

MAAC club # 59

WEST COAST RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT FLYING SOCIETY Spring float fly

Event/Club Rules

Administrative

Spring float fly April 23, 2023, at 8am to 4pm.

This event is a float-fly, RPAS

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WCRCAF FLOAT FLY RULES and PILOT BRIEFING

Very Important – If a full-size float plane/plane/helicopter is spotted close to our designated flight zone/area, at a low flight path, then an air horn will sound and everyone must land as soon as possible to avoid the aircraft in question.

When flying, you must have a spotter, even if there is only one person up flying.
Only 5 can fly at a time.

Communication...let people know when you are landing / taking off / emergency.

No landings / takeoffs or close flybys inside the fluorescent buoy markers. **Zero tolerance for this.**

If you have an emergency and need to land, everyone make way.

Fly in a dedicated circuit (which may change direction from time to time).

If you have a bad landing and you need to use the boat, wait till everyone is down that is on the current flight line before going out to retrieve your plane. **No one fly's until plane is recovered.**

Range test your planes before flying.

All persons attending the event and using this modeling site must:

1. be MAAC members in good standing.
2. be members of the **WEST COAST RADIO CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT FLYING SOCIETY** Club, or an invited guest and
3. agree to follow the MAAC Safety code and all other club rules.
4. Register with the Event staff before unloading their equipment
5. Attend the pilot briefing or obtain a briefing from event staff before operating a model.
6. Follow any rules pertaining to spectators, visitors, parking and any other admin issues.

In the event of an emergency, phone **911** and the civic address for first responder is **24480 fern crescent maple ridge Bc Canada V4R2S1**

Normal operating procedures and Event safety rules

These rules are available in print or online. A copy of these rules must be available to any member who is operating an RPAS. The club will endeavor to keep at copy at the flying site.

This event allows the following modeling categories:

RPAS

1. A fire extinguisher must be present for all powered model operations.
2. All members shall follow the Canadian Aviation Regulations for RPAS.
3. All pre-flight inspections or assembly shall be done in the designated area.
4. Batteries shall not be connected to electric powered models unless the model is restrained in the start-up area – no exceptions.
5. Our flying area is **Over the water of Alouette Lake only ,No landings / takeoffs or close flybys inside the florescent buoy markers. Zero tolerance for this** NOTE – MAAC and CAR rules are NO FLYING with 30m of any non-MAAC person, property.

6. No flying will commence until half an hour after sunrise and will end a half hour before sunset, the time of which is available on the Weather Network App for the town of MAPLE RIDGE.
7. Visual observers and MAAC “spotters” are Mandatory at this event. The following are club procedures for ensuring full scale aviation safety:
 - a. When any member or other person spots a full-scale airplane that might come near the site, they are to yell out “AIRPLANE” in a loud voice **or use the airhorn** .
 - b. ALL Pilots must immediately descend to as low an altitude as possible and then land as soon as safely able.
 - c. When the full-scale airplane is no longer a threat, the person who gave the warning shall yell “ALL CLEAR”, or the pilots may make that determination themselves, and resume flying.
8. Our site is in uncontrolled airspace.
9. If there is any type of near miss or safety concern between a full-scale aircraft and our RPA, ALL FLYING SHALL cease immediately. The members involved should fill out a MAAC reportable occurrence report and submit that to the Event organizer/Club executive and follow MAAC policy with the following exceptions:
 - a. If the member(s) involved believe the risk was very minimal, they may complete their own self declaration or risk assessment using the MAAC form. Submit a copy of the form to the Event organizer/Club executive when able and recall you must keep this form for one year (CAR901.49 (2)). Resume flying when done.
 - b. If the member or Event organizer deems the event serious, flying will not resume until members are given permission by the Event organizer/Club executive – in writing.
 - c. If there is actual contact between an aircraft and a MAAC RPAS – all flying will cease until MAAC confirms we may resume operations.
 - d. This process is for your protection.
10. No RPA or other model aircraft flying will occur below the Event mandated weather minimum. Members may determine the weather themselves with direct observation or use any other source:
 - a. If cloud is present below 1000’ above the model flying area

- b. a horizontal visibility requirement of less **than** 3nm around the flying area, and
- c. if there are other obscuring conditions (fog, smoke, haze etc.) which could make spotting full-scale aircraft difficult.

11. There are no other risk mitigating strategies required at WCRCAF FLOAT FLY Event. The MAAC “see and avoid” technique has been determined to be adequate to ensure aviation safety.

12. The Event organizer/Club executive will review these rules at least once a year or prior to each submission.

