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SUBJECT: NORTHWEST, SOUTHEAST AND PERRY WARSAW VFR PRACTICE
AREAS; GEOGRAPHICAL DIMENSIONS

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BACKGROUND. Practice areas are identified to provide an area for pilots to practice maneuvers away from heavily traveled arrival / departure routes. Pilots and air traffic controllers (ATC) should have a clear understanding of where these practice areas are located. Practice areas are not to be interpreted as protected

1. PRACTICE AREA DIMENSIONS

a. The definition of the Northwest Practice Area is as follows:

Western boundary begins at Brockport, NY, northbound along Route 19 to Route 18 at Kendal, NY, thence on a line northeast to a point one and one-half miles south of restricted area R-5203. The northern boundary proceeds eastbound from that point to a point due north of Braddocks Bay still one and one half miles south of R-5203. From this point the eastern boundary proceeds southbound to Braddocks Bay then on a line southwestbound to Hilton, NY. From this point the southern boundary proceeds westbound back to Brockport, NY. The ceiling of the Northwest Practice area is 3,000 feet MSL.

b. The definition of the Southeast Practice Area is as follows:

Northern boundary begins at the Thruway exit at Victor, NY and proceeds southwestbound to the village of Honeoye Falls, NY. From this point the western boundary follows route 390 southbound until route 20A. From this point the southern boundary follows route 20A eastbound to route 20 then eastbound along route 20 to Canandaigua, NY. From this point the eastern boundary follows Route 21 northbound to the NYS Thruway then westbound back to the Thruway exit at Victor. This practice area is divided into two parts by Route 20. The ceiling of the northern portion is 3000 feet MSL. The ceiling of the southern portion is 4000 feet MSL.

c. The Perry-Warsaw Practice Area is as follows:

Northern boundary beginning at the village of Warsaw eastbound along Route 20A to the Genesee River. Eastern boundary from the Genesee River and Route 20A south along the Genesee River to Route 19A. Southern Boundary from the Genesee River and Route 19A west along Routes 19 and 19A north along Route 19 to the Village of Warsaw. The ceiling of the Perry-Warsaw Practice Area is 4000 feet MSL.

Upon request, ATC will provide radar service within this area dependent upon radar coverage and workload. The Perry - Warsaw airport is located within this practice area. Pilots should be vigilant for other traffic approaching, departing, or operating near the airport. To achieve the greatest degree of safety, all radio equipped aircraft should monitor the Unicom frequency identified for use at the Perry - Warsaw Airport. ATC may not be able to provide radar services to aircraft maneuvering in a practice area due to workload demands. Pilots will be advised when services cannot be provided.

2. GENERAL

Because most of the practice areas are located in the Rochester Class C Airspace Outer Area, ATC will terminate radar services once the aircraft has entered the practice area. If a pilot requests radar services while operating in the Northwest or Southwest practice areas, they should expect altitude restrictions and/or instructions to remain in a designated portion of the practice area. A listening watch on the approach control frequency will be required.

3. ATTACHMENT: Attachment 1 - VFR Practice Areas



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