

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
Louisville Standiford Airport Traffic Control Tower/TRACON  
755 Grade Lane  
Louisville, Kentucky 40213**

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**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2013

**LOUISVILLE STANDIFORD ATC TOWER LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 13-3**

**SUBJECT:** Sailplane Activity in the Vicinity of Bardstown, KY

**CANCELLATION:** October 1, 2015

The Bardstown, KY airport (BRY) is located 24nm south-east of Louisville-Standiford Airport (SDF), and is the home of an active sailplane club. When conditions are favorable, these sailplanes can reach altitudes above 7000' msl, and travel from the edges of the SDF class C airspace, east to Frankfort, south of Danville and west of Elizabethtown (approximately a 35nm radius). This area encompasses several of SDF's arrival and departure routes.

The size and shape of a sailplane, and the lack of transponders, frequently prevents it from producing a target on ATC radar displays, and the pilots are normally not in communication with ATC. Without transponders, the sailplanes also will not be displayed on aircraft collision-avoidance systems.

Flight crews should be particularly vigilant for sailplanes when operating east, south-east or south of SDF.



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Attachment  
Proximity of BRY Airport to SDF and Other Airports

