

Captain Simon Ludlow, Draganair.



Simon trained as a pilot in the RAF in the 1980s. He subsequently flew the Victor in air-to-air refuelling operations before becoming a Qualified Flying Instructor. After 5 years of training RAF pilots on Chipmunk and Tucano aircraft, he returned to air-to-air refuelling flying the VC10 until 2001, during which time he was a Squadron executive and instructor.

After leaving the RAF, a career in commercial flying has seen him operate the Boeing 747, both in passenger and freighter roles, and more recently, the Airbus A320 series. He is currently a Captain with Dragonair in Hong Kong as well as holding the post as the Fleet Flight Safety Officer within the Cathay Pacific Group Safety Department.

He is currently a part-time student at Cranfield University where he is studying for an MSc in Safety and Accident Investigation. He has logged over 14,000 hours of pilot flying time, has held gliding and civilian instructor ratings, and still likes to fly aerobatic aircraft.