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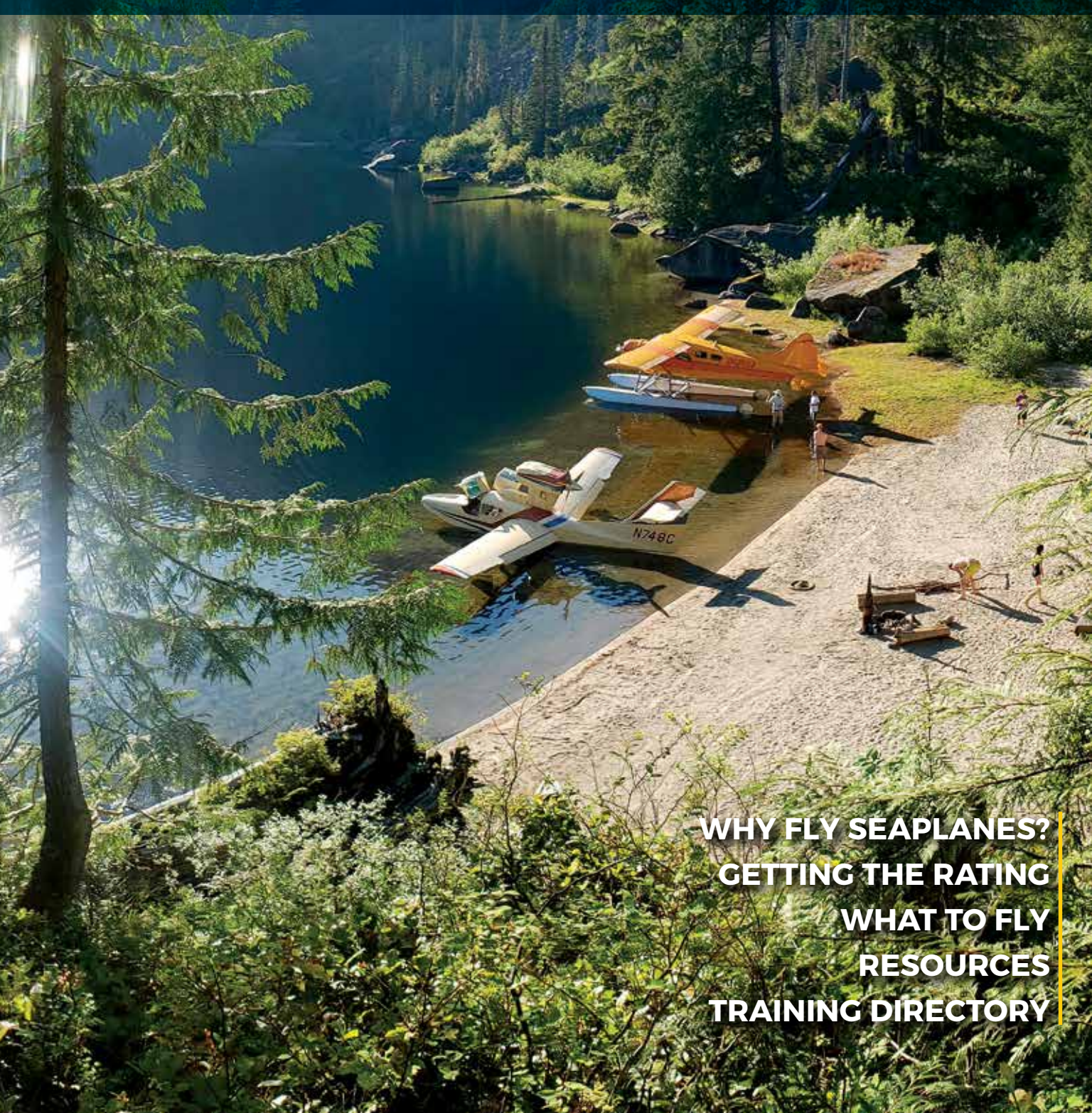


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Welcome to the wonderful world of water flying!

The Seaplane Pilots Association is here to help you begin your journey to becoming a seaplane pilot. This guide will answer common questions about flying seaplanes and the training process. It also has information resources to get you on your way.

But first, let's talk about why you should consider adding a seaplane rating to your pilot's certificate. Earning the rating checks the box on the FAA's requirement that you complete a Flight Review every two years. The training will acquaint you with those stick-and-rudder skills your primary flight instructor (hopefully) talked about. But the one thing that everyone who has completed the training will be quick to tell you is that it is the most fun they have ever had adding a new rating or certificate to their flying resume.

That certainly is true in my case. I'm on my second seaplane, and they are nothing short of guaranteed smile machines! Slow and low with an occasional splash and dash is the way to go if you truly want to enjoy the funda-

mentals of sport flying.

A second reason to get into water flying is the sense of adventure that seaplane pilots enjoy. Few things are as rewarding as flying for miles following the irregular contour of a remote lake with a wild, tree-lined shoreline, then splashing down to enjoy the solitude. Doing this in a Super Cub or AirCam or Light Sport flying boat is a life-changing experience.

A third and possibly the most important reason to explore water flying is that it will take your piloting skills to new heights. In a world where aviation is increasingly dependent on automation and glass panels, it's vital to practice and hone basic stick and rudder skills. Becoming a seaplane pilot will develop your awareness and use of the rudder and enhance the accuracy and coordination of all control inputs. It will increase your sensitivity to maintaining very specific approach and touchdown speeds. It will give you a keen appreciation and awareness of the wind—it's direction and velocity. It will heighten your awareness of situations and objects that could affect a

takeoff and landing. All of these skills are essential when operating on any runway, including those with no fixed directional mandate, no markings, no fences, no air traffic controller—in other words, water runways.

And now for the commercial. Please pay attention—it's important. The Seaplane Pilots Association (SPA) has been the world's leading advocate of seaplane flying for more than 45 years. We encompass the full range of seaplane pilots and owners, from those who fly professionally to those who enjoy seaplanes for the pure joy and freedom they provide.

Joining SPA means doing your part to protect seaplane access to waterways across the country and promoting this amazing form of flying to more pilots, the public, and regulatory agencies. Your membership also gives you access to the members-only area of the SPA web site, where you will find a wealth of information ranging from seaplane insurance to the online version of SPA's Water Landing Directory, the only national guide to seaplane access to waterways.

Additionally, you will receive, in both print and electronic form, our flagship publication, *Water Flying*, a bimonthly, full-color glossy publication covering training topics, safety tips, technical articles, pilot reports on seaplanes, and guides to seaplane destinations and events.

We look forward to welcoming you to our family, and to a new world of unique and wonderful flying that will add enjoyable new horizons to your life. You will find a membership application on opposite page here, or you can go to www.seaplanes.org and join online.

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The utilitarian elegance of flying hulls and amphibious floats. The serene promise of a backcountry lake. The precision ballet of step turns and water taxiing. That's water flying, a unique form of aviating that may be rooted in aeronautical science but looks and feels more like performance art.

Flying in a floatplane or a flying boat is as much like flying in a wheeled airplane as taking off from a fetch of sun-speckled water is to landing on a strip of lined, numbered, lighted, and tower-controlled hard-surface runway. The considerable challenge of mastering the skills needed to operate an airplane on open water swept



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Why get a seaplane rating? Any way you look at it, learning to fly a seaplane will be a bonus to any kind of flying you do. For one, earning a Single- or Multiengine-Sea rating satisfies Federal Aviation Regulation 61.56, which mandates that pilots undertake a formal flight review every two years to stay current. Get a seaplane rating and you're good to go on 61.56 for another two years. But there are plenty of other good reasons to set your sights on getting the rating.

One of those reasons is that learning the basic skills required to safely operate a seaplane will enhance your overall piloting skills. Seaplane flying is much more hands-on, seat-of-the-pants type piloting than it is flying by the numbers. You develop a feel for what the wind and current are doing, and how to compensate. You'll come to recognize when the seaplane climbs up on the step and is skimming along on the "sweet spot," that narrow, lower-drag region between plowing and porpoising that precedes liftoff.

The fact that there are no marked runways on the water means it's up to you to read the conditions and determine takeoff and landing direction, and scan for boaters, obstacles, and other potential hazards. There are no air traffic controllers to tell you where and when you can take off and land. In other words, seaplane flying puts all the decision-making in the cockpit. It rewards good skills and sound judgment—two attributes central to great piloting, no matter what you fly.

So, seaplane flying keeps you current in the FAA's eyes, and sharpens your skills as a pilot. That's motivation enough to learn, but there's another good reason to take up water flying—it's just about the most fun you can have with wings on. Seaplanes open up an entirely new world of flying, travel, recreation, and fun. It's a world accessible only to a fortunate few people, and aviators—seaplane pilots. ■

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The simple answer to that question is that you become an official, properly credentialed seaplane pilot by earning the FAA Single- or Multiengine-Sea (SES and MES) class rating on your airman's certificate, or in the case of a Private, Commercial or Sport Pilot flying a Light Sport Aircraft (LSA), you earn a seaplane endorsement in your logbook.

The SES rating or LSA logbook endorsement is earned through formal instruction. The FAA does not specify a minimum amount of instruction required to earn the rating or endorsement, so it's up to you and your authorized seaplane instructor. It may be as few as four or five hours of dual flight instruction plus the check ride or instructor evaluation, or many more if you want to be razor-sharp on all aspects of handling a seaplane including operating out of confined lakes, docking, and river ops.

The basic level of proficiency required to obtain the rating is nowhere near enough experience to arm you for the real world of water flying, whether in the balmy skies and shallow lakes of Florida or the rugged land and weather of Alaska. Insurance companies often impose their own minimum experience levels and, regardless, it is advisable to pursue additional training in the aircraft and area you plan to utilize.

No written test is required for an SES or MES rating, but ground and flight instruction must be received and logged, and the instructor must recommend you for the practical test. The practical test is administered by the FAA or a designated pilot examiner and consists of an oral exam and check ride. Each covers only those procedures unique to seaplane flying. The FAA's Airman Certification Standards specifies those flight proficiency tasks the applicant should expect on the check ride for an add-on seaplane rating. You can access Airman Certification Standards at www.faa.gov.

The rules are different if you hold a Private, Commercial or Sport Pilot certificate and want to fly an LSA seaplane. There is no SES or MES rating for a Sport Pilot certificate. Instead, a logbook endorsement from an authorized instructor is required before a pilot can operate an LSA seaplane off the water. See accompanying story for details.

Training for a seaplane rating or LSA logbook endorsement has little to do with airwork. In the air a seaplane is an airplane—pull the stick or yoke back, the houses get smaller; push it forward and the houses get bigger. You will spend some time getting used to somewhat different handling in the air due to the floats and you'll probably do a few maneuvers including stalls, but for the most part seaplane training is all about water operations.

You'll learn about idle taxiing, plow taxiing, and step taxiing. How to recognize when the seaplane is on the step, and when to lift off. You'll practice normal, rough, confined and glassy water takeoffs and landings, sailing

techniques, and docking and beaching procedures. You'll learn to evaluate a potential water landing area for wind direction and strength and water depth and available landing/takeoff length, and check for obstacles such as markers, rocks and other hazards including boats and swimmers.

And, most important, you'll have fun. Lots of fun. It's difficult to describe the experience of your first water landing—the approach over the shoreline, the gentle flare, feeling for the lake surface, the floats or hull slap-slap-slap the water, the airplane settling as it slows and, finally, coming to a gentle, bobbing stop. Take a moment to breathe deeply and look around. It is a very strange and wonderful feeling to realize you are sitting in an airplane that you've just landed on the water, and in a moment you'll be taking off from the water.

Airplanes and water aren't supposed to mix, but seaplane pilots know they actually are a wondrous combination. You'll enjoy every moment of discovering that truth! ■



What's the Difference Between Sport Pilot Seaplane Endorsement and Private/Commercial Pilot Seaplane Rating?

The Sport Pilot certificate was introduced in September 2004 in a laudable effort to reduce the time required to train to become a pilot. It calls for a minimum of 20 hours of training compared with 40 hours for a Private Pilot certificate (under FAR Part 61 rules). Lowering the training-time requirement and thus the cost barriers of entry into aviation, making flying more affordable and accessible and, ultimately, growing the pilot population were the goals.

The Sport Pilot certificate is intended mainly for personal recreational flying and thus carries some limitations compared with a Private Pilot certificate. For example, a Sport Pilot can have just one passenger on board whereas there is no such limit for a Private Pilot. Also, a Sport Pilot can only fly under Visual Flight Rules in visual meteorological conditions; he or she cannot obtain an instrument rating or endorsement to fly under Instrument Flight Rules. See Federal Aviation Regulations Part 61.315 for Sport Pilot privileges and limitations.

One of the fundamental changes that came with the Sport Pilot certificate is that no medical certification is required; a valid vehicle driver's license can be used as proof of medical competence provided the prospective pilot was not rejected for his or her last Airman Medical Certificate. A few other restrictions apply to Sport Pilot medical self-certification.

The new rule also created the Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) category of aircraft, which are smaller and have less power than most certificated aircraft. Sport Pilots are only eligible to fly aircraft that are either certified specifically as LSA or were type-certificated prior to the LSA regulations and are within the LSA maximum performance and weight limitations. Maximum gross weight for a seaplane LSA is 1430 pounds, with one exception—the FAA granted a waiver to ICON Aircraft to raise the maximum gross weight of its A5 amphibian 250 pounds to 1,680 pounds, but for various reasons ICON decided to limit the A5 to 1,510 pounds.

Sport Pilots and pilots with a Private or Commercial certificate can fly an LSA or standard-category seaplane solo following formal training and a logbook endorsement from a seaplane-rated CFI. (Note: if you'll be flying an LSA amphibious seaplane with conventional tailwheel landing gear configuration, such as the Progressive Aerodyne Searey, you'll have to add a tailwheel endorsement if you don't already have it.)

- To get the Sport Pilot Seaplane endorsement, you must:
- Receive a logbook endorsement from an authorized CFI certifying appropriate aeronautical knowledge and flight proficiency. The training should be no different than you would get for the Single-Engine Sea rating on a Private or Commercial pilot certificate;
 - Successfully complete a proficiency check from an authorized CFI other than the one with whom you trained;
 - Complete FAA Form 8710-11 for the new privilege and present this application to the authorized CFI who conducted the proficiency check. The FAA will send you a new pilot certificate with the seaplane endorsement noted.

The basic difference between a Single-Engine Sea rating and the Sport Pilot Seaplane endorsement is that the Sport Pilot endorsement does not require a check ride with an FAA Designated Examiner and thus should be less expensive. Note, however, that with a Sport Pilot endorsement you cannot fly solo in a standard-category seaplane such as a Piper Super Cub or Cessna 185 on floats; you must have at least a Private or Commercial Pilot certificate with a Single-Engine Sea rating.

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WHAT TO DO WITH A SEAPLANE

What do you do with a seaplane rating once you have it in your possession?

As noted earlier, it takes practice and experience to acquire the skills and confidence to operate a seaplane in a variety of conditions. But that doesn't mean you can't start enjoying the benefits of seaplane flying right away.

It is true that few seaplane training schools and instructors will rent their aircraft for solo trips, even to students who have just completed their training course, but some do (check the training directory in this issue.)

Of course, the best option is to fly your own. Seaplanes—classic de Havilland Beavers, Piper Cubs and Super Cubs, Cessna high-wing singles, Lake Amphibians, attractive new LSAs on straight or amphib floats—can be purchased for just about any amount

you are willing and able to spend. Owning your own seaplane opens up a world of possibilities—fly when you want and where you want in the type of seaplane best suited to your needs.

One of the basic decisions to make when considering the purchase of a seaplane is straight floats or amphib, or flying boat. Straight floats have the significant advantage of lighter weight and therefore better performance and higher useful load. There's also fewer components to inspect and maintain. Amphibs offer the flexibility of operating off hard-surface runways as well as the water, and the much greater availability of fueling options.

A flying boat or hull seaplane, such as a Lake Amphibian, straddles the line separating a conventional land plane and a thoroughbred straight-float sea-

plane. Most flying boats are amphibious with a retractable landing gear so they offer the flexibility of an amphibious floatplane. But without the added drag of large floats, flying boats can be faster—although speed is not a quality much associated with seaplanes. Most recreational flying boats do have a disadvantage compared to floatplanes in that with the wing positioned much closer to the water compared with a floatplane, docks with wing-crunching pilings are off-limits.

Of course, deciding from among the three choices of seaplane—straight-float, amphib, or flying boat—is the kind of problem we all wish to have.

Once you've solved the problem and have purchased a seaplane, you can begin to enjoy all of the unique pleasures they provide. Each year doz-

ens and dozens of splash-ins are held throughout the United States for seaplane pilots and interested spectators. They range from a lunch gathering at a lakeside restaurant to the week-long splash-in at the EAA AirVenture Seaplane Base on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Florida, a very seaplane-friendly state, has a number of splash-ins held on its many inland lakes. Indiana, Maine, and Washington state, among other U.S. states, also have major splash-ins. SPA's *Water Flying* magazine publishes a Calendar of Events listing splash-ins, as does SPA's Water Landing Directory app and the SPA website (www.seaplanes.org).

One of the more popular uses for seaplanes is to reach remote fishing grounds, whether domestically or in Canada. Take off from your home base or water and fly directly to where the fish and the fish camps are and the people are not. Or, if you live in the Lower 48 and are up for the adventure

trip of a lifetime, head for Alaska. The state has a network of small wooden cabins situated on the shorelines of remote lakes that can be rented for modest rates. Seaplane owner and pilot Tom Bass wrote a series of articles about the Alaska cabin system for SPA's *Water Flying* magazine, and he maintains a website with comprehensive information about the cabins,

including copies of his articles. See www.publiclakecabinsak.com

With a seaplane at your disposal you can embark on an adventure trip to one or more remote lakes, accessible only by the most determined hikers and canoeists—and seaplane pilots. Camp, fish, hike, and relax, and enjoy the solitude and serenity. And be sure to thank your seaplane for making it all possible. ■



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WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION?

Lots of great information is available to pilots wishing to transition to seaplanes. The Seaplane Pilots Association and the FAA have informative resources for prospective seaplane pilots, as does the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and knowledgeable seaplane instructor/authors.

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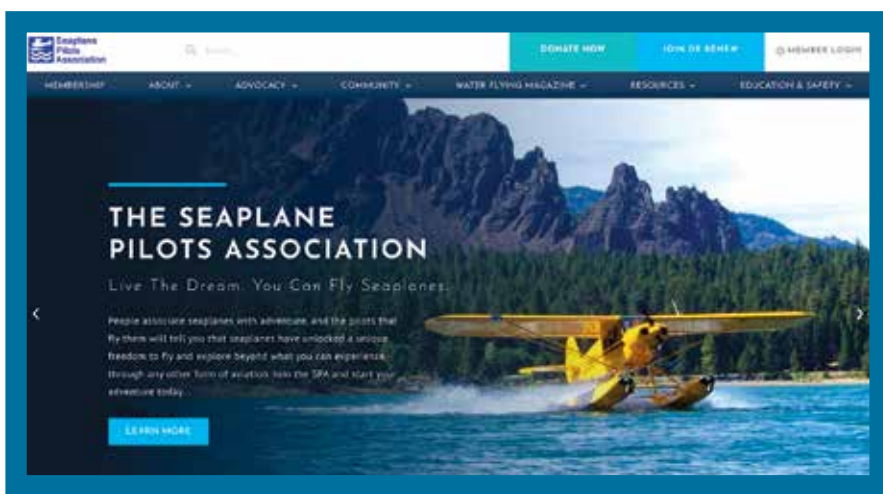
The Seaplane Pilots Association's primary focus is to promote safe seaplane operations and to protect our privilege to share our nation's waterways with other recreational, government and commercial operators.

SPA staff, field directors and members work around the nation to ensure our fair access to waterways. SPA is the only organization in the world solely dedicated to advocating for seaplane pilots and operators at local, state and national levels. We do this by working with pilots, communities and governing agencies to resolve conflicts and ensure fair and equal access through positive outreach. We educate policymakers and the public with programs and materials so decisions can be made from an informed perspective.

Along with advocacy, the primary benefits of being a member of the Seaplane Pilots Association are a members-only subscription to the bimonthly Water Flying magazine—the only full-color glossy magazine dedicated to covering the events, news and opportunities that the seaplane flying community has to offer. Along with receiving the Water Flying print edition, each active member has access to an online electronic copy of the magazine.

Another great benefit of SPA membership is access to the Water Landing Directory. The Water Landing Directory is available both online and via a mobile app for iPhones, iPads and Android devices. Features of the Water Landing Directory app and web directory include:

- Listing of known regulations affecting waterways

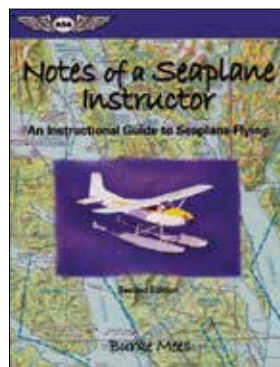


- A comprehensive listing of seaplane bases across the country, with search capability
- A comprehensive listing of seaplane fuel locations across the country with search capability
- A complete listing of seaplane training flight schools in the U.S. and internationally
- Seaplane destinations and events guides

SPA's website (www.seaplanes.org) has many information resources for rated and prospective seaplane pilots including a description of regulations affecting seaplanes; water flying information for each U.S. state; a primer on aquatic invasive species and how seaplane pilots can be part of the solution; front-burner advocacy issues; and a Calendar of Events, among other information resources.

You also can join the Seaplane Pilots Association or renew your membership from the website or become a Lifetime member of the association.

The website also has a Shopping section with seaplane merchandise including hats, jackets, t-shirts, belts, an SPA flag and several excellent water flying instructional and pilot proficiency books.



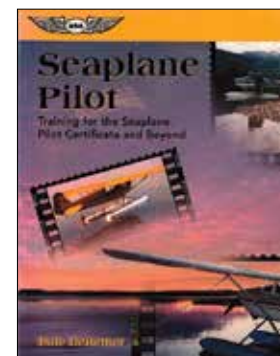
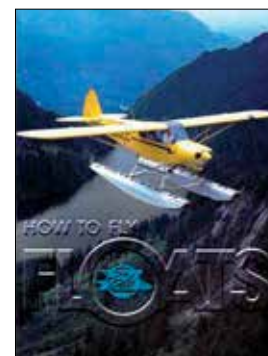
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Notes of a Seaplane Instructor is a distillation of all the tips, techniques and procedures learned over the years by a veteran seaplane flyer and teacher, presented in an easily understood and informative style. Author Burke Mees has an affinity for the feel of the floats on the water and how to communicate that in writing as well as a sensible, professional approach to seaplane flying. This is a resource you will turn to often for insight and guidance.

With several hundred thousand copies sold, *How to Fly Floats* by JJ Frey probably is the number-one-selling seaplane training book of all time.

This 65-page handbook is a quick and concise resource for knowing exactly what you need to know to earn your seaplane rating. Topics include preflighting; taxiing; takeoffs and landings; sailing; rules of the road; mooring; docking and beaching; flying amphibians; service and maintenance; getting your rating; and inland restrictions.

Seaplane Pilot is a great book for pilots looking to earn a seaplane rating, and those who may already have it and want to expand the depth of their knowledge. This comprehensive 398-page book by Dale DeRemer provides a deeper, more academic discussion of water flying than most other seaplane training books.



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Seaplane, Skiplane, and Float/Ski-Equipped Helicopter Operations Handbook is the official book published by the FAA on seaplane training. We have to take our hats off to the FAA on this one for a job well done. The Handbook is one of our favorite seaplane training books. At an easy-to-

read 80 pages, it is used as the primary training book and study guide by many seaplane schools in the United States.

Seaplaning is written by Mike Kincaid, who began flying seaplanes from Lake Hood, Alaska, in 1978. Piloting Super Cubs, Cessnas, and Beavers for the Alaska Department of Public Safety and the Civil Air Patrol, he adventured through much of Bush Alaska as a Trooper. He has operated two seaplane instruction schools and has been an FAA-Designated Seaplane Pilot Examiner in north Idaho, where he also flies a variety of seaplanes for fun.

Although not a seaplane-specific training manual, *The Lost Art* is a unique approach to providing the reader with tailwheel flying knowledge and proficiency. Author Burke Mees provides his informed insight on tailwheel operations and practical tailwheel-flying techniques through the device of an action adventure novel. He delves deep into the tailwheel underworld to reveal long-hidden ancient secrets of tailwheel flying. You'll enjoy and learn from this book.

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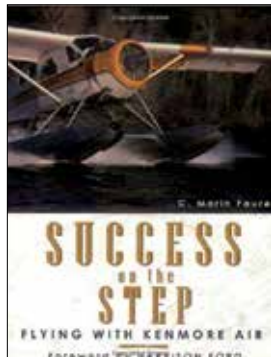
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Alaska Justice and *Alaska & Beyond* by Mike Kincaid feature glaciers, grizzlies, blizzards, plane crashes, even crazed-killers—nothing stops Trooper/Bush Pilot Jack Blake from administering frontier justice. *Alaska & Beyond*, the sequel to *Alaska Justice*, is the continuing adventures of Alaska Trooper/Bush pilot Jack Blake and Jet.

wind and the water, and how to master water takeoffs and landings. Along the way, you'll get real-world tips to help advance your skills from noted seaplane instructors Jon Brown and John Rennie.

ALASKA'S BUSH PILOTS... THE REAL DEAL

This DVD is about the wonderful lives of Alaskan bush pilots. It takes you into the cockpit, deep into the wilderness. You will experience the truly magnificent landscapes of these remote areas and learn the truth about these aviators. If you have ever dreamed of flying at treetop level and having an adventure of a lifetime, then this movie is made for you!

60 DEGREES NORTH

This 66-minute DVD provides a fascinating bush pilot's view of Alaska,

Yukon, Northwest Territories and British Columbia.

Above the 60th parallel lies a land of rugged wilderness and scenic splendor. On this grand stage one bush pilot, his de Havilland Beaver and his faithful canine make an epic 2000-mile journey few have ever completed. Sparsely narrated, rich in scenery and music, this video was produced to be seen again and again.

SEAPLANE FOUNDATION

The resources of the Seaplane Pilots Association are stretched thin by the need to confront the constantly evolving variety and scope of challenges to seaplane access to public waterways across the country. As it is with other national general aviation associations, SPA's annual membership dues revenue is not sufficient to support the efforts necessary to be both an effective advocate for the seaplane community and also provide other important member benefits such as pilot education and outreach programs.

SPA's board of directors responded to the need by authorizing the formation of the Seaplane Foundation, chartered by the IRS in 2008 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

The Seaplane Foundation works to protect and promote the water flying community through advocacy, community development, science and education. The Foundation magnifies the efforts of the Seaplane Pilots Association by developing community activities, conducting safety programs seminars and seaplane workshops, creating educational programs, addressing threats to seaplane access such as invasive species, and building the next generation of seaplane pilots through scholarship and youth development programs.

Learn more about the Seaplane Foundation at www.seaplanefoundation.org

FAA AIRMAN CERTIFICATION STANDARDS (ACS)

Practical Test Standards—what the oral and check ride require—for seaplanes are contained within the separate Airmen Certification Standards for ATP, Commercial, and Private Pilots. The

FAA describes the ACS as "an enhanced version of the Practical Test Standards (PTS). It adds task-specific knowledge and risk management elements to each PTS Area of Operation and Task. The result is a comprehensive presentation that integrates the standards for what an applicant needs to know, consider, and do in order to pass both the knowledge test and the practical test for a certificate or rating." To view the ACS for each pilot certificate go to: https://www.faa.gov/training_testing/testing/test_standards/

Printed copies of Airmen Certification Standards are available from a number of publishers.

WHEN ON THE WATER

Any time a seaplane is operating on the water, whether under power or not, it is required to comply with U.S. Coast Guard navigation rules applicable to vessels. The USCG rules say, in part, "A seaplane on the water shall, in general, keep well clear of all vessels and avoid impeding their navigation..."

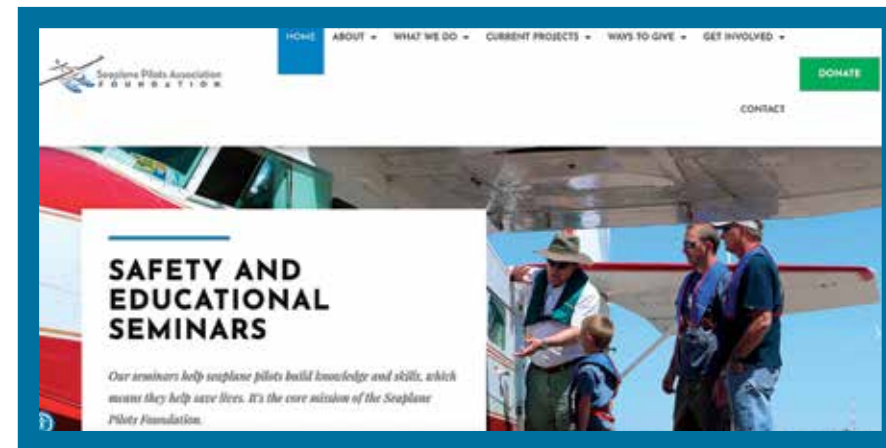
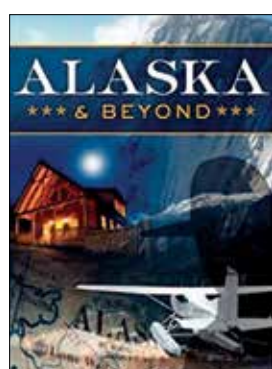
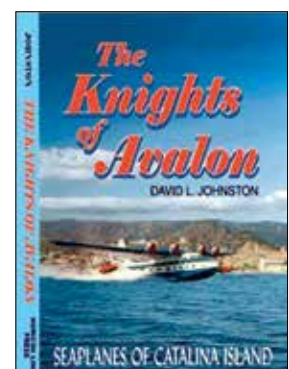
The FAA states that CFR Section 91.115 should ensure compliance with those USCG rules. Here is the opening statement in 91.115: "Each person operating an aircraft on the water shall, insofar as possible, keep clear of all vessels and avoid impeding their navigation, and shall give way to any vessel or other aircraft that is given the right-of-way by any rule of this section."

It is highly recommended that you be familiar with both sets of rules—USCG and FAA. Here's the web address for USGS inland and international navigation rules:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=NavRulesAmalgamated>

STATE REGULATIONS

The best source of information on what waterways are open to seaplane operations is SPA's Water Landing Directory app. It is a comprehensive listing by state of regulations affecting seaplanes; and waterways that are open to seaplane operations, allow for restricted operations, or are closed to seaplane operations. The information is provided to SPA by its members; the information should be checked with the waterway's controlling authority before departing. ■



How many times have you seen another pilot stare wistfully at a passing floatplane or flying boat and mumble, “I’ve always wanted to get a seaplane rating.” So what’s holding them back? Earning the Single-Engine Sea rating may be the most enjoyable aviation training experience a pilot can have. There’s just something about landing an airplane on the water—and then being able to take off—that sets seaplane flying apart from every other form of aviating. As any seaplane-rated pilot will attest, learning the skill set required to fly a seaplane safely and well is a thoroughly satisfying experience.

What is not always understood outside the seaplane community is the breadth of training choices available. For example, the rating can be earned quickly—in a weekend—or combined with a true bush-flying adventure that may take a week or longer.

And then there’s the choice of flying machine in which to train. Do you fancy a minimalist, straight-float Piper Cub, a familiar Cessna 172 modified for the water, a more-powerful Maule on amphibious floats, a Lake Amphibian flying boat, or one of the new Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) flying boat or floatplane designs?

Earning the SES rating should not be the end goal, either. Want to add the word “Multi” to your pilot credentials? Plenty of aircraft options there, too, from an AirCam to an Albatross, and everything in between. You could even sign up for training in a Twin Bee and earn the trifecta—a Multiengine rating, a Multiengine-Sea rating, and a tailwheel endorsement.

But seaplane training is not just about earning ratings. Training shouldn’t end once you have the rating, especially if you are not flying on and off the water regularly. From regaining proficiency in the basics of seaplane flying to learning more advanced sailing and docking techniques, training is a process that should be pursued regularly.

What to train for, what to train in, where to train, and who to train with—all of those questions can be answered in the following pages. The information also is available on the Seaplane Pilots Association website (www.seaplanepilotsassociation.org) in the Members section (click on “Operators”).

If you don’t have a seaplane rating yet, or know of pilots who don’t, here’s your resource to get started. If you are rated, maybe it’s time to take the next step and take some refresher or advanced training, or even add that long-sought Multiengine Sea to your certificate.

Water Flying’s 2021 Seaplane Training Directory of seaplane flight schools and instructors is intended to be comprehensive, but if we’ve missed someone please let us know. We’ll update the website listings.

2021 SEAPLANE TRAINING DIRECTORY

ALABAMA

WaterWings Seaplane School

2013 Bridgelake Dr., Hoover, AL 35244

Contact: Charles Welden: (tel) 205-651-7000; 888-I-FLY-WET; 888-435-9938

Email: iflywet@gmail.com

Website: waterwings.com

Hourly Rates

	Dual	Solo
Aviat Husky A-1B Amphibian (SES)	\$325	N/A
Super Petrel Light Sport	\$325	N/A
Grumman G44A Super Widgeon (MES)	\$450	N/A
Lockwood AirCam Amphibian	\$350	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Commercial Multiengine Sea (G44A)	4-6	\$6500
Pvt/Commercial Single-engine Sea	4-6	\$2500
Light sport (SES)	4-6	\$2500

Package rates include checkride

Comments: WaterWings is a one-stop shop for Single-Engine and Multiengine Sea ratings. Adding a seaplane rating or just getting current should be a fun, relaxing, and safe treat for any pilot, and our goal is to help you achieve just that. Our instructors and even our examiners strive to make this a great lifetime memory. Our location, KEET, just south of Birmingham, provides great service and easy access to area lakes, which offer a mix of river and lake environments, with varied and stunning views of the Alabama wilderness. We often see eagles, herons, geese, ducks, and other residents of our waterways. We fly off the Coosa River, Lay Lake, Lake Mitchell, Logan Martin Lake, and Lake Martin. If you want other flying adventures while visiting our facility or just need to get current, we offer several other hard-to-find treats. We offer Multiengine Land in our Piper Twin Aztec. We have tailwheel training in our Piper J3 Cub. We offer Aerobatic, Spin and Upset Training in our American Champion Super Decathlon. We have an examiner on staff.

ALASKA

Acme Cub Training

3610 Aircraft Drive Unit A, Anchorage, AK 99502

Contact: Steven Williams: 907-250-6030 (tel)

Email: acmecub@gmail.com

Website: <http://acmecub.blogspot.com>

Instagram: acmecub

Hourly Rates

	Dual	Solo
PA-18-150 Skis	\$350	N/A
PA-18-150 Floats	\$350	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Single Engine Seaplane		
SES Training with checkride	5.5	\$3350
Flight Review - BFR in our Cub	2	\$800
Flight Review - BFR in your aircraft	2	\$600

Comments: Our office is now located in a new hangar at Lake Hood. This new location provides a great maintenance facility, classroom space, and pilot lounge. ACME Cub Training offers float training, back-country/off-airport train-

ing, and ski training. We teach pilots how to identify usable landing areas and make “go/no-go” decisions. We teach pilots to notice the conditions and factors that lead to the dreaded “Moose Stall” and how to avoid these situations. Float instruction season begins in May each year when the ice goes out at the Lake Hood Seaplane Base. We have been giving floatplane instruction at Space 801 since 1991. The curriculum is fine-tuned and teaches pilots to be safe and capable to fly in the conditions they will experience in the Alaska bush. Our Single-Engine Seaplane course includes a segment to individualize the training to the student’s needs. We focus this time on the areas that the student is having difficulty with, or we add advanced techniques when working with a pilot that progresses ahead of schedule.

Alaska Float Ratings

Alaska Float Ratings

P.O. Box 4, Moose Pass, AK 99631

Contact: Vern Kingsford, owner: 907-362-9178 (tel); 907-288-3647 (fax)

Email: vernkingsford@yahoo.com

Website: www.alaskafloatratings.com

www.scenicmountainair.com

www.traillakeview.com
www.alaskafloatratingsreviews.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper PA-18-150	\$300	N/A
Cessna 172-180	\$350	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Optimal SES Rating		
Extra time if not current	10	\$2999
Adventure Course		
Lots of extra time to explore	15	\$4299
SES Rating Float Flying in Mountains	6	\$2299
Advanced/Recurrent SES		
Float Refresher	3	\$999
Mountain Flying		
Mountain & Canyon Inst.	6	\$1899
Flight Review on Floats	1	\$565
Alaska Floatplane Safari		
2 nights lodging & meals	12	\$4299

Comments: Float flying May through Sept. "This is the real thing." Examiner on site, fee \$500. Dual only. Free \$1900 mountain flying course with your SES rating. Small cabins and three-bedroom luxury cottage available. See website for SES courses with lodging. Alaska Floatplane Safari includes two nights lodging and meals.

Alaska Floats & Skis, Inc.

P.O. Box 139, Talkeetna, AK 99676
Contact: Don Lee, Founder/CEO: 907-733-4500
Email: scheduling@alaskafloats.com
Website: alaskafloats.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-22 160, 160 HP	\$350	NA
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Rating	6	\$2775
Checkride		\$600
<i>Includes three nights lodging on lake, five hours ground school, one-hour survival course, and the course syllabus and book, Notes of a Seaplane Instructor.</i>		
Bush Pilot	5	\$2275
<i>Includes three nights lodging on lake, three-hour ground school, and one-hour survival course.</i>		
Ski Pilot	5	\$2275
<i>Includes three nights lodging on lake, three hours ground school, and glacier house rental option.</i>		

Comments: Experience real backcountry flying with views of the Alaskan Range and majestic Denali. Our seaplane base and lodge are located only two miles from beautiful, downtown Talkeetna. Each course includes ground instruction, training material, and three nights of lodging. Already have your float rating? Come rent a floatplane with an instructor; go where you like, fish, hike, and explore. We also offer recurrent seaplane training, advanced seaplane training, flight reviews, bush flying training, and skiplane training. Please see website for full pricing list. We will put together a package that is just right for you.

Alaska Flying Adventures

3609 N. Gunflint Trail., Wasilla, AK 99623
Contact: Alan Carpenter: 907/202-6402
Email: alancarpenter6969@aol.com
Website: alaskaflyingadventures.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 185 on EDO 3430 floats	\$565/hr	N/A
Cessna 172 on PK 2300 floats	\$395/hr	N/A

Course Rates

We provide seaplane training at the private and commercial level. Add-on float ratings typically take five to seven hours, plus the checkride. Examiners charge \$700. Designated pilot examiner on staff. In addition to add-on seaplane ratings, we offer insurance checkouts, advanced floatplane operation training, and a mountain flying course. Our specialty is training airline pilots for their ASES add-on rating and recurrent training.

Comments: Are you considering a floatplane rating or doing recurrent or advanced seaplane training? Then call Alaska Flying Adventures. Located just one hour north of Anchorage, Alaska, by car, or a mere 15-minute flight from Lake Hood Seaplane Base, we offer the most convenient, time-saving floatplane courses in the most beautiful place in North America: ALASKA! Training takes 2 1/2 days to complete, and all study materials are sent to you in advance so your downtime can be spent fishing or just relaxing on our dock.

Arctic Flyers

Lake Hood, Anchorage, Alaska
Contact: Heidi Ruess, owner: 907-243-3953 (tel); 907-242-0413 (cell/pgr)
Email: rruess@gci.net
Website: arcticflyers.net

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Taylorcraft F-19	\$240	N/A
Taylorcraft BC12D	\$240	N/A
Cessna 172 PK 2300	\$350	
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Flying - Ground School	4	\$240

Comments: Two Taylorcraft F-19 floatplanes, BC-12D and F-19 and a Cessna 172 on PK 2300 floats. Dual only. Flight instruction provided by two experienced flight instructors, each with more than 32,000 hours flight time, working out of Lake Hood since 1967. Our main goal is safety and the success of our students.

Blue River Aviation

780 E Yukon St. Hangar 104, Palmer AK 99645
Contact: 907-414-0371
Email: fly@blueriveraviation.com
Website: https://www.blueriveraviation.com/float-rating

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18-150 180 HP	\$375	N/A
Cessna 172 180 HP	\$300	N/A

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
PA-18-150 180 HP	6	\$2400
Cessna 172 180 HP	6	\$1900

Our floatplane add-on course includes up to six hours in the plane, ground training and the checkride flight (checkride fee not included). The course takes two to three days to complete including the checkride.

Comments: Learn to fly floats in our Super Cub or C172, landing on beautiful remote lakes in Alaska. Our floatplane course will include flying around the Talkeetna and Chugach mountain range and finishing up with a check ride in Talkeetna. We also offer seaplane refresher courses and off-airport, backcountry mountain training. Our flight school is located one hour north of Anchorage in Palmer, Alaska.

Dragonfly Aero Seaplane Training

P.O. Box 2420, Homer, AK 99603
Contact: Alex Clark, owner: 907/226-2899; 907-299-3299 (cell)
Email: dragonfly@alaska.net
Website: dragonflyaero.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18-160hp on floats	\$299	N/A
Your plane, winter or summer	\$50/hr	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES package, comm. or private,		
8 hours flight, 4 hours ground time,		
plus three nights in guest cabin	8-10	\$2895
SES package without guest cabin		\$2595

Checkride fees additional and paid to independent examiner.
Flight review in our plane \$350
Flight review in your plane \$100
Summer guest pilot cabin rates: \$125 per night for two people max, plus sales tax. Winter cabin rates: \$90 per night.

Comments: Homer is my hometown, and we are here all year. We have two inflatable two-person kayaks and some fly-fishing gear. I am also a freshwater fishing guide. Float-flying season is May through early October, depending on when spring thaw occurs. We will make a cross-country flight to the examiner. Flightseeing flights. Our guest cabin has a queen bed, double futon, fridge, microwave, barbecue, dining table, plates, TV, DVDs and a restroom with a shower. We have a 7.85% local sales tax which caps at anything over \$500. Call or email any time.

Foothill Aviation

Lake Iliamna, Alaska
Contact: Brian Harry owner/instructor; 412-527-9346
Email: Brian@foothillaviation.com
Website: foothillaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 182 on amphibis	\$395	N/A
Piper Super Cub	\$295	N/A
PA-12	\$295	N/A
<i>Beaver and 206 and block-time specials call for prices.</i>		
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Basic (ASES) in Piper Super Cub		
in Piper Super Cub	7	\$2500
in Cessna 182	7	\$3150



Advanced (High Mountain Training) in Piper Super Cub	\$895
in Cessna 182	\$1250

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The Goose Hangar

Bellanca Drive on Lake Hood, Anchorage, AK 99603
Owner: John Pletcher
Contact: Burke Mees, instructor: 907/696-1945
Email: bmees@mtaonline.net
Website: goosehangar.com

Comments: We offer flight training in a 1944 Grumman Goose. The hourly rate is \$1,450 / flight hour (air time), and we also offer a day-session that includes about 3.5 hours for \$3,900. All flights are customized to meet your specific training goals and usually include a stop for lunch at a scenic Alaska lake. On a limited basis we are able to offer the MES add-on rating to applicants who have the SES and MEL ratings for a package price of \$11,500. The MES rating is a thorough four-day course that covers all aspects of flying hull amphibians in general and the Goose in particular. We also offer a Biennial Flight Review for pilots who are already MES rated. We operate during the ice-free months, which usually begin in May and last through sometime in October. For more details please see the website goosehangar.com.

Wattum Aircraft Services LLC

6314 East Mountain Goat Circle, Wasilla, AK 99654
Contact: Joel Wattum: 907-947-4017
Email: joelwattum@gmail.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 170B, 180hp, Aerocet 2200	\$350	N/A
Cessna 172G, 180hp, Aerocet 2200	\$350	N/A
Dual instruction in your plane	\$ 80	N/A
Examiner we use as of this post	\$600	
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Call for information.		

Comments: We are located in the Mat Su valley at Wolf Lake Airport 4AK6, just minutes from the Knik Glacier. Lots of lakes to practice on very close by. Many other activities close by and only one-hour drive north of Anchorage or 15 minutes by air. Lake, asphalt, and gravel runways. Our main focus is dual instruction in your LSA aircraft and flight reviews on floats, which many insurance companies require. We will work with you in your aircraft, which you are already familiar with, to optimize your training experience and save you time and money.



ARIZONA

Lake Havasu Seaplanes

PO Box 2700, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405
Contact: Glenn Patterson: 928/733-7122
Email: info@lakehavasuseaplanes.com
Website: lakehavasuseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
DHC - 2 Beaver Amphib	\$950	
Cessna 172 Amphib	\$400	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Pvt'Com Add-on Beaver	6	\$6500
Pvt/Com Add-on C172	6	\$2850
<i>2-3 hours ground included</i>		
ATP add-on SES rating	3	\$3500
Flight Review or Seaplane Refresher	1-2	\$500-\$800

Comments: Lake Havasu Seaplanes trains and operates on the beautiful blue waters of the Colorado River and Lake Havasu, which offer excellent open water, confined areas, and river-channel training. We operate a clean and well-maintained IFR-certified Cessna 172N, 180HP conversion with a power-flow exhaust system on Baumann amphibious floats, and a DHC-2 Beaver on amphib floats. Land operations are conducted from our home base airport, KHII. We enjoy 9 months of gorgeous weather here in the desert. One-year membership with the Seaplane Pilots Association included.

CALIFORNIA

Alpine Aviation

13310 Nevada City Ave., Grass Valley, CA 95945
Contact: Gordon Mills: 530-477-7701
Email: gordon@flyalpine.com
Website: flyalpine.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Lake LA-4-200	\$430	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Transition (4-hr ground)	6-8	\$4000

Comments: Minimum requirement: Private Pilot certificate; complete endorsement included. Commercial SES and CFI available.

California Sport Aviation

Sacramento region and Lodi Airport (103)
Contact: Bill Bardin, sport pilot flight instructor: 916-488-2FLY
Email: billbardin@surewest.net
Website: https://www.californiasportaviation.com/

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Your airplane	\$100	N/A

Comments: Complete flight training in all LSA single-engine seaplanes—initial, refresher, transition, and advanced training. Client provides aircraft. Hours are Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri., 9 am - 2 pm. Bill Bardin has 27 years of experience training pilots of all ages and backgrounds. He specializes in light sport aircraft and was chosen to be in the first group of eight sport pilot instructors in 2005. He has a reputation as a great teacher and pilot and loves to help pilots attain their goals. With the California Delta providing 1,200 miles of waterways and mountain lakes nearby, he is able to train pilots in a variety of beautiful and fun places.

Foothill Aviation

3600 Carol Kennedy Dr., San Andreas, CA 95249
Contact: Brian Harry, owner/instructor: 412-527-9346
Email: brian@foothillaviation.com
Website: foothillaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 182 on amphibis	\$395	N/A
Piper Super Cub	\$295	N/A
PA-12	\$295	N/A

Beaver and 206 and block-time specials. Call for prices.

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
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High Flight Aviation

Contact: Shane Terpstra: 619-500-6367
Email: info@hfaviation.com
Website: www.hfaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Lake Amphibian (LA-4-180)	\$280	\$180
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES Initial (commercial or private)	8	\$2,500
ASES Refresher	2-3	\$800

Comments: Come join us for an unforgettable experience. This is one of the only companies in the country that has the ability to allow solo rental of a Lake Amphibian! We run our courses from October through May. Our courses are generally done on the beautiful and amazingly versatile Colorado River with some flexibility for some additional adventures in the lakes of Central California. Check us out at hfaviation.com for the latest information.

ICON Aircraft

2141 ICON Way, Vacaville, CA 95688
Contact: ICON Sales: 707-564-4100
Email: fly@iconaircraft.com
Website: https://www.iconaircraft.com/flight-training/

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
ICON A5		\$345*
Ground Training		\$95
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
A5 Transition	5-8	

Included with factory A5 purchase

*Rates are all dual, wet. No solo rentals. Transition training includes ground school, dual instruction, and course materials for ICON's Transition Landplane (TX-L) or Transition Seaplane (TX-S) course.

Comments: The ICON Flight Center (IFC) in Vacaville, CA is located on Nut Tree Airport (KVCB) adjacent to ICON's Corporate Headquarters and Aircraft Completion Center. IFC NorCal is open year-round and provides initial transition training, proficiency/recurrency training, and A5 Instructor Pilot training to ICON A5 owners, position holders, and training partners. In addition, IFC NorCal has a full-service maintenance facility, including composite repair capability, for the amphibious ICON A5. To learn more about A5 ownership programs or to inquire about becoming an ICON Flight Training Partner, please contact us at fly@iconaircraft.com.

Los Angeles Seaplanes / Long Beach Seaplanes

Long Beach Airport, 3333 E. Spring St. #205, Long Beach, CA 90806
Contact: Michael Steel, owner: 858-453-8833
Email: seaplanes@gmail.com
Website: seaplanesoflosangeles.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Electric Seaplanes (arriving soon)	\$400	\$340
Republic SeaBee Amphibian	\$300	\$240
Cessna 182 Amphibian	\$300	\$240
Helio Courier Amphibian		
(six passenger), ultra STOL	\$940	\$860
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES, Pvt and Com	5-7	\$1500
SES, Pvt and Com		
in Helio Courier Amphib	5-7	\$3400
Open Ocean Techniques	6-8	\$4000
Catalina Island SES, Pvt and Com	6-8	\$4000

Comments: SES package includes ground school and flight instruction. Free seaplane ground school: online or on-site. Open year round with excellent weather. Summer average 78 degrees, winter 68 degrees. World-class museums and attractions close by: Disneyland, Universal Studios, Magic Mountain, and Knott's Berry Farm. Please see our full-page ads in this *Seaplane Training Directory* and see our ad for electric Seaplanes in the March/April Seaplane Pilots Association *Water Flying* magazine.

San Diego Seaplanes

1140 Wall St., Ste. 125, La Jolla, CA 92037
Contact: Michael Steel, owner: 808-732-7526 (tel)

Email: seaplanes@gmail.com
Website: sandiegoeaplanes.com and kayakseaplanewhalewatching.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Electric Seaplanes (arriving soon)	\$400	\$340
Republic SeaBee Amphibian	\$300	\$240
Cessna 182 Amphibian	\$300	\$240
Helio Courier Amphibian		
(6 passenger), ultra STOL	\$940	\$860
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES, Pvt and Com	5-7	\$1500
SES, Pvt and Com		
in Helio Courier Amphib	5-7	\$3400
Open Ocean Techniques	6-8	\$4000
Catalina Island SES, Pvt and Com	6-8	\$4000

Comments: SES package includes ground school and flight instruction. Free seaplane ground school: online or on-site. Open year round with excellent weather. Summer average 77 degrees, winter 65 degrees. World-class museums and attractions close by: SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo & Safari Park, Balboa Park, museums, some of the best beaches in California, and 80 miles away: Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Knott's Berry Farm. Please see our full-page ads in this *Seaplane Training Directory* and see our ad for electric seaplanes in the March/April Seaplane Pilots Association *Water Flying* magazine.

CONNECTICUT

Malcolm Dickinson

Contact: Malcolm Dickinson, seaplane instructor: 203-698-2600
Email: malcolm.dickinson@gmail.com

Comments: Malcolm Dickinson is a CFI with 20 years of experience giving dual instruction in Lake Amphibians. He holds single- and multiengine seaplane ratings and has experience flying amphib Cessna Caravans for a New York City air-taxi service. He does not own a seaplane at present but travels widely to do delivery flights and give instruction in Lake and other hulled amphibians. He is an authorized instructor for ICON Aircraft.

Sport Flying of CT

81 Kenosia Ave., Danbury, CT 06810
Contact: Anthony Debany: 203-895-1204
Email: sportflyingct@gmail.com
Website: www.sportflyingct.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Maule M-7 260 amphibian	\$405	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES Pvt/Com add-on (Maule)	6	\$3000

Examiner on staff; examiner fee included in course price.

Comments: Two-day course is complete including check ride, course guide and ground school. Six hours flight time included with course, then billed at the hourly rate. Just about the most fun you can have in an airplane! Most students complete on time and on budget. Seaplane time-building packages available.

FLORIDA

Adventure Air Inc.

6223 US Hwy. 27 N PMB21, Sebring, FL 33870
Contact: Arthur Stifel: 863-273-0910
Email: Arthur@adventureairinc.com
Website: adventureairinc.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
LA 4-200	\$250	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
LA 4-200	10	\$2400

Comments: We specialize in Lake Amphibian training, providing initial, recurrent, and advanced training. Our emphasis is on a thorough learning experience designed and structured for those pilots owning or looking to own their own amphibian. We also conduct local sightseeing flights and charters and assist in ferrying your airplane.

Adventure Seaplanes, Inc.

November-April
 Cherry Pocket Restaurant - Fish Camp
 3100 Canal Rd., Lake Wales, FL 33898
Contact: Brian Schanche: 612-868-4243
Email: adventurseaplanes@gmail.com
Website: adventurseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172, Bauman 2550	\$290	N/A
CFI time build	\$200	
Cessna 185 Amphib		
330HP Aerocet 3400	\$450	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
C172 Recurrency and BFR		\$895
C172 Basic and BFR		\$1795
C185 Amphib Florida coast		
and Keys tour	6	\$2700
C185 Amphib Complex and BFR	8	\$3650
Citabria Tailwheel and BFR Basic	5	\$1150

Comments: Our Instructors are high-time and experienced with thousands of hours in many types of aircraft. You will learn canals, rivers, lakes, beaching, docking, ramping, securing aircraft, refueling, etc., with many restaurants to fly to for a very fun and advanced training program, along with happy hour at the end of the day at the Cherry Pocket. Florida Keys and Bahama tours are available. Bring someone else along to enjoy your advanced training vaca-

tion. Minnesota-Canada fishing and Alaska group tours are available in the summer months. We are the only place in Florida where you learn to drive an airboat when you fly our seaplanes. Plus, we have RV sites and cabin rentals available on site for a warm winter vacation.

Belford Flying Service

228 Golf View Dr., Auburndale, FL 33823
520 South State St., Westerville, OH 43081
Contact: Captain Richard Belford: 800-992-2376, 614-562-9301
Email: cptruck@ix.netcom.com

Comments: Certified seaplane training for: initial and recurrent seaplane ratings/training; CFI – proficiency training; all Lake LA-4 models; Searey, most other LSAs; most single-engine floats and amphibian floats (initial Insurance issuance and/or renewal). Seaplane ratings include Ground School CD—training at your location or in Ohio and/or central Florida. We are responsible for opening the Ohio seaplane landing areas at Ohio State Parks. Free registration with Ohio Dept. of Aviation is only requirement to use the waters.

Brown's Seaplane Base, Inc.

2704 Highway 92 West, Winter Haven, FL 33881
Contact: Ben Shipps, owner: 863-956-2243 (tel); 863-956-3242 (fax)
Email: info@brownsseaplane.com
Website: brownsseaplane.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper J-3 Cub	\$195	N/A
Piper Super Cub PA-18	\$265	N/A
Maule M7	\$375	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Piper J-3	5	\$1700
Super Cub	5	\$2100
Maule	5	\$2700

SES course pricing includes ground school, study material, five hours of dual instruction, aircraft rental for checkride and examiner fee. Additional instruction provided at hourly rates. Need a flight review or tuneup? Ask about our one-day course.

Comments: Introductory flights, dual instruction, flight reviews, sport, private, and commercial seaplane ratings in J-3 Cubs to high-performance, complex floatplanes. We've got something for everyone. Specializing in training and certifying new seaplane pilots since 1963, we've got it down to a science. Dedicated, professional instructors are ready to put the fun back into flying and introduce you to the wonderful world of floats

Cypress Seaplane Adventures

PO Box 2191, Auburndale, FL 33823
Contact: Ricci Rowe: 863-604-8287
Email: cypress.seaplanes@gmail.com



Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 180	\$325	N/A
Cessna 172	\$290	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES pvt/com Cessna 180	6	\$1995
SES pvt/com Cessna 172	6	\$1795

Comments: We offer specialized SES training that prepares you to fly in all types of environments. All of our instructors are high-time professional seaplane pilots with extensive experience. We are located in Central Florida, which offers a wide variety of lakes and rivers to train in and many great restaurants to visit.

Florida Seaplanes

259 Robin Ct. Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
Contact: David Hensch: 386/248-2010 (cell), 407/331-5655 (tel)
Email: FloridaSeaplanes@hotmail.com
Website: flyfloatplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Maule M7-235 Straight	\$400	N/A
Maule M7-235 Amphib	\$450	N/A
Your aircraft	\$100	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES	up to 6	\$2000

Comments: Offering single-engine land and sea, PVT, COM, and ATP. Flight training for a safer tomorrow. Utilizing high-performance/complex seaplanes and offering a wide variety of takeoff and landing situations, including large and small lakes and rivers. Buddy training available. Central Florida/Orlando/Daytona Beach area. Florida Seaplanes tailors its courses to match your experience and background. Your instructor has not hundreds of hours of seaplane experience, but thousands of hours, and instructs in a manner to ensure you thoroughly enjoy your introduction to flying floatplanes. We want to ensure that you become a safe and courteous seaplane pilot. Our motto is: "Seaplanes are more Fun!" You will see why.

Fly the Beach

4607 Legendary Marina Dr., Destin, FL 32541 (Inside LuLu Buffett's)
Contact: 850-290-2261
Email: contactus@flythebeach.com
Website: flythebeach.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Introductory flights	\$100	N/A
Dual instruction	\$300	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES Endorsements	5.5	\$1,800

Includes ground school and checkout

Comments: Training, sales, and service of top three LSA seaplanes, all in the beautiful beach town of Destin, with two full-time CFIs having more than 3,000 hours in LSA seaplanes.

Flying Fish LLC

Winter Haven Airport KGIF, Hangar #95, 2073 US-92, Winter Haven, FL 33881

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1145, St. Charles, MO 63302

Contact: Rachel Hinote: 340-514-1680

Email: rachel@flyingfishseaplanes.com

Website: flyingfishseaplanes.com

Facebook: flyingfishseaplanes1

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Progressive Aerodyne Searey	\$350	\$249
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES rating (light sport to commercial)	6	\$2800

Course cost includes six hours of flight time, 15 min. pre- and post briefings for each flight, and the examiner's fee.

Comments: Solo a seaplane with our rental program and explore all that Central Florida has to offer. With the addition of our second location, conveniently located between Orlando and Tampa in the heart of Florida lake country, you can fly with us year-round. Chase gators and perfect your seaplane skills. Get your SES rating, tailwheel endorsement, or join one of our guided adventures. We have something for everyone. Enjoy rental privileges at any of our growing network locations. Join us as we make seaplane flying accessible for everyone!

ICON Aircraft

825 Severn Ave., Tampa, FL 33606

Contact: ICON Sales: 707-564-4100

Email: fly@iconaircraft.com

Website: https://www.iconaircraft.com/flight-training/

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
ICON A5	\$345*	NA
Ground Training	\$95	NA
Courses	Hours	Cost
A5 Transition	5-8	

Included with factory A5 purchase

*Rates are all dual, wet. No solo rentals. A5 transition training includes ground school, dual instruction, and course materials for ICON's Transition Landplane (TX-L) or Transition Seaplane (TX-S) course.

Comments: The ICON Flight Center (IFC) in Tampa, FL is located at Peter O. Knight Airport (KTPF) on Davis Island. IFC Tampa is open year-round and provides initial transition training, proficiency/recurrency training, and A5 Instructor Pilot training to ICON A5 owners, position holders, and training partners. In addition, IFC Tampa has a full-service maintenance facility, including composite repair capability, for the amphibious ICON A5. To learn more about A5 owner-

ship programs or to inquire about becoming an ICON Flight Training Partner, please contact us at fly@iconaircraft.com.

Jones Brothers Seaplanes

210 East Ruby St., Tavares, FL 32778

Contact: Front Office: 352-508-1800

Email: jb.seaplanes@gmail.com

Website: jonesairandsea.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 185 Amphib Dual	\$439	N/A
Cessna 206 Amphib Dual	\$549	N/A
Searey Amphibious Flying Boat Dual	\$349	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Cessna A185 (Private or Commercial)	5	\$2149
Searey amphibious flying boat (Sport, Private or Commercial)	5-6	\$1749

Comments: Learn on more than 1,000 lakes surrounding America's Seaplane City in Lake County, Florida. Lakes of all sizes including confined areas. River flying, beginner and advanced seaplane maneuvers including rough water, glassy water, docking, ramping, and emergency procedures. Solo program coming soon!

Ryan Aviation Seaplanes, Inc.

301 Old Moody Blvd., Palm Coast, FL 32164

Contact: Tripp Wacker: 800/338-3044, 386/437-0620

Email: info@ryanseaplanes.com

Website: ryanseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Aviat Husky A-1B amphib	\$375	N/A
DHC-2 Beaver amphib	\$775	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Beaver Pvt/ Com SES	5	\$4425
Beaver Checkout Course	5	\$3625
Beaver Bush Course	10	\$6875
SES Pvt/Com, Husky Amphibian	5	\$2475
SES ATP, Husky Amphibian	8	\$3875

Comments: Examiner on staff. Located at Flagler County Airport (KXFL). Docking, beaching, ramping. Course rates include examiner's fee and can be completed in two days. ATP course is land and sea. Minutes from Daytona Beach. A fuel surcharge may be added to prices. Call for monthly specials.

Searey Life, LLC

1201 Delaney Park Dr., Orlando FL 32806-1409

Contact: 248-421-2480

Email: lmason3661@aol.com

Website: seareylife.com

Add-on SES Private and Commercial; tailwheel endorsements; SES Light Sport endorsement; Biennial Flight Reviews; introductory flights:

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Searey	\$285	N/A
Your aircraft	\$100	N/A
Ground training	\$ 50	N/A

Comments: Gold Seal Flight Instructor

Sebring Flight Academy

132 Authority Lane, Sebring, FL 33870

Contact: Timothy Rex: 863-655-2002

Email: timothy@sebringflightacademy.com

Website: sebringflightacademy.com

Hourly Rates (Sebring)	Dual	Solo
Aero Adventure Aventura S LSA	\$200	N/A

Comments (Sebring): Seaplane rating in new Aero Adventure LSAs starting in 2020. Enjoy the many lakes in the Sebring and Lake Placid area. Amphibious Aventura's depart from the Sebring Airport (KSEF) main terminal.

Hourly Rates (The Villages)	Dual	Solo
Aventura S17 demo flights	\$200	N/A
Aventura S17	\$200	\$115
Shares-15 hours	\$1732 plus CFI	

Comments (The Villages): Contact Lou Mancuso, 516/658-1847. Shares are available in the Aventura S17. The S17 gets



off the water in as little as six seconds due to the powerful 117-hp fuel-injected engine.

Sunair Aviation, Inc.

8806 Airport Blvd., Leesburg, FL 34788

Contact: Nick Larson, chief pilot/manager; 352-787-2211

Email: nick@sunairaviation.com and fly@sunairaviation.com

Website: sunairaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Husky A-1B Aspen 1000 w/ synthetic vision	\$350	\$275
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Private (Part 61)	5	\$1945
Commercial (Part 61)	5	\$1945
ATP (Part 61)	5	\$1945

Comments: Our amphibious A-1B Husky includes Wipline 2100s, Aspen 1000 PFD with Synthetic Vision, a Garmin 430 WAAS and ADS-B. With over 1,000 lakes in Lake County, this is the perfect place to explore the fun and rewarding experience of seaplanes. Examiner on staff. 141 seaplane course and VA approved. Seaplane solo rentals approved, provided you meet our insurance minimums. Price based on average completion times. Price doesn't include examiner fee or taxes.

Wings Over Water Seaplane Training

Lake Harris, 32725 Echo Dr., Leesburg, FL 34788

Contact: Mary Alverson: 612/240-0123 (tel)

Email: mary@wingsoverwaterseaplanes.com

Website: wingsoverwaterseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18 Super Cub	\$350	N/A
Cessna 172 (180 hp) Wipline Amphibious 2550	\$450	N/A

IDAHO

Coeur d'Alene Seaplanes

PO Box 1051, 31034 Sienna Loop, Athol, ID 83801

Contact: Glenn Smith: 208-255-5500 (tel)

Email: gwaltersmith@hotmail.com

Website: cdaseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172on Edo 2000s	\$275	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Rating Course	6	\$1500
Advanced Course	10	\$2500

Comments: The Panhandle of North Idaho, with its numerous mountain lakes and rivers, offers a real back-country seaplane flying experience. Less than one hour from Spokane International Airport.

INDIANA

Mac's Seaplane Service

Rising Sun, IN 47040

Contact: Troy MacVey, DPE: 515-509-7027

Email: troymacvey@gmail.com

Website: macsseaplane.com

Facebook: Mac's Seaplane Service

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 140	N/A	\$150
Cessna 170B	\$200	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Rating (private/commercial)		\$2200

Comments: Pilot examiner on staff.

Tech Flying

4725 East 100 North, Knox, IN 46534

Contact: Leigh Smith: 574-806-6661

Email: leighc46@hotmail.com

Website: techflying.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Your aircraft only	Call for rates	
Daily rate: at your location	Call for rates	

Comments: Visit www.techflying.com for more information. No airplanes to rent. Instruction done only in your plane. Willing to travel to your location.

KENTUCKY

Shark Aviation

4134B Aviator Road, B10, Lexington, KY 40510

Contact: Brad Fenster, pilot/owner: 859-351-9293

Email: info@flytheshark.com

Website: www.flytheshark.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna A185F amphibian	\$375	NA
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Private ASES - Add On	6	\$2550
Private ASES - Add On	10	\$3750
Commercial ASES - Add On	6	\$2550
Commercial ASES - Add On	10	\$3750
Commercial ASES - Initial	15	\$5625
Commercial ASEL - Add On	10	\$3750
Commercial ASEL - Initial	10	\$3750
Commercial ASEL/ASES Combination	20	\$7500
Amphibious Transition	5	\$1875

Comments: Based at the Blue Grass Airport (KLEX) in Lexington, KY, we conduct seaplane training primarily at Lake Cumberland, KY, and on the Ohio River. All training is conducted in a Cessna 185 with amphibious floats. If appli-



cable, all courses include high-performance and complex endorsements.

LOUISIANA

Cubs Floats and Fun

Pineville Municipal Airport, Pineville, LA (2L0)

Contact: David Lewis, owner: 318-880-7787

Email: cubsfloatsandfun@gmail.com

Website: cubsfloatsandfun.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Your aircraft	\$90	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Rating (checkride included)	4-7	\$2799
Float Recurrency/BFR	2-3	\$290/hr

Comments: Attention veterans! You may qualify for a \$2,000 credit from the VA for your check ride. If you currently have benefits under any one of the following chapters and you submit VA Form 22-0803, you can be reimbursed the \$2,000 cost of the test under the REIMBURSEMENT OF LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION TEST FEES program: Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty Educational Assistance Program (MGIB) (Chapter 30); Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) (Chapter 32); Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33); Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance

Program (DEA) (Chapter 35); Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) (Chapter 1607); Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Program (MGIB-SR) (Chapter 1606).

One-stop shopping—checkride included! Cubs Floats and Fun seaplane rating consists of up to seven hours of flight instruction, two hours of ground instruction, the Cubs Floats and Fun Seaplane Training Manual Step up to Floats 2, and a one-year membership in the Seaplane Pilots Association. The rating is normally done in two days. The seaplane rating is gained using our brand-new 160-HP Piper PA-18 Super Cub on EDO 2000 Floats. Off-airport flying is emphasized in the training, and you will be exposed to the most unique flying area around. The use of the aircraft for the check ride is included in the cost. The training manuals will be sent prior to arrival so you're ready to get flying. The SES course qualifies for BFR and FAA Wings credit.

Cubs Floats and Fun is based in Cajun country at Pineville, LA (2L0), with year-round float flying. We also offer training at KDWH in Houston. The home base at Pineville 2L0 on Lake Buhlow is next to the Red River and has numerous oxbows and everything available for your personalized training.

Cubs Floats and Fun also offers recurrent, advanced seaplane, amphibious training, flight reviews, and tailwheel training. Allow at least two days for course completion. All training and check ride costs are included in package price assuming seven or less hours of flight instruction. Chief pilot Dave Lewis is the Louisiana and Texas Field Director for the SPA and a highly experienced pilot, both fixed and

rotary wing. If you're looking for a truly fun flying experience and want to check off one more item on the bucket list, give us a call or visit our website for more information. Block rates are available for hours/experience building in the Super Cub. Examiner on staff.

Southern Seaplane Inc. / Seaplane Safety Institute

#1 Coquille Rd., Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Contact: Lacey Panepinto Charvet, vice president:

504-394-5633 (tel); 504-394-8458 (fax)

Email: info@southernseaplane.com

Website: southernseaplane.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 Straight Float	\$295	N/A
Cessna 185 Straight Float	\$650	N/A
Cessna 185 Amphib	\$730	N/A
Cessna 206 Straight Float	\$815	N/A
Cessna 206 Amphib	\$870	N/A
DHC-2 Beaver Amphib	\$1040	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Part 141 Seaplane Rating		
C172	4	\$1975
C185	4	\$3200
C206	4	\$3800

Checkride cost is included. Seaplane Safety Institute 3-day recurrent course. Call.

Comments: All courses Part 141 approved. Seaplane ratings and training offered in all aircraft in our fleet. Cost

varies per aircraft. In-house examiner. Call for course pricing. Year-round flying!

MAINE

Central Maine Aviation

Big Indian Lake, Saint Albans, ME 04971

Contact: Charles Surprenant, owner/instructor: 207-249-8972

Email: charlie@centralmaineaviation.com

Website: centralmaineaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172XP	\$275	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Refresher Course	2	\$550
<i>Includes ground instruction</i>		
Full-day Northwoods Adventure		\$825
<i>Includes up to three hours dual</i>		

Comments: Seaplane training is available June 1 through September 31. Our comfortable lakefront cabin sleeps up to six people and is discounted for pilots-in-training. Bring the family!

Jackman Air LLC

7 Attean Rd., Jackman, ME 04945

Contact: James Schoenmann: 207-668-4461; 207-399-2503

Email: n874j@myfairpoint.net

Website: jackmanair.com



Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 (180hp)	\$250	N/A
Aqua 2400 straight floats		

Comments: Get your seaplane rating in the Western Mountains of Maine or take a sightseeing ride. We have many remote lakes and ponds in the area so you will get a wide variety of experience while enjoying the natural beauty of this remote area. There is a nice selection of accommodations available in Jackman from lakeside cabins to motels. Leave the crowds behind!

MARYLAND

Southern Maryland Seaplanes

St. Mary's County Regional Airport (2W6), Captain Walter Francis Duke Terminal Building, California, MD 20619.

Wingfield (MD01), 49595 Diamond Ln., Dameron, MD 20628

Contact: Jeremy DeBons: 301-957-7930

Email: somdseaplanes@gmail.com

Website: somdseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Republic Seabee	\$500	N/A
Piper PA-12 on EDO 2000	\$350	N/A
<i>Dual only, except for practical exams with DPE.</i>		

Comments: Founded by a Navy test pilot instructor in 2018, Southern Maryland Seaplanes is a growing part-time operation which aims to provide quality stick-and-rudder training for new and experienced pilots alike. Our 160-hp Piper PA-12 on EDO 2000 straight floats makes an outstanding platform in which to learn and is expected to return to service late-season 2021. The Republic Seabee is the newest addition to the fleet, which provides a complex, high-performance, tailwheel and amphibious flying boat experience. We also provide beginner and advanced tailwheel instruction in a Cessna 140. Sightseeing flights are available in the PA-12 and Seabee.

Located about 1 hour 30 minutes southeast of Washington, D.C., St. Mary's County airport is surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. A large variety of landing sites surround us for training on and around the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers. Further down the peninsula, Wingfield houses our PA-12 and sits on picturesque St. Jerome's Creek. Our float season runs from April through November. Please contact us for more information and we will make every effort to accommodate your training needs.

MICHIGAN

Giving Wings Aviation

1170 Airport Access Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686

Contact: Flight Center: 231-943-2033 (tel)

Email: info@flyGWA.com

Website: flyGWA.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 Amphibian	\$230	N/A
ICON A5	\$300	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Cessna-ASES package	6-8	\$1750
ICON-ASES package	10	\$3000
Examiner fee		\$500
ICON-approved A5 Flight Training Courses		
•Sport Flying introduction	1+1*	\$395
•Transition course-landplane	8	
•Transition course-seaplane	4	
<i>* 1 hour flight and 1 hour brief</i>		

Comments: All our water courses are designed to get your feet wet in beautiful Northern Michigan. We offer factory-approved flight training in our ICON Aircraft A5. Now offering ASES in the A5! You will love flying the A5. If you prefer a floatplane experience, then climb aboard our wonderfully restored Cessna Amphibian to complete your ASES rating. Splash into the surrounding lakes with a friend in the back seat. We utilize a local DPE ensuring you the most efficient path to earning your rating. Ground school consists of a review of our training materials and daily pre- and post-flight briefings as well as a "mock checkride." Most proficient and current pilots can complete the Cessna training package in two to three days. Bring the family and discover why Traverse City has won so many awards for a small town.

Michigan Seaplane

6544 Highland Road, Waterford, MI 48327

Contact: Mark Fisher: (cell) 248-675-5561

Email: michiganseaplane@gmail.com

Website: https://www.michiganseaplane.com/

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-12 Piper Super Cruiser 150HP	\$225	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES		Call for pricing.
<i>Taildragger endorsements in the off-season.</i>		
<i>Accommodations available upon request.</i>		
<i>Price includes instructor fee and checkride</i>		

Comments: Michigan Seaplane is based in Waterford, Michigan (southeast Michigan). Area of operations is off of Pontiac Lake near KPTK (Oakland International Airport). Students are able to fly into KPTK and with prior notification we can provide transportation. Lodging is also available with prior notification. Great location for learning to fly seaplanes where water and scenery abound. Call today to schedule your seaplane instruction.

Northwestern Michigan College

1701 East Front St., Traverse City, MI 49686

Contact: Mike O'Keefe, chief flight instructor: 231-995-2012

Email: mokeefe@nmc.edu

Website: nmc.edu/aviation

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper Super Cub, Wipline 2100	\$234	N/A

Comments: The NMC Seaplane course is operated out of the college's aviation program facilities in beautiful Traverse City, MI. We are surrounded by a variety of bays and lakes, large and small, all near the airport, providing a diverse training environment to complement your experience. Training is done in a 180-hp Piper Super Cub equipped with Wipline amphib floats. We provide a package of training aids including videos, the NMC Seaplane Training Reference Guide, and NMC's Ground School Notes. Depending on the pilot's skills and currency, the add-on rating can normally be completed in two to three days, allowing you to receive your training and rating over a weekend. Traverse City has wonderful accommodations on the bay, so plan to bring the family. We have a staff of seaplane instructors with decades of flight instruction experience and a local FAA-designated examiner who can complete your practical test using the plane you trained in.

Northwoods Aviation, Inc.

8186 East 34 Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601

Contact: Derek DeRuiter, President: 231-775-6641 (office)

Email: northwoodsaviation1@hotmail.com

Website: northwoodsaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper PA-12-150	\$220	N/A
Piper J3	\$220	N/A
Cessna 185 Amphib	\$375	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Piper PA-12 (straight floats)		
Pvt/Com SES	7	\$1800
Piper J-3 (LSA)(straight floats)		
Pvt/Com SES		
Examiner's Fee		\$500

Comments: Northwoods Aviation is a professional, licensed flight school that has operated its floatplane training in beautiful Northern Michigan for more than 40 years. The Cadillac, Michigan, area is surrounded by numerous lakes of various sizes providing a diverse training environment. The standard seaplane rating consists of flight and ground instruction, training manual, and aircraft for the check ride. Pilots normally complete the rating in two to three days. Northwoods Aviation also offers recurrent, advanced and amphibious seaplane training; flight reviews; tailwheel; and skiplane training. Many students will earn their tailwheel endorsement prior to the seaplane rating, which gives them a great feel for stick-and-rudder flying. Tailwheel training is available throughout the entire year. Our FBO is based at the Cadillac Airport, so you are welcome to fly-in. Our seaplane base is located just east of Cadillac. Please give us a call or visit our website for more information.

Outback Aviation

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Phone: 231-878-3316

Email: Outbackaviationllc@yahoo.com

Comments: I offer seaplane instruction in single straight floats, amphibian and hull seaplanes. I offer training in most every single-engine seaplane including the Kodiak 100 and Cessna Caravan. I am also an FAA Designate Pilot Examiner for single-engine seaplanes. My rates depend on the type of aircraft and length of training. Seaplane check-ride fee is \$600.

Traverse Air, Inc.

294 West Silver Lake Rd. North, Traverse City, MI 49685

Contact: Tom Brady, CFII, MEI: 231-590-4548 (tel)

Email: tbrady294@charter.net

Website: traverseair.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper PA-12-150	\$220	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES	5-6	\$1295
Examiner's fee		\$600

Comments: Tom Brady owns, operates, and does all training for Traverse Air, Inc. He has more than 30 years of experience. The plane used is a 1947 Piper Super Cruiser, 150 hp. Course rate includes complete six-hour course, training manual, seaplane for check ride, and a free one-year membership in the Seaplane Pilots Association. Tom schedules and coordinates for the check ride. The designated-examiner fee is an additional \$600. The rating is guaranteed and insured. Biennial flight reviews and SES time-building packages are available. Training takes two days and is done in beautiful, scenic northern Michigan. Only Alaska has more territorial water than Michigan. Traverse Air Inc. is located in the middle of 3320 square miles of lakes and bays. Learn the stick-and-rudder skills of seaplane flying while enjoying the beauty of the area. Bring your family with you for a great vacation while doing the most enjoyable rating you will ever obtain. The area is the water wonderland of the Midwest. It is surrounded by the bays of Lake Michigan, inland lakes, the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park, the rolling hills of vineyards, fruit trees, and farmlands, making this a relaxing and wonderful place to come. There are many attractions and recreational activities. Check out the Visitor's Bureau for things to do in our area. <http://www.visittraversecity.com/things-to-do-3/>.

Western Michigan University

237 North Helmer Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49037

Contact: Rob Bunday, chief flight instructor: 269/964-4028

Email: robert.bunday@wmich.edu

Website: wmich.edu/aviation

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18-150, Wipline Amphib	\$264	N/A

Comments: Western Michigan University operates from the Battle Creek W.K. Kellogg airport (KBTL) in Southwest Michigan. All seaplane courses utilize the Super Cub and are charged on a per-hour basis using the hourly rate for the aircraft. Prior to beginning the course, training materials will be

provided to the student. The student is responsible for the FAA examiner's fee at the completion of the checkride.

MINNESOTA

Advanced Flight Training & Leasing

1700 Henry Ave., Fleming Field, South St. Paul, MN 55075

Contact: Brian Addis, Chief Instructor; 651-209-7159 (tel)

Email: baddis@advancedseaplanetraining.com

Website: https://www.wipaire.com/seaplane_school/advancedflighttrainingandleasing

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Training in your aircraft (\$100 per hour)	7	\$700
Caravan Recurrent, wheels and/or floats (one day)		\$1000
Caravan Initial, wheels and/or floats (three days)		\$2400

Comments: Advanced Flight Training and Leasing specializes in training for straight and amphibious floatplanes. We have training programs for all aircraft on Wipline floats and provide customized training for your aircraft and operations. Based at Fleming Field, KSGS, in the Wipaire facility. Seaplane, tailwheel, and wheeled aircraft training are available. Training in client's aircraft at \$100 per hour.

Adventure North Flying Service

5959 Ojibwa Rd., Brainerd, MN 56431

Contact: Adam Forsberg, President, CFI: 218-927-4104 (tel), 218-839-1067 (cell)

Email: adventurellc@gmail.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 206, 300 hp, Edo 3430 floats	\$340	N/A
Cessna 180, Edo 2870 floats	\$300	N/A
Beech 18 Twin, Edo 7850 floats	\$875	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Basic Rating (180)	6	\$1950
SES Basic Rating (206)	7	\$2100
SES training in owner aircraft	6	\$600
SES Advanced - Available	Please call	
MES Basic Rating	6	\$875/hr
MES Advanced - Available	Please call	

Courses include ground school, study guide, aircraft, and instructor. Some students require extra time, depending on individual skill. We offer SES and MES advanced training; please call for pricing. Examiner's fee is \$250-\$300. Resort packages Brainerd and Baudette areas (see comments).

Comments: Single and multiengine seaplane, beginner to advanced, offered in Baudette and Brainerd Lakes areas.

Baudette: Training is offered on the Rainy River at our FBO, located at the Baudette International Airport (KBDE). The Rainy River provides the border between the U.S. and Canada and feeds into Lake of the Woods, the sixth largest

lake in the United States! Our training includes both river and lake flying. We invite you to enjoy a resort package at one of many lodges, which includes fishing or golf, in the walleye capital of the world.

Brainerd: The Brainerd Lakes area is a seaplane pilot's dream! With more than 450 lakes within a 20-mile radius, you are never far from water! The scenery and lakes are breathtaking. Resort and golf packages are available at the numerous resorts in the area.

Adventure Seaplanes

12D Tower Airport, 5804 HooDoo Point Rd., Tower, MN 55790

Contact: Brian Schanche: 612-868-4243

Email: adventureseaplanes@gmail.com

Website: www.adventureseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172, Bauman 2550	\$290	
Cessna 185 PK 3500C	\$390	\$300
Cessna 185 Amphib		
330HP Aerocet 3400	\$450	N/A
DHC-2 Beaver Eco 4930	\$750	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
C172 Recurrency and BFR	3	\$895
C172 Basic and BFR	6	\$1795
C185 Amphib Complex and BFR	8	\$3650
Beaver Bush Pilot and BFR	8	\$5950
Northern Minnesota Lodge Tour	6	Inquire
C185 Amphib Churchill		
Polar Bear Tour	16	Inquire
C185 Amphib Minnesota-Alaska Tour	25-30	Inquire

Cash discounts available on all aircraft.

Comments: May – October. Our Instructors are high time and experienced with thousands of hours in many types of aircraft. You will fly many northern wilderness lakes and rivers surveying the lakes for safe landing areas, docking, ramping, beaching, securing aircraft, refueling along with U.S. and Canada Customs border-crossing procedures. We have many lodges and resorts with great fishing in our area, with nice restaurants to fly to for a very fun and more advanced training vacation. This is the real bush-flying deal—flying seaplanes in northern Minnesota—that people dream of, so why not get your seaplane rating the right way. Fly your own plane to 12D and we have accommodations onsite for you and your plane or many other lodging places without being in the big city. Our Specialty Canadian tours offer fishing opportunities; viewing beluga whales, polar bears, moose, caribou, muskox, and Arctic wolves; flying north to Churchill and above the Arctic Circle in Nunavut. For those who want to do their dream trip to Alaska, our C185 Amphib is ready to take you during the months of June and July. Inquire early for this trip.

Air Trek North

1620 Henry Ave., S. St. Paul, MN 55379; Airport: KSGS

Contact: 952-594-1184

Email: info@airtreknorth.com

Website: airtreknorth.com



Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 Amphib	\$270	\$230
C206 Amphib	\$600	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES seaplane add-on	6-8	\$1620+

Comments: Imagine stopping in at a restaurant while training, learning to beach a plane, learning to dock, river landings, lake landings, all within the beautiful Minneapolis/Saint Paul Lakes and River area. Excursions available during your training to almost any of the 10,000 pristine Minnesota lakes, or a hop over to Wisconsin for some prime rib on Cedar Lake. It's how training should be and can be. We are located just 10 minutes from the Minneapolis International Airport at friendly Fleming Field (KSGS) right next to the Wipaire float factory. Air Trek North also offers Private, Commercial, Instrument, Multiengine, CFI, CFII & MEI training.

Rick's Aviation Adventures LLC

Northern Minnesota
Contact: Rick Mercil: 218-779-9161
Email: richard.mercil@yahool.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA18 Amphibian	\$250	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Pvt/Com add-on	6-8	\$1900 + Examiner's Fee

Comments: Rick is a flight instructor with the following certificates and ratings: ATP; COMM SE and ME; IFR; CFI, CFII, CFI-MEI; and seaplane pilot and instructor. Rick is a seasoned pilot with 41-plus years of experience and has flown seaplanes, aerobatics, crop sprayers, turboprops, corporate jets, and airliners. Rick was a ground and flight instructor at the University of Minnesota Crookston and served as the Chief Flight Instructor at the University of North Dakota. He worked on NASA general aviation initiatives and had the honor of being named Flight Instructor of the Year in North Dakota in 1994. Rick has a passion for vintage aircraft and enjoys sharing his experiences and love of flying with others. Rick's seaplane course will be a fun experience full of learning and aviation adventure.

Surfside Seaplane Training LLC

6980 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes, MN 55014
Contact: Ken Partyka: 651-270-7602
Email: surfside-seaplanetraining@gmail.com
 Training based out of Surfside Seaplane Base (8Y4)

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172L, 160HP, Aqua 2200	\$270	N/A
BFR, refresher training, and demo flights		\$270
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES	7	\$1860

Comments: Seaplane ratings, BFRs, refresher training, and demo flights offered. Train with experienced instructors in

a Cessna 172L on Aqua floats. This nicely equipped floatplane has a 160-hp engine with PowerFlow exhaust and fixed-pitch prop. Great combination for learning how to fly on floats. We will get you current, ready for your practical test, or just more comfortable flying on floats. SES ratings typically are between 6 and 8 hours depending on your flying skills. Surfside (8Y4) is the largest seaplane base in the lower 48 and a great little airport. It is located in the Twin Cities metro very close to both KANE and 25D. Rice Creek Campgrounds, hotels, and many restaurants are in the area. Fly in, make it a family vacation, and along with your training enjoy the many attractions the Twin Cities has to offer.

Venture North Aviation, LLC

125 Wheaton Rd., Cloquet, MN 55720
Contact: 218-879-6599
Email: Staff@VentureNorthAviation.com
Website: VentureNorthSeaplanes.com

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Three-day Seaplane Rating	8	\$2499
Five-day Seaplane Rating plus Wilderness Adventure	16	\$4999
One-day Seaplane Recurrent training PA18A-160 Super Cub Wipline 2100 amphib Your aircraft		\$650

Comments: Earn your Private or Commercial seaplane rating while exploring the remote lakes of Northern MN. We are located on the western tip of Lake Superior in Minnesota. You will have access to thousands of Northern Minnesota lakes for floatplane flying. Don't settle for anything less than the classic Super Cub on amphibious floats; perfect for that secluded Northwood's lake or the private grass strip. Based in Cloquet, MN, Venture North Aviation, LLC offers seaplane ratings, seaplane recurrent training, and custom floatplane adventures throughout northern Minnesota. You can earn your floatplane rating in as little as 6 to 10 hours of flying. Our Piper Super Cub with 160-hp engine on Wipline 2100 floats is the ultimate floatplane flying machine to earn your seaplane rating.

Wings Over Water Seaplane Training

4429 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419
Contact: Mary Alverson: 612-240-0123 (tel)
Email: mary@wingsoverwaterseaplanes.com
Website: wingsoverwaterseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18 Super Cub	\$350	N/A
Cessna 172 (180 hp)		
Wipline Amphibious 2550	\$450	N/A

Comments: Experience the joy of seaplane flying in the land of 10,000 lakes. We offer training in both straight and amphibious floatplanes. Training is available at Madden's Resort on Gull Lake in Brainerd and Fleming Field (SGS) in South St. Paul. On-staff DPE available at both locations.

MISSOURI

Flying Fish LLC

St. Charles County Airport, KSET, 6930 Grafton Ferry Rd, Portage Des Sioux, MO 63373
Mailing address: PO Box 1145 St. Charles MO 63302
Contact: Rachel Hinote; 340-514-1680
Email: rachel@flyingfishseaplanes.com
Website: flyingfishseaplanes.com
Facebook: flyingfishseaplanes1

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Progressive Aerodyne Searey	\$350	\$249
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Rating (Light Sport to ATP)	6	\$2800

Course cost includes 6 hours of flight time, 15 min pre and post briefings for each flight, and the examiner's fee.

Comments: Solo a seaplane with our rental program and explore all that Missouri and the Midwest have to offer! Located at KSET, a half-mile from the confluence of the mighty Mississippi and Illinois rivers, we have lots of water to choose from. Learn the ebbs and flows of river flying or check out some of the large lakes in the area. Get your SES rating, tailwheel endorsement, or join in on one of our guided adventures. We have something for everyone. Chris Hinote, owner, is one of the Missouri Field Directors for SPA and is working hard to make seaplane flying more accessible. We hope you will join us!

MONTANA

Backcountry Flying Experience

PO Box 7276, Kalispell, MT 59904
Contact: 406-890-3419; Tom Allen, training instructor
Email: For general information, Tom@backcountryflyingexperience.com
Website: backcountryflyingexperience.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper PA-18	\$295	N/A
Cessna 180	\$525	N/A
Your aircraft	\$96	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES course in PA-18	6	\$2150
SES course Cessna 180	6	\$3530
Advanced SES PA-18	8	\$2740
Advanced SES PA-18	10	\$3330

Flight reviews available.

SES Refresher Course	3	\$885
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Comments: Come fly "The Last Best Place," Big Sky Country Montana. Backcountry Flying Experience covers floats, skis, and big tires all in one location. We will take you into the Bob Marshall wilderness and over Glacier National Park. Learn to fly into some of the most spec-

tacular lakes and rivers in the Northwest. With more than 4,000 hours of float flying, you will get the best instruction including advanced Montana mountain flying. Lodging specials available and adventure packages for the whole family. No solo available. Backcountry Flying goes above and beyond to provide the most rewarding aviation experience. The whole family will have the time of their life.

NEVADA

Sheble's Northtown Aviation

North Las Vegas, NV

Contact: 702-222-3617

Email: sheblenorthtown@gmail.com

Website: shebleaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 150 on floats	\$300	N/A
Super Cub	\$350	N/A
Course Rates	Cost	
C150 - three days training	\$2695	
Super Cub	\$2995	

Comments: We offer seaplane training out of North Las Vegas Airport (KVGX) and Needles, CA (KEED). Super Cub on floats coming soon.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Team Lake

16 Varney Point Road Left, Gilford, NH 03249

Contact: Bruce Rivard: 603-293-8200 (tel); 603-293-8200 (fax)

Email: bruce@teamlake.com

Website: teamlake.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Your aircraft	\$125	N/A
Courses		
Lake Aircraft Factory Training Course		

Comments: Insurance benefits for complete factory course. SES course package available. Call for details. Sales demonstrations available. Factory- and insurance-approved program, recurrency and proof of concept demonstrations. Seasonal in New Hampshire, also based in Kissimmee and Sarasota, Florida. Lake Aircraft Factory Training Course: 25-30 hours of flight; 10-15 hours of ground school. Cost is included with aircraft purchased from Team Lake.

NEW JERSEY

Roatan Aviation LLC

Andover Aeroflex Airport 12N

Contact: 908-337-1164

Email: larry@stateinfoservices.com

Website: roatanaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Maule 235b Amphib		
Beginner and advanced	\$349	N/A
<i>High-performance and complex endorsements available</i>		

Comments: Our training is in scenic locations on the Hudson River as well as New York lakes and rivers.

NEW YORK

Rochester Air Center LLC

1313 Scottsville Rd., Rochester, NY 14624

Contact: 585-328-8839

Email: info@rochesterair.com

Website: rochesterair.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172N, Amphib	\$250	\$210
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES (private and commercial)		
Examiner fee	\$600	

Comments: The Rochester Air Center is located in western New York, in the heart of the Finger Lakes region. Train for your seaplane rating minutes away from five different Finger Lakes with miles of shoreline and water as well as protected bays on Lake Ontario. This allows plenty of practical experience flying the seaplane and on-the-water maneuvering. Practice amphibious operations from boat ramp to hard-surface parking in Hammondsport, New York, on Keuka Lake near the Glenn Curtiss Museum and the annual seaplane homecoming. We work with two Designated Pilot Examiners to make it a seamless process from training to check ride when you are ready. The Rochester Air Center is one of the very few places where you can rent the aircraft for solo flight; 15 hours amphibious time required. We were featured in January/February 2019 *Water Flying* magazine, "Incapable of Hearing 'NO!'"

Saratoga Seaplanes

PO Box 413, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866; Located on the Hudson River at August Field NK17

Contact: Fil Fina / Erik Dittrich: 518-281-8888 (tel); 518-788-1446 (tel); 518-885-5385 (fax). Andy: 518-330-0746
Email: n198az@gmail.com
Website: saratogaseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Bellanca 7GCBC	\$200	N/A

Comments: Examiner on staff. Scenic Hudson River Valley, Adirondack mountains. Skiplane and tailwheel training also available. We will be back for the 2021 season with a completely refurbished aircraft after a windstorm capsized and sunk our Citabria while docked. Skiplane and tailwheel training will be available during the non-floatplane months.

NORTH CAROLINA

Tri-Air Inc.

140 Tri-County Airport Rd., Aulander, NC 27805

Contact: Henry Lee Joyner, President: 252-345-0111 (tel); 252-395-0822 (tel)

Email: hjoyner@embarqmail.com

Website: chowanriverrats.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Piper PA-12	\$170	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES Pvt/Com Add-On	6	\$1550

OHIO

Belford Flying Service

228 Golf View Dr., Auburndale, FL 33823

520 South State St., Westerville, OH 43081

Contact: Captain Richard Belford: 800-992-2376, 614-562-9301

Email: cptruck@ix.netcom.com

Comments: Certified seaplane training for initial and recurrent seaplane ratings/training, CFI proficiency training, all Lake LA-4 models, Searey, most other LSAs, most single-engine floats and amphibian floats (initial Insurance issuance and/or renewal). Seaplane ratings include Ground School CD, training at your location or in Ohio and/or central Florida. We are responsible for opening the Ohio seaplane landing areas at Ohio State Parks. Free registration with Ohio Dept. of Aviation is only requirement to use the waters.

Buc Inc. Flying Services

8914 Airport Rd., PO Box 21199, Georgetown, OH 45121

Contact: Captain Douglas "Buc" Rogers: 614-264-0389 (cell); 937-378-0147

Email: bucrogers@msn.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
LA-4-200 EP	\$350	N/A



Comments: Orientation and sightseeing rides available over Southern Ohio and the Ohio River. Enjoy a beautiful orientation ride and see whether seaplane flying is for you. We provide initial and recurrent training in your aircraft to include LA-4-180, LA-4-200, LA-4-250, and LA-4-270 at \$75 per hour. Recurrent and initial training is completed to AOPA Insurance standards. Enjoy a relaxed and informative training environment, with overnight facilities available at Georgetown Airport in the scenic Southern Ohio Valley, KGEO.

SOUTH CAROLINA

VanFleet Aviation

Pickens County, South Carolina (KLQK), 240 Airport Road, Liberty, SC 29657

Contact: Susan VanFleet: 828-413-3636

Email: susan321ss@aol.com

Website: <http://www.vfaviation.com>

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172XP Amphib	\$265	N/A
Instruction (ground and air)	\$ 65	
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES rating		

Comments: My Cessna 172XP Wipaie 2350 Amphib 210 hp is located at the Pickens Co., SC airport (KLQK). I keep it in a heated hangar so I can fly year-round when the temperatures are above 36 degrees. The airport is near Lake Keowee and Jocassee, where we do our training.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Seaplane Company

Based at Duncan Boat Dock
2329 Duncan Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919

Contact: Ryan Hile and Traver Madden, co-owners:
865-253-4490; 865-712-8911

Email: tennesseeseaplane@gmail.com

Website: tennesseeseaplane.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 straight floats	\$350	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES (private and commercial)	5	\$2100
Examiner fee		\$400

Comments: Tennessee Seaplane offers flight instruction and sightseeing in the beautiful hills and waterways of East Tennessee. Based at Duncan Boat Dock in Knoxville, we have plenty of water to train on as we are surrounded by seven large lakes. We operate a Cessna floatplane, a 160-hp N model that sits on EDO 2130 straight floats, out of our dock on Fort Loudoun Lake (Tennessee River) in the

heart of Knoxville. Our chief pilot and in-house DPE have more than 16 years of seaplane experience and a combined 17,000 hours of flight time. We offer Private, Commercial SES, advanced mountain seaplane training as well as amphibious transition training. VA approved. Give us a call to schedule a flight.

TEXAS

Aviation Wisdom

311 CR 2355, Mineola TX 75773

Contact: John Wisdom: 888-407-3110

Email: John@AviationWisdom.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Instruction in your airplane	\$60	

Comments: Providing Seaplane instruction for American Legend Aircraft in Sulphur Springs, Texas, in amphib or straight-float equipped Legend Cubs. Available for instruction in your aircraft or call to see what is in the hangar for dual instruction.

Cubs Floats and Fun

David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport, Houston (KDWH)

Contact: David Lewis, owner: 318-880-7787

Email: cubsfloatsandfun@gmail.com

Website: cubsfloatsandfun.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Your aircraft	\$90	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SES rating (checkride included)	4-7	\$2799
Float recurrency / BFR	2-3	\$290/hr
MES rating		

Comments: Attention veterans! You may qualify for a \$2,000 credit from the VA for your check ride. If you currently have benefits under any one of the following chapters and you submit VA Form 22-0803, you can be reimbursed the \$2,000 cost of the test under the REIMBURSEMENT OF LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION TEST FEES program: Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty Educational Assistance Program (MGIB) (Chapter 30); Post-Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) (Chapter 32); Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33); Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) (Chapter 35); Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) (Chapter 1607); Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve Program (MGIB-SR) (Chapter 1606).

One-stop shopping—check ride included! Cubs Floats and Fun seaplane rating consists of up to seven hours of flight instruction, two hours of ground instruction, the Cubs Floats and Fun Seaplane Training Manual Step up to Floats 2, and a one-year membership in the Seaplane Pilots Association. The rating is normally done in two days. The seaplane rating is gained using our brand-new 160- HP

Piper PA-18 Super Cub on EDO 2000 Floats. Off-airport flying is emphasized in the training, and you will be exposed to the most unique flying area around. The use of the aircraft for the check ride is included in the cost. The training manuals will be sent prior to arrival so you're ready to get flying. The SES course qualifies for BFR and FAA Wings credit.

Cubs Floats and Fun is based in Cajun country at Pineville, LA (2L0), with year-round float flying. We also offer training at KDWH in Houston. The home base at Pineville 2L0 on Lake Buhlow is next to the Red River and has numerous oxbows and everything available for your personalized training.

Cubs Floats and Fun also offers recurrent, advanced seaplane, amphibious training, flight reviews, and tailwheel training. Allow at least two days for course completion. All training and check ride costs are included in package price assuming seven or less hours of flight instruction. Chief pilot Dave Lewis is the Louisiana and Texas Field Director for the SPA and a highly experienced pilot, both fixed and rotary wing. If you're looking for a truly fun flying experience and want to check off one more item on the bucket list, give us a call or visit our website for more information. Block rates are available for hours/experience building in the Super Cub. Examiner on staff.

SeaRey Adventures LLC

Canton and Temple, Texas

Contact: Tom and Gayle Rhines: 972-768-1082; 972-768-1608

Email: Seareyadventures@gmail.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
SeaRey S-LSA 914	\$299	N/A
Instruction in your aircraft	\$100	
Demo Flights	\$249	
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
LSA-ASES	5 hours dual	\$1999

Ground school and checkride included

Private/Commercial ASES 5 hours dual \$2499

Ground school and examiner fee included.

Lodging rates available on Belton Lake, Temple, Texas: call for details.

Comments: If you're looking for seaplane fun, the SeaRey is the way to get it! Our goal is to provide first-class training in our 2020 Progressive Aerodyne 914 powered SeaRey using the Searey Flight Instructor Association course syllabus to achieve your Light Sport, Private or Commercial single-engine seaplane rating. We also offer training in your SeaRey, ferry flight services and demo flights if you want to find out what real fun flying is all about! Remember, a successful checkride counts as a BFR!

We primarily use Belton Lake from our Temple, Texas, location and Cedar Creek Lake and Lake Athens from our Canton, Texas, location, but almost anywhere is possible. We have a lodging package available for our beautiful Belton Lake location. Bring the family and enjoy swimming and kayaking on the lake during the training. Only a 10-minute drive from Temple Airport (KTPL).

Our Instructors are Tom and Gayle Rhines. Tom Rhines is a professional pilot with over 20000 hours and over 4500 hours of flight instruction given in light aircraft and over 1000 hours of tailwheel instruction given. Gayle Rhines has over 14000 hours, has given over 1000 hours of light aircraft flight instruction, is a Luscombe and SeaRey tail-dragger instructor and is a professional pilot with a major airline. Both Tom and Gayle are SeaRey Flight Instructor Association certified instructors. Tom is also an A&P/IA and has completed the RFSC Rotax service and maintenance courses.

Texas Bush Pilots

7890 Eagle Lane, Spring, TX 77379

Contact: Terry Sunday: 281-467-4348 (tel)

Email: terrysonday@hotmail.com

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Private SES (checkride included)		\$2495
Comm SES (checkride included)		\$2495

Comments: Examiner on staff. Available airplanes: Cessna 172 180 hp and Cessna 182 300 hp. Operating from David Wayne Hooks (DWH) land and sea airport, located 15 miles northwest of Houston Intercontinental Airport. Free pickup from IAH. Course includes ground school, flight training, and study material. Also available Seawings,



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- Special information mailings
- Car rental discounts
- SPA insignia items
- Affinity MasterCard

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Visit www.seaplanepilotsassociation.org
Tel. 888/772-8923

BFR, tailwheel training, CFI renewal or reinstatement after the training, refresher courses. We also can train in your aircraft. Please leave phone number when contacting us by email.

Texas Seaplanes LLC

9400 Caliente Dr., McKinney, TX 75072
Contact: Herb Hagler, owner: 214-566-4476
Email: hkagler@me.com
Website: http://TexasSeaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
C182 on Aerocet amphibious floats	\$375	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Pvt /Com SES	6	\$3000
<i>Including ground school and checkride; DPE fee \$500</i>		

Comments: I have been active in SES training since 2006 and have completed 120+ ratings with a 100-percent pass rate for check rides. The DFW area has quite a few lakes in the area for seaplane training. I have also served as an FAA check airman for SES since 2008.

VERMONT

Vermont Flight Academy

355 Valley Rd., South Burlington, VT 05403
Contact: 802-863-5988
Email: office@flyvfa.org
Website: flyvfa.org

Comments: Stay tuned for our seaplane training program coming 2021!

VIRGINIA

Pearson Aviation Inc.

551 Harbor View Circle, Colonial Beach, VA 22443
Contact: Mike Pearson: 540-903-7003 or 804-224-0016
Email: mapsr@aol.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Searey Elite, wet with instructor	\$265	
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Basic Seaplane Rating	13	\$3600
<i>Includes 10 hours ground</i>		
River Operations	3	\$750

Comments: The Searey is an amphib that lands on the hull in water. It is GREAT FUN to fly. Training area nearby. Basic course is factory-authorized for Searey. Will provide certificate for insurance. Wings credit provided for flights.

Seaplanes R Fun Inc. (dba SML Aviation)

Smith Mountain Lake Airport
 1090 Cutlass Rd., Moneta, VA 24121
Contact: Jason Grieff: 540-904-1107 (tel); 802-372-1454 (cell)
Email: smlaviationcustomerservice@gmail.com
Website: smlaviation.com

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES add-on	6	\$2700
<i>Includes three hours ground Examiner's fee included</i>		

Comments: 1957 C-180A with WingX extensions on Wipaie 3000As. \$1000 deposit to schedule training (fully refundable). Experience the wonders of the region while receiving your SES rating. Open daily.

WASHINGTON

BlueGreen Xtreme, OceanFloats/Tundra Tires/SnoSkis

PO Box 31329, Seattle, WA 98103
Contact: Dave Krall, chief pilot/instructor: 206-850-0556 (tel); 425-361-7174 (fax)
Email: pilotdjk@yahoo.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Custom T-I-I STOL/Bush Amphib	\$345	\$250
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Custom Transitional Phase Training		

Comments: CRM safety for both conventional and extreme flying is emphasized. Transitional flight training and ground instruction for pilots holding a private pilot certification or above for land and/or sea. Rough-water and emergency short landing practice encouraged. Explore the Pacific Northwest via mountain/canyon flying, wilderness training, fishing, wildlife viewing, beach picnics, volcanoes, dining, and more. Open Pacific Ocean, gnarly white surf splash-downs (landings and takeoffs), pristine snow and ice ski landings, alpine lakes, Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, and whitewater river landings all on the same flight! Aircraft is capable of rough-water operations (lake, rapid river, and open ocean/surf). Convenient North Seattle base with accommodations nearby. Aircraft rental is a 2011 low-hour airframe with new state-of-the-art upgraded engine with custom digital pushbutton turbo scramble boost intercooled STOL/Bush amphib on high G-shock 1650s combo floats/skis with electrohydraulic RG tundra wheels. Side-by-side seats/dual controls. Total glass-panel flight instruments with "steam" gauges backing up. Saltwater surcharge may apply depending on sea conditions. Waiver required for all flights (10% off for SPA, WSPA, or RAF members). Course training is tailored to individual's needs and desires. Qualifies for BFR and/or FAA Wings Programs. Nineteen years of experience in mountain flying, airstrip trailheads, and MVFR. MCFI 1999-2004. Private primary

training is available by special arrangement. FAA examiner nearby. Highly versatile, state-of-the-art aerial ATV provides either a laid-back scenic piloting experience or a uniquely wild ride.

Boeing Employees Flying Association (BEFA)

840 West Perimeter Rd., Renton, WA 98057-5346
Contact: Wes McKechnie: 425-271-2332
Email: befa_ops@mindspring.com
Website: http://befa.org

Comments: You must join BEFA to receive training. See http://befa.org/about/how-to-join/. BEFA membership is open primarily to Boeing employees. Non-Boeing members are allowed in according to association bylaws. Contact BEFA for information. There is a one-time nonrefundable join fee, recurring monthly fee, hourly airplane rate, and hourly Instructor rate.

Kenmore Air Harbor

6321 NE 175th St., Kenmore, WA 98028-0064
Contact: Jay Todhunter, chief flight instructor: 425-482-2250 (tel); 800-543-9595 (tel)
Email: instruction@kenmoreair.com
Website: kenmoreairharbor.com/flight-instruction.html

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172	\$325	N/A
Cessna 180	\$575	N/A
DHC-2 Beaver	\$750	N/A
Piper PA-18	\$325	N/A
<i>Rates are all dual, wet. No solo rentals. Dual in C-180 and Beaver limited to September- May, with exceptions at times.</i>		
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
6-hour package (C-172 or PA-18)	6	\$2000
8-hour package (C-172 or PA-18)	8	\$2500

Comments: Allow a minimum of three to four days for course completion, if proficient and current on single-engine piston aircraft. Weather dependent. Use of the aircraft for the check ride is included in both package deals. Space available ride-along on a scheduled domestic Kenmore Air Flight also included in package rate. Examiner on staff. Dual in privately owned aircraft available depending on season and pilot availability. Up to 200 hp \$150/hr; over 200 hp and/or amphib \$225/hr; ground/commute time \$75/hr. Solo aircraft rental unavailable. Intro flight is \$125. Come celebrate our 75th anniversary with us this year!

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Mailing address: 1958 S Market Blvd. Chehalis WA 98532;
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Contact: James Young, chief pilot/manager: 206-499-2135
Email: SeaplaneScenics@gmail.com
Website: seaplanescenics.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 185 seaplane	\$595	N/A
Cessna 172 seaplane	\$285	\$225*
Ride-along on a training flight	\$95	
<i>Price is wet. Renter insurance or deductible \$5000 coverage required. Three-hour minimum daily charge.</i>		
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES, C-172L	6*	\$1900
ASES, C-172L	8*	\$2420
<i>*Plus four hours ground instruction.</i>		
<i>All flight instruction is \$75 per hour (including in your own aircraft).</i>		

Comments: Seaplane Scenics is Seattle's newest seaplane company. We specialize in flight instruction, seaplane tours, and charters. We accommodate private and commercial seaplane add-on ratings, and almost any seaplane experience you can dream. Advanced training is available: amphibious float training, rough water, mountain flying, and high-altitude lakes. We have also added a Cessna 172 I on PK 2300 straight floats. James Young is the owner and chief pilot. His lifelong passion for flying has grown into inspiration for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for flying. His dedication to flying keeps him motivated to stay current with the dynamic and ever-growing world of aeronautics. Seaplane Scenics dba Adventures in Flight, a new land-based flight school, is now open at KCLS in Chehalis, WA. It is a full service flight school with Vans RV crossover training, tailwheel endorsements, and spin awareness training.

Seattle Seaplanes

1325 Fairview Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102
Contact: Jim Chrysler: 800-637-5553 (tel)
Email: info@seattleseaplanes.com
Website: seattleseaplanes.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 206	\$695	N/A
Cessna 172 180 hp	\$335	N/A

Comments: ASES add-on ratings and initial private and commercial training in the heart of Seattle on Lake Union. Six to ten hours training for ASES add-on. Flights on fresh and saltwater. World's sweetest Doberman on staff.

WISCONSIN

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Contact: Curt Drumm, President: 920-901-2200
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Website: lakeshoreaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172XP amphib	\$255	N/A

Comments: Lakeshore Aviation offers complete seaplane flight instruction in a well-equipped Cessna 172 Hawk XP on Wipline 2350 Amphib floats. Located 35NM east of Oshkosh, and seaplane training during EAA AirVenture is available. Training can be at either our location along the shores of Lake Michigan or at our northern Wisconsin seaplane base, surrounded by thousands of lakes. Turn the experience into one for the whole family with a rental cabin and fishing boat. Training is available seasonally, based on WI weather. Our seaplane has a 210-hp engine and constant-speed prop, so the training will also count toward your high-performance and complex checkouts. It's also full IFR if you'd like an instrument comp check at the same time. It's equipped with a Garmin 430 and a Garmin 496 with XM Weather. Call early to schedule the best dates. Block-time rates available; fuel surcharge may apply. Training in your aircraft, insurance checkouts, and BFRs also available.

Professional Flight Training, LLC

6450 County K, Rhinelander, WI 54501
Contact: Jeff Melau: 715-499-3315
Email: jeff.melau@icloud.com
Website: pftllc.net

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Your aircraft	\$50	N/A

Comments: Specializing in Light Sport Aircraft, Rans, Savannah, and Cessna 172 and 182.

Romeo Aviation Inc. / Romeo Seaplanes

Northwoods Romeo Seaplane Base (4WI3)
 101 Airport Ave., Hangar #2, Cumberland, WI 54829
Contact: Sandi Randall, Owner / President: 715-554-0454 (tel); 715-554-0454 (cell/pg); 715-822-2515 (fax)
Email: sandi@romeoaviation.com
Website: romeoaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Citabria 7GCBC, Wipline 2100 Str	\$ 275	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
ASES, Advanced	10	\$2950
ASES, Basic	7	\$2550
Refresher, BFR		

Comments: Private Pilot certificate required. Optional Gleim SARC - Seaplane add-on rating ground-school course available online—please see our website. Location Cumberland, WI, KUBE. Beaver Dam Lake and Blake Lake—both primary docking. Fly in or drive. Lodging/camping available nearby. Seaplane examiner available onsite. Training from June-September. Introductory flights available—student pilots welcome. Course packages do not include the check ride day, sales taxes, textbook and materials, or fuel surcharges. Book in advance to secure your preferred dates. A \$300 non-refundable check deposit is required to hold a two- to four-day reservation with CFI and DPE for ASES Ratings. Cash or check only accepted for payment.

Spring City Aviation, Inc.

707 Airport Rd., Burlington, WI 53105
Contact: Paul Aydt: 262-342-5003
Email: burlington@springcityaviation.com
Website: springcityaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Amphibious Cessna 180A	\$295	N/A

Comments: Spring City Aviation is proud to offer SES training at our Burlington location. Wisconsin is an excellent state to take your training to a new level. You'll be sure to have fun in our well-equipped Amphibious C180 with plenty of local freshwater lakes nearby. We have developed a course guide that makes it fun and enjoyable yet comprehensive, making you a safe and competent seaplane pilot. Call or email to discuss your training or to set up an introductory flight.

Wings Air Charter LLC

236 Airport Hangar Drive, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Contact: Kurt Gross: 715-424-3737 (tel); 715-572-9464 (cell)
Email: wings@wctc.net
Website: wingsaircharter.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Lake Buccaneer	\$295	N/A

Comments: Wings Air Charter LLC offers a Lake Buccaneer for seaplane ratings. We are located in beautiful central Wisconsin with two large flowages that are ideal for training and just a five-minute flight from the airport. We offer two- to three-day ratings with pilot rates at nearby hotels. An examiner is on staff. Wings Air Charter LLC is a Cessna Pilot Center with a later model 172 and a Skycatcher for training or rental.

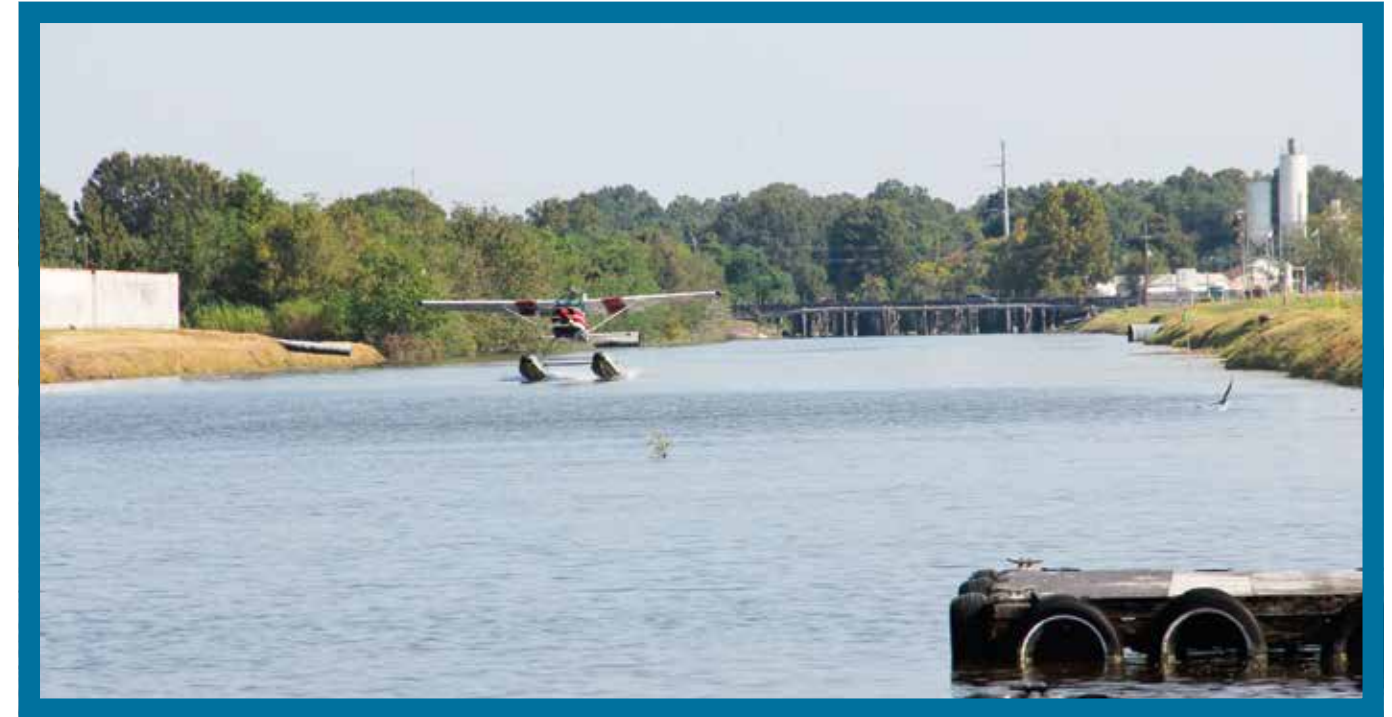
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Contact: Richard Hanson, owner: 877-766-6699 or 250-762-9830 (tel)
Email: info@air-hart.com
Website: air-hart.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172XP	\$295	\$240
Cessna 180	\$360	\$305

Comments: Offering Private Pilot licensing, Commercial pilot licensing and instructor ratings on floats as well as foreign conversions. Training is by active air-taxi pilots. Students get actual solo hours. Price shown is all inclusive with no fuel surcharge.



Fort Langley Air, Ltd

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Email: info@fortlangleyair.com
Website: fortlangleyair.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 180, EDO 2960 floats	\$439	\$379
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Float Rating, Transport Canada Req	7	\$3,164
Recreational Seaplane Pilot		
10 Dual / 5 Solo	15	\$6,405
Bush Pilot Advance Float Training		
25 Dual/25 Solo	50	\$20,930

Comments: Estimates are in Canadian dollars and don't include GST. Float rating estimates are based on Transport Canada minimum requirements—individual students may require additional dual training time before approval for solo flight. Minimum requirements and checkout apply for solo rental.

Ocean Air Floatplanes

1861 Ferndale Rd., Victoria, BC, Canada V8N 2Y2
Contact: David Budd, Operations Manager: 250-655-1144
Email: info@oceanair.ca
Website: oceanair.ca

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 180, Aerocet 3500L	\$375	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Seaplane endorsement	7	\$2625
Professional Skills Course	50	\$16250

Comments: Professional training by active air-taxi pilots working the coast—learn from experience. All prices in Canadian dollars.

Pacific Seaplanes All Seaplane Airline

PO Box 3, STN Cedar, Nanaimo, BC Canada V9X1W1
Contact: 1-855-933-5922 or local 250-616-5858
Email: training@pacificseaplanes.ca
Website: www.pacificseaplanes.ca

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 180	\$360	N/A
Piper Nomad (ME/SEA) Floats	\$650	N/A
Beech 18 Floats (ME/SEA)	\$950	N/A
DHC-6 Twin Otter/CAP (ME/SEA)	\$3000	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Basic SE (C180) Seaplane Rating		\$2625*
*+ 5% GST		

All prices in U.S. dollars.
 Advanced Career Mentorship Programs, 50 hour and 100 hour, available at attractive rates; contact us for more information.
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Comments: We excel at producing skilled pilots and preparing applicants for life in commercial seaplane flying. Our south coast BC Canada location offers near year-round flying. Please see our website for further prerequisite licensing and training details. Reasonably priced accommodations available nearby. ME Sea Rates exclude fuel. NEW in 2021: Introduction of our DHC-6 Twin Otter Seaplane. First in the world to offer DHC-6 Captain or First Officer Initial and Recurrent training, or from no seaplane time through our various courses leading to Command Seat on Twin Otters. Our PA23 Nomad Seaplane rollout in 2021 available for ME Seaplane training in addition to Beechcraft and de Havilland Twin Otter. FAA pilots can train here and get FAA ME/SEA check ride within USA when borders open. Ask us for more details. ICON A5 IAFI (Factory Authorized Instructor) on staff for training operations in Canada. Call for details. Show your SPA membership card and get \$100 off initial training.

ONTARIO

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Website: elmhirst.ca

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172, 180HP	\$340	N/A
Piper PA-12	\$300	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Cessna 172	7	\$2295
PA-12	7	\$1995

Comments: Seaplane rating includes ground school, dual training, solo flight, and transport Canada license fee. Rates are in Canadian dollars. Pilots must have valid license. All rentals include instructor. On-site accommodations available.

Georgian Bay Airways Ltd

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Contact: 705-774-9884 or 800-786-1704

Email: gba@georgianbayairways.com

Website: georgianbayairways.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 180	\$450	TBA
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Career Bush Pilot Program	50	\$13,995
Intro Bush Pilot Program	25	\$8495
Float Endorsement	7	\$2849

Comments: Email for current course costs. Prices in Canadian dollars. We focus on producing highly skilled bush pilots and preparing students for their first jobs. Parry Sound/Georgian Bay is an ideal location for a flying vacation. Learn to fly floats while on holiday. Minimum requirement is PPL. See our website for details. Tax not included in course prices.

Sudbury Aviation Limited

Box 340, Azilda, ON, Canada P0M 1B0

Contact: Marg Watson Hyland: 705-983-4255 (tel);
705-983-4255 (fax)

Email: sudaviat@vianet.on.ca

Website: sudburyaviation.on.ca

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172	\$249	\$189
Cessna 185	\$700	N/A
Cessna 172 (bush)	\$249	\$189
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Bush Course	10	\$2490

Comments: All prices are shown in Canadian dollars and do not include taxes. Sudbury Aviation is located 4 1/2 hours north of Toronto. Docking, mooring, and beaching. Gas and docking available. Seaplane endorsements and foreign-license conversions. Rentals are available to seaplane-endorsed pilots who complete an advanced flying bush course (10 hours).

QUEBEC

Dorval Aviation Inc

9025 Ryan Ave., Suite 202, Dorval, PQ, Canada H9P 1A2

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Email: info@dorvalaviation.com

Website: dorvalaviation.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172,180-hp conversion	\$370CAD	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Canadian Floatplane Rating	9	\$3330

FRANCE

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Website: aquitaine-hydravions.fr

Complete member fee: \$270

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18 160 hp	\$208	\$208
RC3 Seabee	\$272	\$272

Partial member fee: 160\$

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
PA-18 160 hp	\$235	\$235
RC3 Seabee	\$320	\$320

Comments: We own three Piper PA-18 and one RC3 Seabee. Flight and ground instruction are free. We provide a comprehensive Seaplane rating package that includes 8 hours of dual flight time and one-hour final flight test. We offer the rare opportunity of solo flights with passengers; flight insurance included in the member fees. If you are seaplane rated, you may fly alone with passengers after a check ride with an English-speaking flight examiner. We are based in the southwest of France nearby Bordeaux city, which offers a variety of tourism interests.

GERMANY

Baltic-Seaplane GmbH

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Email: info@baltic-seaplane.de

Website: baltic-seaplane.de

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 (180 hp), Wipline 2350 amphibious	*357€	N/A
<i>* Per flight hour, including tax and safety pilot.</i>		
Piper PA28-181 Archer II	*225€	190€
<i>* Per flight hour, including tax and safety pilot.</i>		
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
SEP(Sea) EASA, incl. Skill Test	9	3490€
SEP (Sea) Biennial Flight Review (BFR)		*139€
<i>*with qualified flight examiner, excluding flight hour costs.</i>		
SEP (Sea) Revalidation		*350€
<i>*with qualified flight examiner, excluding flight hours costs depending on proficiency level.</i>		
<i>Conversion FAA SEP (Sea) to EASA depends on proficiency level and will be on an individual basis.</i>		
Intro to Waterflying for SEP (Land) pilots		*390€
<i>*includes academic training and one-hour waterflying with splash-and-go's, etc.</i>		

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ITALY

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Website: aeroclubcomo.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172 - 160 hp EDO 2130	276€	196€
Piper PA-18 Amphib - 180 hp	288€	208€
Cessna C305 - 213 hp	311€	231€
Cessna R172K Amphib - 195 hp	311€	231€
Cessna 206 Floatplane/Amphib 300 hp IO550	465€	385€
RC3	334€	254€

Comments: Attractive seaplane training/rating packages. Aero Club Como, established in 1930, is the oldest sea-



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POLAND

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Website: airport-biernat.pl

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Cessna 172-180HP Wipline 2350A	290€	
Aviat Husky A-1C-180 Wipline 2100A	290€	

All prices include fuel, FI, and tax

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SCOTLAND

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seaplane@freescotland.com

Website: scotlandonfloats.com

Hourly Rates	Dual	Solo
Amphib Cessna FR172-210HP on Wipline 2350A	\$395	N/A
Course Rates	Hours	Cost
EASA SEP (sea)	10	

Comments: We have three part-time instructors and specialize in three- to four-day seaplane safaris around the stunningly beautiful west coast of Scotland. Landing beside castles, spotting Outlander locations, splashing on remote islands, flying over ancient whirlpools or weaving through the mountains. Then relax with a whisky tour, staying in luxury hotels or camping on a remote beach. We also offer daytrip adventures or more formal training for the EASA rating. With many direct flights from N. America to Glasgow and Edinburgh, and the pound at rock bottom, now is the time to experience Scotland. Our 210-hp FR172 is appropriately registered G-DRAM (a dram is a shot of whisky). As with the best things in life, just add a little bit of water!

UNITED KINGDOM

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Website: ontrackaviation.com

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Registered in England No: 4017255

Course Rates	Hours	Cost
Seaplane Class Rating, single-engine piston	10	£3950*
<i>*Includes flight training, theoretical knowledge training, and seamanship examination</i>		
Class Rating Instructor, single-engine seaplane	35	£2900*
<i>* Plus 3 hrs flight training @ £340/hr</i>		
Class Rating Examiner, single-engine seaplane	3 days	£1350*
<i>*Plus 2 hours flight training @ £340/hr</i>		
Flight Examiner, single-engine seaplane	3 days	£900*
<i>*Plus 2 hours flight training @ @ £340/hr</i>		

All the above courses require the student to pass a test at the end. The cost of this test is extra. All prices include tax. The above courses are conducted using a Reims Cessna FR172F Amphibian.

Comments: We specialize in part- and full-time Instructor and Examiner courses on land and seaplanes. In addition, we can offer FAA Conversions/Renewals/BFRs. Our expertise is second to none and we have a reputation within the aviation industry for delivering first-class training. We offer professional instruction in a friendly environment with our students consistently achieving a first-time pass. It is a fact that our instructor graduates are keenly sought after by all the top-class flight schools in the UK and Europe. So why not pop in and have a chat, a cuppa, and see for yourself. What can we do to further your aviation career? ■



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