



Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association

SEAPLANE PASSENGER

PREFLIGHT BRIEFING CHECKLIST†

1. **Propeller cautions:** No assistance in docking/launching by passengers unless requested by pilot; if passenger assistance is required, specific instructions on duties, placement, and caution about propellers. ALWAYS STAY WELL CLEAR OF PROPELLERS UNTIL THEY HAVE COME TO A COMPLETE STOP.
2. **Tail/Elevator:** Avoid getting fingers pinched in the elevator.
3. **Seatbelts/Shoulder harnesses:** How to fasten, tighten, and unfasten; how to stow the loose end of the belt; EACH PASSENGER FASTEN, TIGHTEN, AND UNFASTEN TWICE TO GAIN FAMILIARITY OF USE. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, KEEP FASTENED UNTIL AIRCRAFT HAS COME TO A COMPLETE STOP AND YOU HAVE A FRAME OF REFERENCE AS TO WHICH WAY TO THE EXIT.
4. **Seats:** Operation forward & rearward; EACH PASSENGER MOVE SEAT TWICE TO GAIN FAMILIARITY OF USE.
5. **Exits:** Location and operation (by demonstration) of each normal and, if applicable, emergency exit; in emergency, avoid tangling with headphone wires. EACH PASSENGER OPEN AND CLOSE DOORS CLOSEST TO THEIR SEAT TWICE TO GAIN FAMILIARITY OF USE.
6. **Situational awareness:** Establish a frame of reference for left and right in relation to the aircraft exits; if seatbelt is fastened, remember that left and right are the same whether aircraft is right side up or upside down. Bubbles always travel up.
7. **Emergency Landing:** Doors & windows unlatched; head & hands down on lap ; stow headphones.
8. **Flotation gear:**
 - Cushions: Type, location, use, and demonstration of use.
 - Personal Flotation Devices (PFD): Type, location, use, donning, and simulated demonstration of inflation.
 - USE: NEVER WEAR BULKY PFD's, OR INFLATE PFD's UNTIL OUTSIDE OF THE SEAPLANE.
9. **Decreasing Heat Loss in Cold Water:** Arms crossed & tight to chest, draw up legs & cross at ankles.
10. **Carry-on items:** Stowed properly and left on board during evacuation.
11. **Fire extinguishers:** Location and how to operate.
12. **Survival equipment:** Location and how to retrieve.
13. **Pyrotechnic signaling device:** Location and how to use.
14. **Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT):** Location and how to turn on.

Be Safe - Wear Your PFD

Most drownings occur way out at sea, right? Wrong! Fact is, the USCG reports that 9 out of 10 drownings occur in inland waters, most within a few feet of safety. Most of the victims owned PFD's, but they died without them. A wearable PFD can save your life - if you wear it. To work best, a PFD must be worn with all straps, zippers, and ties fastened. Tuck in any loose strap ends to avoid getting hung up.

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