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Subject:
Flight Restrictions

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All DOI Aviation Activities

Discussion:
Government agencies (including state and local governments) occasionally impose flight restrictions in addition to those depicted on civil aeronautical charts. A recent SAFECOM alerted us to a flight restriction located at the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, off the coast of Southern California. The restriction as published in the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 922.71) prohibits flights below 1000 feet within one nautical mile of any island within the sanctuary. The regulation includes a civil penalty of up to $100,000 for each violation. It is important to note that while the boundaries of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary are depicted on the civil aeronautical chart, the flight restrictions are not.

Recommendation:
1. Include in your preflight preparation, a check for local flight restrictions not depicted on civil aeronautical charts when conducting flights in unfamiliar airspace.

2. Monitor 121.5 MHz and 243.0 MHz in addition to the appropriate frequency for your airspace.

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