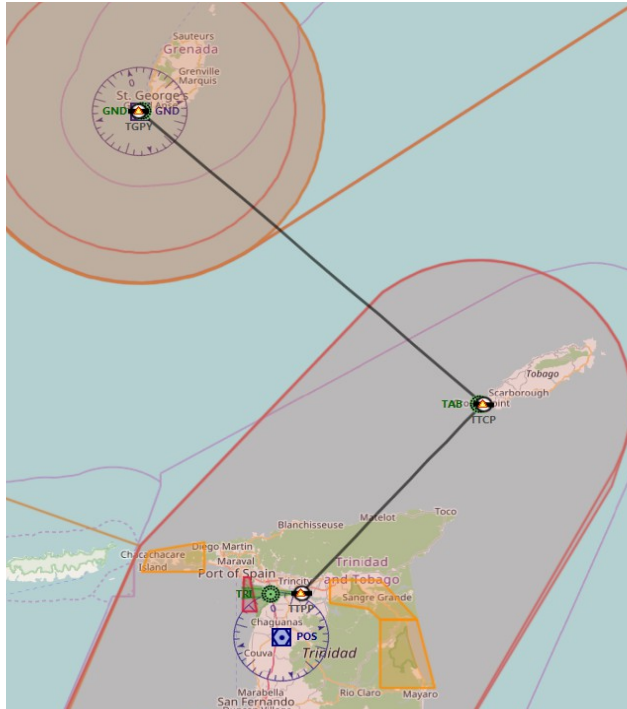


# The **CIX** VFR Club

## Christmas Caper – 2017

### The Twelve Days of CiXmas

On the Twelfth Day of CiXmas.....



..... we bid farewell to Grenada & head off for Trinidad & Tobago, our first port of call being Crown Point airport on the Island of Tobago. Having loaded & off loaded goods & passengers, we fly south west to the island of Trinidad & Piarco International airport.

Port of Spain Piarco International Airport, officially Piarco International Airport and frequently shortened to Piarco International, Piarco Airport, or simply Piarco, opened on 8 January 1931, to serve Venezuela's *Compagnie Generale Aeropostale*. Before this, the Queen's Park Savannah, the Mucarapo Field, and the Cocorite Docks (for flying boats) were used as airstrips to serve the island. In World War II, the original airfield was used to house the Royal Navy Observer School HMS *Goshawk*. From 1942 it was also used by both the US Army Air Forces Sixth Air Force and US Navy air squadrons. The airport was used both as a transport airfield and also for antisubmarine patrol flights over the south Caribbean. It was returned to civil control after the war.

### The Route

Leg 1	TGPY (Point Salines International) to TTCP (Crown Point)	76 nms
Leg 2	TTCP (Crown Point) to TTPP (Piarco International)	45 nms

Today's trip is 121 nms and flying time at 140 kts will be in the region of 52 minutes. There is a lot of ocean to be flown over today, so please ensure your life jackets are serviceable. Turn round time at Crown Point is scheduled for 40 minutes.

This leg brings us to the end of this CIXmas Special. I hope you have enjoyed the flying as much as I enjoyed the planning of it. Here's wishing you all a very Happy Christmas & a prosperous New Year.