

Follow-up Action on Occurrence Report

ACCIDENT TO PA-28-181 ARCHER II, G-BNVE, AT MCA DAEDALUS, LEE-ON-SOLENT ON 12 JULY 2006

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SYNOPSIS

From AAIB Report:

Construction work at the airfield formerly known as HMS Daedalus and Lee-on-Solent, now known as MCA Daedalus, resulted in the erection of a perimeter fence incorporating various gateways for use by aircraft and vehicles. A pilot, unable to find a new grass taxiway, continued to taxi on a metalled perimeter taxiway until coming to one of the gateways, which was only just wide enough for the aircraft. In attempting to pass through the gateway, the aircraft's left wing struck the gate. Although information was available to the pilot about the gate and the new grass taxiway, the entrance to the taxiway was not obvious. Moreover, there was no readily available diagrammatic plan of the airfield illustrating its layout and the positions of obstructions.

FOLLOW UP ACTION

The one Safety Recommendation made by the AAIB following their investigation is reproduced below together with the CAA's response.

Recommendation 2007-035

The Maritime Coastguard Agency should require its airfield operator at MCA Daedalus to take the following actions:

- a) Apply appropriate markings to the grass taxiway in the vicinity of the Coastguard Hangar to delineate its boundaries for the safe manoeuvring of aircraft.
- b) On completion of the fence construction work, publish an up-to-date plan of the airfield that includes the position of the new perimeter fence, gateways and grass taxiways.

CAA Response

This Recommendation is not addressed to the CAA.

CAA Status - Closed