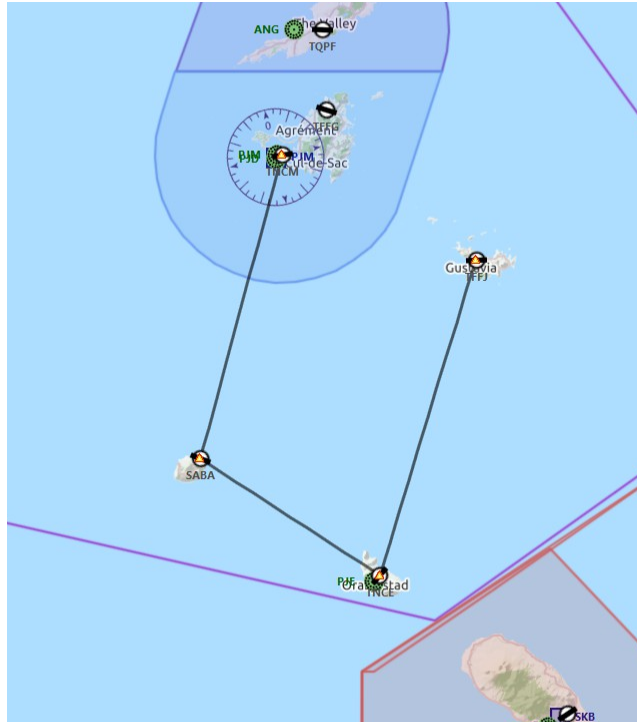


The **CIX** VFR Club

Christmas Caper – 2017

The Twelve Days of CiXmas

On the Fourth Day of CiXmas.....



.....we are recovering from our luxurious stay in the airport hotel. However, the day ahead is full of promise(?) as we are to land at Saba & then St Bartelmy (again), just to show it wasn't a fluke the first time! We shall also overnight here this time.

Saint Barthélemy, a volcanic island fully encircled by shallow reefs, has an area of 25 square kilometres and a population of 9,279. Its capital is Gustavia, which also contains the main harbour to the island. It is the only Caribbean island which was a Swedish colony for any significant length of time; Guadeloupe was under Swedish rule only briefly at the end of the Napoleonic Wars. Symbolism from the Swedish national arms, the Three Crowns, still appears in the island's coat of arms. The language, cuisine, and culture, however, are distinctly French. The island is a popular tourist destination during the winter holiday season, especially for the rich and famous during the Christmas and new year period.

The Route

Leg 1	TNCM (Princess Juliana International) to SABA (Juancho Yrausquin)	25 nms
Leg 2	SABA (Juancho Yrausquin) to TNCE (F.D. Roosevelt)	17 nms
Leg 3	TNCE (F.D. Roosevelt) to TFFJ (St Barthelmy)	26 nms

This days flying is only 68 nms and flying time at 140 kts should be a reasonable 29 minutes. But as usual, with the turnarounds, re-filing of flight plans and other necessary actions, you should perhaps schedule 90 minutes for today's trip.