Texel Airport is a motorglider club. The lively club has access to three motorgliders. Via MZCT it is possibly to fly at a very reasonable cost. The annual contribution is  $\in$ 350. Per flying hour, when the engine is running, the charge is  $\in$ 55. When gliding you fly for free. In addition the Club pays a contract price for landings on Texel, which makes flying in a motorglider on the island very attractive!

For more information see www.mzct.nl.



#### **TEXEL AIRPORT HOTEL**

The luxurious Airport Hotel Texel is a four star accommodation and achieves consistently high ratings on various websites. It's fabulous suites and super service have earned the hotel many recommendations. See www.airporthoteltexel.com.

Pilots who arrive at Texel by air receive a "pilot's discount" at the Airport Hotel and may park their aircraft directly in front of the hotel.

For reservations please contact the hotel directly on: +31 222 311233 or by email: info@airporthoteltexel.com.

#### **SPECIAL VISITORS AND OTHER TITBITS**

A number of special visitors to Texel International Airport!





A Cessna 421C is a rarity these days. On 22nd June the PH-RAJ was visiting. Right: These two Chinooks of the Dutch Royal Air Force were briefly on Texel on 1st June to drop off and pick up their payload.



OK-PEK, TB-10 (9/9)



D-IRTY, Cessna 340 (5/9)



LN-OGP, AS355 (30/8)





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2-6-2010: For the very first time: a TBM850 at Texel Airport! Right: This Hornet Moth was built in 1936 and was on it's way to the North Cape!





In addition to the PH-ECC, N212LT, HB-FOY, OY-SCI and PH-XII, the PH-SOE was the 6th Pilatus PC-12 to visit Texel, on 21st June. It was five years ago that we last saw a P51 Mustang at Texel. The PH-VDF came on 29th and 30th June.



A special visitor was the PH-4G6 (on 24th July). The Slovenian-built aircraft is registered as an ultralight but has the characteristics of a motorglider.

On 3rd September Synergy Aviation flew a charter from London to Texel. After staying two days the Beech King Air 200GT made the return flight.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> DUTCH LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLY-IN

From 17th until 19th September 2010 the second Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in was organised on Texel. The fly-in is an initiative of the Dutch Europa and RV owners and is supported by the NVAV, KNVvL powered aircraft section and AOPA. As in 2009 participants were able to pitch their tents under the 'wings' of their aircraft and make use of the sanitary facilities provided. Despite mediocre weather more than 100 aircraft made their way to Texel.



It is the intention to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> DUTCH LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLY-IN from 9th till 11th September (to be confirmed). The organisers intend to offer the possibility for aviation related businesses to present themselves at an exhibition for a reasonable price, thus reducing the costs of the fly-in. In addition the organisers are planning a series of speakers who will be of interest to General Aviation enthusiasts. The organisers are also inviting <u>sponsorship</u> of this unique event, in order to keep the cost of attendance as low as possible.

For more information see **www.flyin.nl**. Via the site you will be able to register nearer the time, as well as request information about exhibiting and sponsorship.

If you have any tips for the fly-in, contact us via the site www.flyin.nl!



Photos of the successful 2010fly-in.

#### **PHOTOS ON WWW.TEXELAIRPORT.NL**

All aircraft which have visited Texel since June 2003 can be found (with photo!) on our website <u>www.texelairport.nl</u> under the link "Visitors". Is your aeroplane missing? Come and visit us soon and we shall record the event on photo. Of course you can request the photo to be sent to you in high resolution by email.

#### **CIRCUIT ALTITUDE THE ENTIRE YEAR AT 1000 ft**

A reminder: At Texel the circuit altitude is 1000 ft all year round. The special weekend routes are to be used from van  $1^{\text{st}}$  April until  $30^{\text{th}}$  September in the weekends and on recognised holidays.

The procedures can be found on <u>www.texelairport.nl</u> under "Pilot Information".

#### **FUEL FROM AIR BP**

BP is Texel Airport's fuel supplier and sells at the BP recommended selling price . The current prices can be found on our website <u>www.texelairport.nl</u> under "Pilot Information" and then "Landing Fees".

The BP-carnet can no longer be used for payment, but of course both Avgas 100LL and Jet A1 are available at Texel. Payment is possible using cash, debit card with a pin code or credit card (VISA or Mastercard). It is also possible to open a fuel account with us.





#### FOR YOUR DIARY: THINGS TO DO ON TEXEL

If you are looking for an excuse to visit Texel here are a few tips regarding events in the coming year:

- 25 April 2011 Lambing Nature Trail, see www.hetgoudenboltje.nl
- 17-18-19 June 2011 6th Texel Taildragger & Old Timer Fly-in: Piper Cub Call
- 25 June 2011 Race around Texel: The world's largest Catamaran race with parties on the beach featuring well-known artists, see www.roundtexel.com
- 13-17 July 2011 Fun Fair in De Koog
- 16 July 2011 Island Samba, see www.islandsamba.nl
- 5-7 Aug 2011 Body & Brain Festival, see www.bodyenbreintexel2009.nl
- 7 Aug 2011 Eagles Summer Event (equestrian show)
- 13 Aug 2011 Harbour "Fishtivities" in Oudeschild
- 26-27 Aug 2011 Tropical Sea Festival in De Koog
- 9-11 Sept 2011 Texel Culinair, see www.texelculinair.nl
- 9-10-11 Sept 2011 3rd Dutch Light Aircraft Fly-in, see www.flyin.nl (to be confirmed)
  - 14-16 Oct 2011 Texel Blues Festival, see www.texelblues.nl

For more tips visit the Texel Tourist Board website:

www.texel.net/nl/wat-te-doen/evenementen of www.texelagenda.nl.

Of course both you and your aircraft can stay overnight on Texel. We will be happy to help you find suitable accommodation. Maybe we can even find a spot in the hangar for your plane!

#### **TEXEL, MORE THAN JUST AN AIRFIELD...**

Most pilots come to Texel for a cup of coffee and apple pie with whipped cream. But there is so much more to do on the island. At the Texel Parachute Centre it is possible to make a tandem jump the whole year round. The Airport Office offers bicycles for hire in cooperation with Van der Linden. Texel has an extensive network of cycle routes. Of course you will receive a Texel cycling map. If cycling is too energetic for you they even have electric bikes or a "solex" for hire. Ask about the possibilities!

Ecomare is THE seal conservation centre of Holland and the Beachcomber's museum is definitely worth a visit! "The Slufter" is a perfect navigation point to find the airfield. This marvellous nature area is just 2 kilometres from the airfield and is a lovely place to feel the breeze or take a rest.

#### Some tips:

- Visit Ecomare in De Koog, see <u>www.ecomare.nl</u>.
- The Beachcomber's museum between De Koog and Den Burg, see <u>www.juttersflora.nl</u>.
- A round of golf in the Texel dunes at "De Texelse" golflinks just 5 km from Texel Airport, see <u>www.detexelse.nl</u>.
- See the lambs at various farms which are open to visitors, such as the sheep farm De Noordkroon: <u>www.noordkroon.nl</u>.
- Take in some sun on a Texel beach (we have 30 km of sandy beaches). About 20 minutes by bike from the airfield.
- Or just cycle through the woods, the dunes, the colourful bulb fields and stop for a fish lunch in the yachting and fishing harbour of Texel in Oudeschild.







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#### **AND FINALLY**

If you do **not** want to receive our newsletters any more please send us an email at info@texelairport.nl and we will remove you from our mailing list.

You are always welcome at Europe's greenest airfield!

Happy landings and see you soon at Texel.

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