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Aerotows

In the wake of a fatal aerotow accident involving a Standard Cirrus last summer, the Air Accident Investigation Board (AAIB) has recently issued its final report (AAIB Bulletin 6/2020). The report includes a recommendation regarding signalling. At the forthcoming AGM, the BGA will propose deleting a number of its Operational Regulations to be replaced by a single Operational Regulation for launch signalling. The proposed changes result in guidance which is to be published in a revised *Managing Flying Risk* brochure that is expected to be published in about a week's time.

MGC has already trialled the use of radio by the launch marshal following the early knowledge of the AAIB's bulletin. The attached Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) indicates how we are now to launch aerotows. There may be a revision to this SOP if needed once the revised *Managing Flying Risk* brochure is published.

In the event of radio failure or lack of radios, bats may be used as a fall back.

Any questions on this, as ever, speak to me, the CFI or an instructor.

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