DILLINGHAM AIRFIELD, OAHU

Glider Operations: Gliders are normally air-towed and routinely depart the traffic pattern to the South. (Right turn after takeoff Rwy 08, left turn after takeoff Rwy 26.) Gliders normally fly the ridge line to the south of the airport, within 5 NM. Most gliders are not radio equipped. The powered aircraft towing the gliders have radios and routinely use the glider traffic pattern, entering the traffic pattern from the South.

Sky Dive Operations: Extensive parachute operations occur daily at 16,000′ and below. Parachutists normally exit the aircraft upwind of the airport and during strong winds may exit as far as 3 NM from the drop zone. Parachutes are usually opened between 2,000′ and 4,500′ altitude, and then flow to the drop zone entering an abbreviated left traffic pattern (Rwy 08) or right traffic pattern (Rwy 26). During light and no wind conditions, the parachutes may open directly above the airport and adjacent beach area.

