

Port of Olympia-Swantown Marina Seaplane Dock

Seaplane Noise Abatement Procedures

General: Seaplane Noise Abatement Procedures at the Port of Olympia's Swantown Marina Seaplane Dock are voluntary measures by pilots following the "fly friendly" philosophy that places emphasis on mitigating aircraft noise to the greatest extent possible. Pilots should deviate from these procedures only in the interest of safety or when water, wind or other conditions make it necessary to do so.

Arrivals from the North:

- Maintain 2,000msl while crossing land areas from Southworth to Boston Harbor.
- Remain over water if unable to maintain 2,000msl due to cloud ceiling or visibility limitations.

South Landings:

- Remain mid channel in Budd Inlet. Land south towards East Bay, coming off the step prior to the pilings at the marina entrance.
- Taxi speed limit is five knots.
- Avoid landing close to kayaks, rowing hulls, small vessels or other water users.

North Landings:

- Fly a left downwind midchannel of West Bay. Turn at the end of the bay and cross the land area at 500msl.
- Avoid landing within the marina.
- Whenever possible, land outside Marina entrance.

Departures:

- Taxi to marina entrance.
- Take off to the North whenever wind or water conditions permit.
- Initial liftoff and climb out should favor the east side until reaching the orange range markers.
- Reduce power and rpm as soon as practical and continue to climb midchannel through Budd Inlet to Boston Harbor.
- Never cross the shoreline until attaining 1500msl.

Hours of Operation:

- Seaplane operations should not be conducted prior to 8:00am nor after sunset daily.