

SITKA (SIT/PASI)

Elevation 27ft

CATEGORY C

No AV brief available.

GENERAL

- Large EASTERLY variation (20°E)
- Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport is named after a former mayor of the city and is located west of Sitka's central business district
- The city has no direct road access to the outside world, though there is a car ferry service to Juneau, Ketchikan and other towns in southeast Alaska
- Deceased tuberculosis patients from the nearby hospital were buried on airport grounds and had to be relocated during construction. That section of the airport is still unofficially called The Mausoleum.

Threat Based Briefing Topics**CFIT**

- The airfield is surrounded by high terrain on all sides except the SW
- Mt Edgcumbe 3,201ft asl 13nm W
- Notable peaks include 3,226ft asl 3nm N and 2,805ft asl 6nm S
- Terrain rises to over 5,300ft asl within 13nm E and N.

Mid Air Collision

- No Radar available
- No ATC service available. There is an Aerodrome Flight Information Service only, but the FISO's instructions are advisory only in the air and no ATC separation can be guaranteed. A good lookout is essential.

Runway Excursion

- Runway may be slippery when wet
- Offset LDA approach Rwy 11

Loss of Control

- Large flocks of birds on and in the vicinity of the airport
- Turbulence and possible WINDSHEAR with strong E/S winds

ARRIVAL

- Rwy 11 has an offset LDA plus an RNAV (GPS) approaches. No published instrument procedure for Rwy 29 though a generic VOR let-down is available
- If weather permits the RNAV will likely reduce workload, though the LDA has lower minima
- Both approaches have numerous step-down fixes which must be carefully observed
- Circling not authorised northeast of the airfield

GROUND

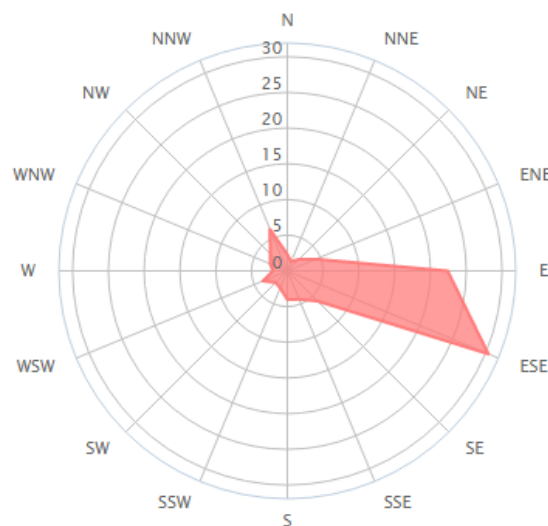
- Limited apron space
- Departing Rwy 29 liable to be problematic as a large lake precludes use of Taxiway G for departure

DEPARTURE

- Terrain is well-depicted on Lido charts. Close adherence to charted tracks and altitude requirements is essential to ensure terrain clearance
- Emergency turn procedure Rwy 11:
 - As soon as practical and **no later** than 1.5nm from DER, RIGHT turn hdg 223 to intercept R358 BKA to BKA VOR, climbing to 5,000ft
- Emergency turn procedure Rwy 29:
 - LEFT turn dct BKA VOR, climbing to 5,000ft

WEATHER

- Sitka has an oceanic climate with moderate, but generally cool temperatures and abundant precipitation. Winters are extremely mild compared to inland areas of similar latitude.
- Snowfall averages 84cm per year, almost all falling between November and March
- Average daily high/low temperatures 14°C/9°C (June) 4°C/0°C (January)
- The prevailing wind is easterly and strong, gusty winds may be anticipated Nov-Feb



OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	Simfest Ground Services
Handling Agent VHF	
Potable Water	Not assessed

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use APU at all times (B744 GPU not available)
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use APU (ACU equipment not available)