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Use of Lat/Long in route of flight

You can now create a flight plan using a point defined by a latitude and longitude (lat/long) as part of your route. The correct format is ####N/####W, where ####N is the latitude (in Degrees Minutes ddmmN) and #####W is the Longitude (in Degrees Minutes ddmmN) or 0ddmmN).

Example: 4116N/07334W or 3559N/11432W

Do not use lat/long as part of your route unless you really need to. Here are two reasons:

- 1. You might not get the lat/long in your clearance. According to a retired air traffic controller who recently emailed us, "I can tell you that filing lat/long can be very useful and also a complete waste of time. If a pilot files a flight plan and thinks that just because they now have the capability to file and navigate lat/long, that they are going to get it, they are going to be sadly disappointed." This is especially true in high traffic areas.
- 2. There's a possibility of entering erroneous numbers. Be careful when entering your lat/long data. Reversing two digits or using the wrong format can send you off in the wrong direction. You should always double check your entry by displaying a map of your route. It's also helpful to verify that your route mileage (as shown on the NavLog) makes sense.

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For iPhone Users

The new iPhone OS 3.0 software update has the ability to copy and paste. This comes in handy for iPhone users copying recent IFR routes or ATC routes when creating a flight plan.

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