



COLUMBIA SEAPLANE PILOTS ASSOCIATION

CODE OF ETHICS

The Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association (CSPA) was founded to serve the interests and needs of seaplane flying in the lands draining the Columbia River basin. The CSPA's main goals are to:

- advance seaplane safety,
- promote seaplane use for public services such as cleanup in remote areas, forest fire spotting, search and rescue,
- protect the rights and privileges of seaplane pilots,
- educate the public on the public benefits of seaplane flying,
- use seaplanes to provide equal access for disabled persons to remote natural areas, and
- encourage seaplane pilots to be good neighbors to the non-flying public.

Therefore, the Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association adopts the following Code of Ethics:

- 1) Pilots will continue to enhance and improve their flying skills and flying ethics.**
 - a) Maintain proficiency through recurrent flight training.
 - b) Review the pilot-operating handbook for each aircraft flown.
 - c) Review the Federal Air Regulations and adherence to applicable rules for the intended flight.
- 2) Pilots should always remember that the example they set through their actions as aviators could greatly contribute to (or detract from) the non-flying public's perceptions and views of aviation.**
 - a) Avoid doing any unnecessary type of flight, which may appear, to the non-flying public as unsafe, irresponsible or hazardous.
 - b) Never compromise safety for the sake of demonstrating ability.
- 3) Pilots will be sensitive at all times to the concerns of the non-flying public in regard to public safety, noise and other environmental issues.**
 - a) Become educated in and practice local noise abatement procedures to minimize the intensity and duration of noise heard by those on the ground.
 - b) Avoid low flights over noise-sensitive areas, whether densely populated locations or wilderness and backcountry regions.
 - c) Become proficient at and practice engine RPM management on constant-speed propeller aircraft by utilizing RPM management on take-off (reduced RPM as soon as able) and avoid low, power-on approaches to landing.

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- d) Conduct aircraft water operations in a safe and courteous manner staying well clear of boats per US Coast Guard Rules.
- 4) Pilots will abide by all State and Federal wildlife regulations regarding the use of aircraft.**
 - a) Act with all possible courtesy to those on the ground who are hunting, horseback riding or observing wildlife, by maintaining reasonable distance and altitude.
 - b) Honor and support seasonal specific water area closures for wildlife protection purposes that are based on good science.
 - c) Know wildlife refuge boundaries as well as seasonal areas of wildlife congregation to avoid inadvertent low-level over-flights.
 - d) Avoid putting known stress on wildlife.
- 5) Pilots will practice good wilderness and backcountry flying ethics.**
 - a) Keep the noise signature of the aircraft to a safe minimum.
 - b) Practice “leave no trace” camping. Fly it in, fly it out.
 - c) Avoid very early morning departures unless safety of flight demands a deviation.
 - d) Be courteous to other users in the area.
 - e) Keep the aircraft floats clear of noxious weeds to prevent the spread of weeds between wilderness water bodies.
- 6) Pilots are encouraged to volunteer their services and their aircraft for charitable uses that support publicly beneficial causes as well as contribute to a positive understanding of seaplane flying.**
 - a) Collect and remove trash found in remote wilderness areas.
 - b) Report inappropriate or illegal activities observed in wilderness areas to appropriate officials.
 - c) Watch for forest fires and report them by radio immediately if observed.
 - d) Pilots are encouraged to make themselves available to public schools and service clubs to share this code of ethics and the value and personal fulfillment of flying
- 7) Pilots are encouraged to use their services and aircraft to provide equal access for disabled persons to remote natural areas. Seaplanes can provide access to many of our nation’s great natural and wilderness areas, without requiring permanent impact to the environment as would occur through creation of new accessible roads or trails.**
- 8) Pilots are encouraged to promote seaplane flying as a legitimate and necessary component of the nation’s transportation system.**
- 9) Experienced pilots are encouraged to assist other members of the seaplane community to enhance and expand their aeronautical skills and knowledge.**

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