COMMON HELICOPTER TYPES USED AT NYC HELIPORTS

**Agusta/Westland 119**
- Corporate/charter
- Law Enforcement & Emergency Medical Services (NYPD)

**Agusta/Westland 139**
- Corporate/charter

**Bell Helicopter B-206**
- Aerial cinematography
- Air tours
- Corporate/charter
- Electronic news gathering

**Bell Helicopter B-407**
- Aerial cinematography
- Air tours
- Corporate/charter
- Electronic news gathering

**Bell Helicopter B-430**
- Corporate/charter

**Eurocopter AStar AS-350**
- Aerial cinematography
- Air tours
- Corporate/charter
- Electronic news gathering

**Eurocopter H-65 “Dolphin”**
- Law Enforcement
  (US Coast Guard)

**Eurocopter TwinStar AS-355**
- Aerial cinematography
- Corporate/charter
- Electronic news gathering

**Sikorsky S-76**
- Corporate/charter

**Sikorsky SH-3 Sea King (Marine One)**
- Presidential transport

**Air Tour Colors (common):**
- white & red, light blue
- dark blue, black & yellow

- white, black, red, light blue/green
Last April, NYCEDC announced a new Helicopter Sightseeing Plan to reduce the impact that sightseeing flights have on surrounding neighborhoods. The plan requires all air tour operators at the Downtown Manhattan Heliport to follow one of two agreed upon tours: up the center of the Hudson River at higher altitudes to minimize noise, north to either 79th Street or Yankee Stadium, returning south along the center-west side of the Hudson (map below).

In order to enforce this plan, NYCEDC has worked with Saker Aviation, the operator of the heliport, to monitor compliance closely, including numerous, random spot checks. In addition, we recently implemented a system of penalty fees, escalating to $1000 per infraction. Not only will these fines serve as an incentive to follow the New York City Helicopter Sightseeing Plan, but they’ll be used to fund an aviation scholarship.

For complaints, please call 311 with the color, tail number and route of the helicopter.

Note: Helicopters require air traffic control clearance for flights above 1300 feet.