



# **YORK GLIDING CENTRE**

## **PILOT PROGRESS NOTES**

1. Beginner to Early Solo



- Instructors will not 'sign off' any exercise until you are consistently competent but please remember this is not a race. Some people may learn more quickly than others but this does not necessarily mean they become better pilots than those who take a little longer. Enjoy. We do this for fun.
- Most of the time you will be flying one of the K13 basic training gliders but you can promote continuity in your training and thereby speed up your progress by using a motor glider for certain groups of exercises. This is particularly useful for exercises 2-7, 14 -19, 36-40 and 49. *See any motor glider instructor for advice or book your flight at the office.*
- The more frequently you fly the more progress you will make, though it is understood that not everyone can be available as much as they would like. For this reason the club offers a number of two, three or five day courses through the week during spring and summer at no extra cost to members. We also have launch and instructor facilities available most weekdays in addition to weekends. *See Lynn or Chris in the office for further details.*
- Once you have returned to earth (both physically and emotionally) having completed your first solo flight you will be entitled to claim your first BGA badge endorsement. This is what you should do:
  1. *See Lynn, Chris or your instructor* for a copy of the 'A/B' endorsement form.
  2. *Ask the instructor who sent you solo* to sign the declaration validating the flight.
  3. *See Richard Kalin or Colin Richardson* who will:
    - a) check you are aware of the basic rules of the air (so read them up in your 'Laws & Rules' first), and sign the appropriate part of the form.
    - b) Talk with you about what your new qualification does and does not allow you to do.
    - c) Ensure you read and sign the club Flying Order Book.
- As an early solo pilot you will be asked to fly a check flight with an assistant or full instructor prior to flying solo on any one day. As you become more experienced the frequency of these flights will be reduced. *See the Duty Instructor for the day.*

Your progress notes 2 cover:

- your post solo development training
- your conversion to single seat gliders
- your 'Bronze C' endorsement

*Ask Lynn or Chris for a copy.*

Colin Richardson.  
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