

## Tauranga Ground Frequency

- All gliders are required to conduct radio checks on the Ground frequency, if operational.

This means that when you do a Glider DI you check the ATIS to determine if the ground frequency is activated.

If it is, then change the active radio frequency from 118.3 MHz to 123.4 MHz and do your radio check.

**Then remember to change the selection back to 118.3 MHz.**

If the ground frequency is not activated, then stay on 118.3 MHz and do your radio check.

- When ready for departure, the tow aircraft must report intentions and the glider callsign on the Ground frequency.

**Note:** The glider remains on 118.3 MHz.

- After checking in, ATC will instruct the tow aircraft to STANDBY while coordination with BAY is completed.

- Once coordination is complete, the tow aircraft will be instructed to contact TOWER in the format:

*“(callsign) HOLD POSITION, CONTACT TOWER 118.3”*

- The tow aircraft then is required to check in on the Tower frequency when ready to depart.

*“(tow and glider callsigns) READY ON GRASS XX”.*

- TOWER will issue the departure clearance as currently occurs.

**Note:** If the tow plane starts to depart and you have not heard the last part of the radio communication then you are on the wrong frequency so **IMMEDIATELY PULL THE RELEASE (Yellow Knob).**

The Ground Controller may advise of any delay and will keep the tow aircraft on the Ground Frequency until the Tower controller can accept the departure.