

# New York Class B Airspace Hudson River and East River Exclusion Special Flight Rules Area (SFRA)



<b>Preflight Planning</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be familiar with SFRA rules, procedures, and current charts</li> </ul>
<b>In BOTH Exclusions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Airspeed</b> - Not more than 140 knots</li> <li><b>Anti-collision lights</b> - ON</li> <li><b>Aircraft position/navigation lights</b> -ON</li> <li><b>Landing lights</b> - ON (recommended)</li> <li><b>New York TAC or Helicopter Route Chart</b> – Onboard (current edition)</li> </ul>
<b>SKYLINE ROUTE (Class B VFR Transition Route)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Obtain clearance prior to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verrazano Bridge, Northbound – <b>127.85</b> (Newark Tower)</li> <li>Alpine Tower, Southbound – <b>126.05</b> (LaGuardia Tower)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>HUDSON RIVER EXCLUSION (CTAF 123.05)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fly in proper altitude range</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Transient operation*</b> [1,000 ft up to, not including, 1,300 ft MSL]</li> <li><b>Local operation**</b> [Surface up to, not including, 1,000 ft MSL]</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Fly within the boundaries of the exclusion along the:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southbound - West shoreline</li> <li>Northbound - East shoreline</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Self-announce at mandatory reporting points (CTAF 123.05)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must include: aircraft type, current position, direction of flight, and altitude</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Example</b>                      “Cessna, <b>GWB</b>, 900 feet, southbound.”</p> </div> </li> </ul>
<p>* Transient operation: Aircraft transiting the Hudson River Exclusion from end to end without intending to significantly change heading, altitude, or airspeed.</p> <p>** Local operation: Any aircraft within the Hudson River Exclusion that is conducting an operation other than overflying.</p>
<b>EAST RIVER EXCLUSION (CTAF 123.075; LGA 126.05/263.00)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fixed wing aircraft are prohibited unless authorized by ATC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact LaGuardia Airport Traffic Control Tower <u>prior to</u> Governors Island on <b>126.05 or 263.00</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>ALSO, monitor and report on CTAF 123.075</b></li> </ul>

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 Note: Not for navigational purposes.

## Important Frequencies

East River operations	123.075
LGA Tower Authorization	126.05 or 263.00
Hudson River Operations	123.05
Skyline Route Southbound	126.05 (LGA)
Skyline Route Northbound	127.85 (EWR)

## Circling the Statue of Liberty



- Do so at the highest practical altitude below 1,000 feet MSL
- Circle in a counter-clockwise direction
- Be aware that local helicopter tour operators fly an irregular pattern near the Statue of Liberty at approximately 500 feet
- Remain especially vigilant for other traffic in the vicinity of the Statue of Liberty