

ENTERPRISE TASK WEEK 3rd TO 9th JUNE 2019

As a bit of a variation to the usual Task Week, this year we are going to offer one with tasks along the lines of Competition Enterprise.

The essence of an Enterprise task as compared with the usual club or competition task is that there are more ways of scoring points and it's much more flexible to allow you as the pilot to choose what best suits you, your glider and the changing conditions. You can change turnpoints in flight and even set off in completely the opposite direction, sometimes, if you think the weather or your own progress suggest it.

The "Enterprise Definitions" are a touch daunting at first. Look at this extract on scoring:

Distance points	1pt per kilometre
Land-back bonus	10% addition to distance points
Turn point bonus	10pts for each new turnpoint visited
Height gain bonus	2 points per 100ft above 5000 ft QFE
Border crossing (!)	50 pts for each new country overflown
Sea Crossing (!!)	50 points for each coast zone crossed land to sea

- Plus whatever extras the organisers throw in for the day

Each day will have a task set with, typically, a fairly large number of turnpoints that you can pick and choose from, working out what combination of numbers of TPs and distances between them, plus available bonuses, might get you the best score.

You will be expected to work out your own score (with some help as needed) and at the debriefs it can be fascinating to see what different strategies people have adopted as well as which bits of sky were working best.

It's often possible to do good scoring tasks without going too far from the club, which is great if you are nervous about getting too far away on an iffy day.

I recommend (re)reading my article in last September's Newsletter for more detail.

This could be a great practice opportunity if you are thinking of signing up for the "proper" Competition Enterprise that is happening at Sutton Bank in July this year (but you'll need to get in soon for a place – it's very popular) or just a nice change to the usual, rather more restrictive task week

There is a list on the noticeboard or you can email robert@harrisongoate.co.uk to sign up.

All abilities welcome provided you have Bronze/XC Endorsement or fly a 2 seater with someone who has.

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