

Boston Virtual ATC

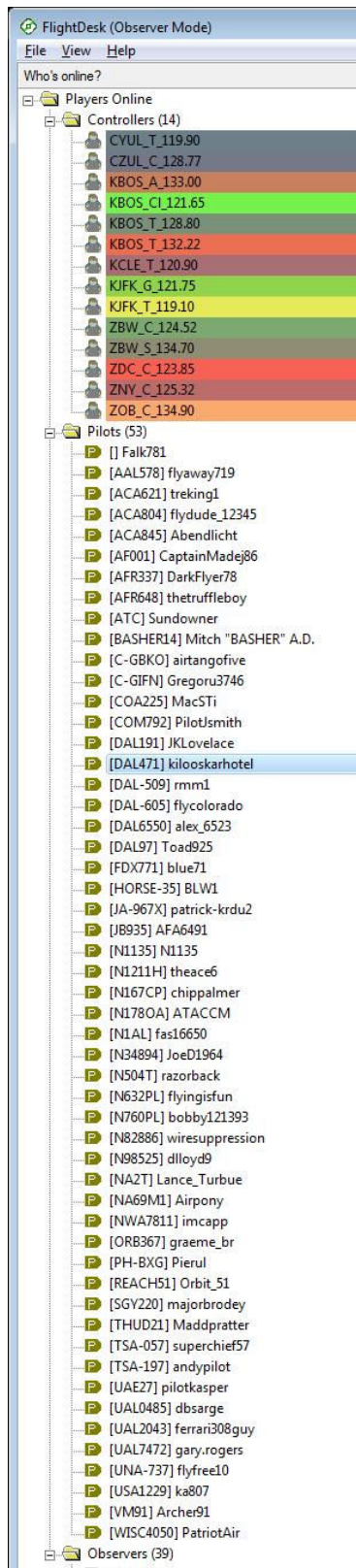
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Boston Virtual ATC Celebrates 2 Years!

On Sunday, November 2nd, Boston Virtual ATC celebrated its second anniversary with the Boston Tea Party. We jammed the Northeast more than 50 pilots and 15 controllers, providing controlled airspace from KCLE to KBOS and KIAD to CYUL.

The Boston Tea Party also featured the FSX Blue Angels, who put on an outstanding performance for our members to enjoy. The Blue Angels showed off some impressive formation flight over Boston and we were extremely glad to have them as a part of our celebration.

We'd like to thank all the members that came out and flew or controlled for BVA during the Tea Party. The dedication of pilots and controllers at BVA makes this server what it is. We're very excited to enter our third year of operations here at BVA, and look forward to many more...



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Flying with the ATC

Did you know that a flight from KPQI to KSYR is almost 500-nm long and is within Boston Center for full ATC the whole way? There's more to the US Northeast than Boston and JFK. To help pilots determine where they can fly beyond just Boston and JFK, here's a quick list of a few featured airports within Boston and New York Center airspaces along with their approximate distances from Boston or New York. The airport class is also listed (remember, any Class B, C, or D is controlled to Ground/Tower if the appropriate centre or approach controller is online). The ARTCC (Center Airspace) of an airport is listed on AirNav's information page. *Any flight that is within one ARTCC (for example, KACK to KBTV) would be fully covered by ATC.*

Boston ARTCC (ZBW_C_124.52)			New York ARTCC (ZNY_C_125.32)		
Airport Name	Dist. and Direction to KBOS	Class	Airport Name	Dist. and Direction to KJFK	Class
KACK	79 nm NNW	D	KPHL	81.3 nm NE	B
KMVY	61 nm NNW	D	KMDT	140 nm ENE	D
KPVD	43 nm NE	C	KAVP	98 nm ESE	C
KMHT	39 nm SE	C	KISP	32 nm W	C
KPWM	82.9 nm SSW	C	KHTO	72 nm WSW	D
KBGR	175 nm SSW	C	KBDR	43 nm SW	D
KPQI	289 nm SSW	D	KHVN	44 nm SW	D
KBDL	79 nm ENE	C	KABE	76 nm E	C
KSYR	229 nm E	C	KRDG	101 nm E	D
KGON	77 nm NE	D	KEWR	N/A	B
KALB	126 nm E	C	KLGA	N/A	B
KBTV	157 nm SE	C			
KLEB	95 nm SE	D			
KPVC	39 nm NW	E			
KHFD	82 nm ENE	D			
KCON	56 nm SSE	E			
KORH	39 nm E	E			
KBED	14 nm SE	D			
KLWM	22 nm S	D			
KBVY	14 nm S	D			
KPSM	44 nm S	D			

Comparatively, a flight from KBOS to KJFK is 162nm, of which some is spent with ZBW_C, and the rest with UNICOM if ZNY_C is offline.

BVA thrives on pilots flying with the ATC—when the controllers are busy, they tend to enjoy what they do considerably more than when they see a few aircraft an hour that are headed outside their airspace. anyway Of course, pilots are by no means required to fly in controlled airspace, and we controllers still like to kick back and enjoy the long hauls too.

A Message from our Web Provider

On behalf of the entire team, I want to express how much we regret that you encountered issues with the migration of your account to our new data center. Team members such as myself are dedicated to assisting you as best we can.

To be honest, during the migration, we handled tickets as quickly as possible. We typically have a higher volume of issues to work on, so sometimes multiple people handle each ticket. In my opinion, this may have inadvertently caused a delay in a proper resolution to your issues (with your database etc.).

Again, I sincerely apologize for the extended downtime for your site. We deeply regret the issues you experienced during November.

Sincerely,

Shimon Bakshi
Customer Service Manager

Pilot Tip of the Month

We don't always have local control; sometimes pilots depart with only an approach or centre controller acting as a tower controller. Even though you're not getting "handed off", be sure to 'check in' with Boston Centre and give your altitude climbing through about 1,000'.

Giving a controller your altitude helps identify you, and ensure that your transponder is working correctly. If you don't check in with your altitude, a center or approach controller will correct you, but it saves us time if you call with your altitude and call sign first, even if you haven't gotten "switched over" by a tower controller.

Events of BVA

BVATC Events

Regional
Circuit



The final regional circuit of 2008 will move out West.... way West, featuring **Honolulu** and **Kahului** on Tuesday, December 16 at 8pm ET.

BVATC Events

Domestic
Journey



The Domestic Journey will travel on to Atlanta after the Winter Holidays.

BVATC Events

Dance in
New York



The beat continues after the Winter Holidays.

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