RECOMMENDATIONS

Although paramotor (trike) aviation is often considered an air sport, it requires a professional approach by all those involved, as is the case with other forms of recreational aviation. Both the preparation and the execution of the fl ight deserve thorough attention in this approach. This starts with a uniform training whereby the necessary attention must be paid to theory and practice. The training of glider pilots can be taken as an example. Already licensed pilots of paramotor (trikes) must also be constantly aware of this. The Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association (KNVvL) has a supporting role in this.

An adequate legal basis is also required to be able to perform aviation safely. This investigation has shown that there is no such basis for fl ying with paramotor trikes. In order to improve the safety of paramotor (trike) aviation, the Dutch Safety Board therefore makes the following recommendations:

To the Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association (KNVvL):

- Develop a uniform training course that pays extensive attention to the theoretical and practical elements of paramotor (trike) flying.
- Ensure that licensed pilots are made aware of a professional approach to paramotor (trike) flying. Emphasize the need for thorough flight preparation.

To the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management:

• Develop and implement the necessary regulations for flying paramotor trikes as soon as possible. Include that the undercarriage, engine and wing wing together form an aircraft which all must carry the same registration number.

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