



**The Venice Municipal Airport
In Partnership With
The Venice Aviation Society, Inc.**

Presents



Skydiving At KVNC: Pilot Safety Briefing

Skydiving At KVNC

- A Skydiving business is coming to the Venice Airport.
- In cooperation with the Venice Airport Director, VASI has produced this briefing to inform pilots operating at Venice on the impacts of skydiving operations.
- To learn more about VASI, go to our website at: www.VeniceAviationSociety.com

Skydiving At KVNC

- Skydiving is recognized by the FAA as a legitimate aeronautical activity
- In September 2016, FAA granted a permit for an approved operator to provide tandem skydiving jumps at VNC
- Consequently the Venice Airport will accommodate tandem skydiving to remain in compliance with FAA deed assurances and grant obligations.

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- Permit authorizes 2,000 tandem jumps per year, average of 5.5 jumps per day.
- (1 sortie = 1 jump)
- Expect 1 to 3 canopies per jump
- Expect highest volume on weekends and mornings
- ~ 6 minutes from “Jumpers Away” to touchdown in Drop Zone

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- All jumps are VFR (clear of clouds)
- Forward speed of parachutist ~ 25MPH
- Vertical speed w/chute deployed ~1,000 FPM
- No other operators are authorized to conduct operations.
- Permit does not authorize individuals to conduct private, unsupervised solo jumps.

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- Skydiving operation **MUST** give way to IFR traffic in progress and follow ATC direction.
- Communications between the skydiving operation, pilots and ATC is crucial.
- Important for you to monitor VNC CTAF at 122.725 and/or Tampa ATC at 119.65 at all times while in the vicinity.

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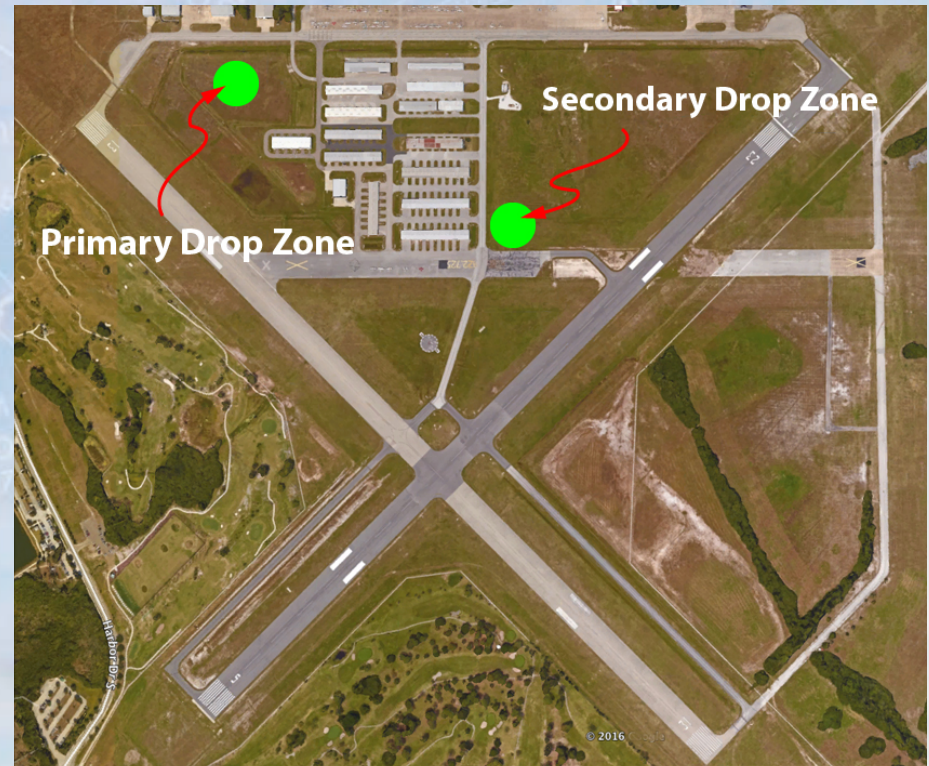
- Listen to the VNC AWOS at 119.275.
- The best way to know if skydiving operations are in process is to monitor the VNC CTAF, 122.725
- Skydivers exit the jump aircraft normally 1 to 2 miles UPWIND at 9,000 to 12,000 feet; avoid that area when jumps are in process, most generally to the northwest of the airport.

Skydiving Drop Zones



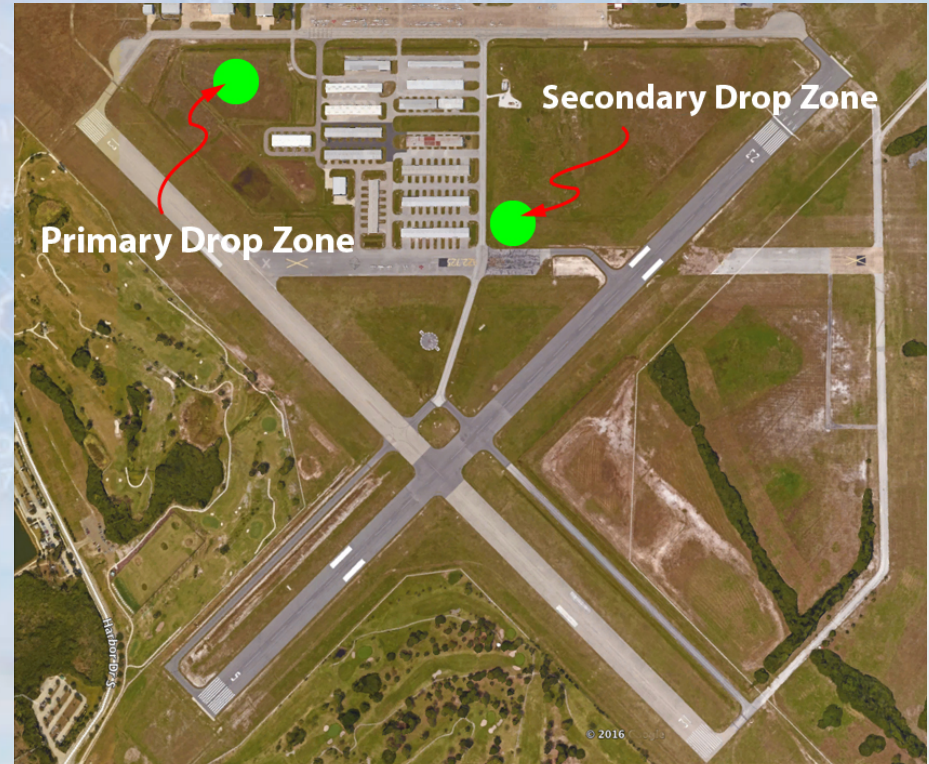
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- Listen for the Jumpers away alerts 1 minute prior to the jump, at jump and when parachutes are open.



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- Watch for canopies enroute or descending to the Drop Zone(s), drop zones are marked on the sectional and AFD



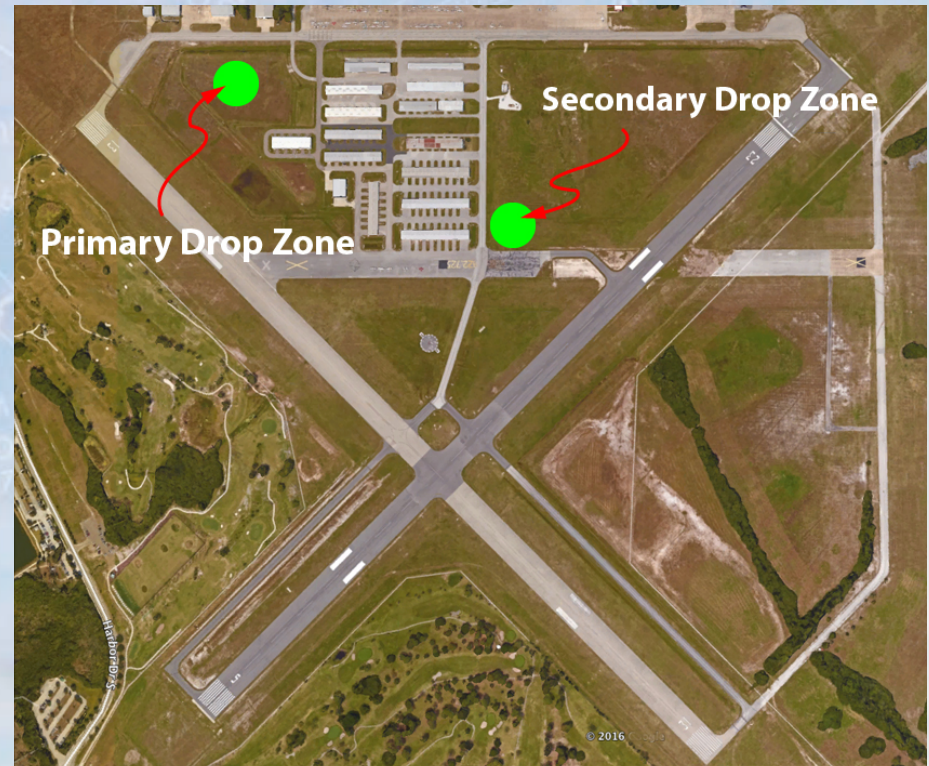
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- Modify your scan to include airspace ABOVE your aircraft during the jump event
- Establish TPA several miles out enroute to airport



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- No alerts are given when parachutists are on the ground. Be visually alert.
- When departing the airport your best time to take off is immediately after the departure or landing of the jump plane.



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- While not mandatory, when possible avoid landing operations that coincide with touchdowns on Runway 13 - 31 if the Parachute Drop Zone is in use, or Runway 5 – 23 if the Alternate Drop Zone is in use.
- For the foreseeable future, the Parachute Drop Zone is the primary parachute landing zone.

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- Avoid operations within one mile upwind of the drop zone when jumpers are in the air. Consider extended downwind or go arounds
- Call out jumpers in sight via CTAF, providing their location in proximity to airport and altitude descending through.
- Modify your path of flight in avoidance (jumpers have right of way).

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- Consider prevailing winds when taking corrective actions
- Descend to pattern altitude well out from the airport, at least 2 to 3 miles out.
- In the air and on the ground maintain situational awareness at all times.
- Get the Word Out: Mention skydiving activity at VNC to all your flying friends, organizations, clubs and groups.

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- Transient operations represent the most significant safety consideration, as some transient pilots, particularly those transiting north or south off shore along the coast line, do not always monitor local CTAFs and may be unaware of skydiving in progress.



Remember The Golden Rule:

- **FAR Part 91 Section 103.**
“Before beginning a flight,
become familiar with all
available information
concerning the flight.”

Remember The Golden Rule:

- Safety Is All Up To You!

Any Safety Incidents?

- Document the incident using the Incident Report Form developed by Joe Brigham our FAA DPE available at

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Skydiving Operations Safety Complaint KVNC

Date: _____ Time _____

Provide a full description of incident, where, who etc.

Name _____ Pilot Certificate No. _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail address _____

Phone # _____

Signature _____

Note: Three (3) copies please, one copy to Suncoast Air Center Desk for Joe Brigham or Tobey Blanton, copy for your records, one information copy to Airport Administration Office.

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[Skydiving Incident Report Form \(PDF\)](#)

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- Provide all important details, including time of day, tail numbers involved, sequence of events and your contact information.
- Submit the form to Joe Brigham, FAA DPE, Mark Cervasio, Venice Airport Director, and keep a copy for yourself.

Any Safety Incidents?

- Compliance and safe operations can only be enforced when reports are documented and filed.
- Questions? Contact Mark Cervasio, Venice Municipal Airport, 941-486-2711.
- Contact VASI at:

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