

RELEASING CHINESE LANTERNS?

KNOW THE RULES!

The Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) advises the public that the use of chinese lanterns or sky lanterns could become a risk to aviation safety through airborne engine ingestion and other dangers, such as brush fires. Sky lanterns vary in size and performance and when released can travel a sizable distance from the release point at unpredictable heights on prevailing winds. The level of risk associated with the release of sky lanterns is proportionate to the number and size of units released at any one time and also the point of release location.

To protect aircraft flying within Bermuda's airspace, the BCAA must be aware of any plans to fly sky lanterns. Before you fly read the rules below and contact the BCAA with any questions.



When to contact BCAA

Any individual or group must contact BCAA one business day prior to the event if:

- Releasing 10 or more sky lanterns anywhere on the island or from a vessel in Bermuda waters
- Releasing one or more sky lanterns at a site 10 miles or less from the L. F. Wade International Airport

Any individual or group releasing ten sky lanterns or less at a release site more than 10 nautical miles from the L. F. Wade International Airport does not require communication with the BCAA. Note – any release of sky lanterns East of the Southampton and Warwick parish boundary is within 10 nautical miles of the L. F. Wade International Airport. This also includes releases from islands or vessels within the Great sound and Ireland Island.

Releasing sky lanterns

Sky lanterns should never be tied together.

Any person or group who wishes to use such devices should be aware that the BCAA does NOT endorse or encourage the use of sky lanterns. Additionally, any person or group choosing to launch sky lanterns should be aware that they may be liable for any resulting damage to people, property or animals.



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