

2026 Spring Seaplane and Safety Seminar

Presented by

Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation

Agenda Saturday April 25th, 2026

Location: UAA's Aviation Technology Center, located at 2811 Merrill Field Dr, Anchorage, AK 99501

Program agenda, speakers, presentation titles, and brief bios:

0800 Doors Open, 0830 Opening remarks

0840 - 0930 Harry Shannon, Seaplane Pilots Association, Seaplane Corrosion Detection and Prevention. President of the Seaplane Pilots Association, Harry has been a pilot since 1971 and has decades of experience flying amphibians and floats. Additionally, he has decades of experience as an A&P/IA. He will share some tips on corrosion detection, prevention and repair as well as some flying tips.

0940 - 1030 Petra Illig, M.D., Medical Options : What's New and What's Not. Dr. Illig is a longtime A.M.E. and member of AASF. She will review pilot medical options and pilot obligations with respect to flight fitness.

1040 - 1130 Brent Cole, Aviation Attorney - Legal Notes, Warnings and Cautions. Brent is an Anchorage-based attorney with decades of experience in aviation law. He will shed light on the many ways our pilot activities may intersect with the law and how we should conduct ourselves.

1130 - 1200 BREAK

1200 - 1250 Ed Kornfield, Flying as a Sport Pilot : New Options. Our own AASF Board Member Ed Kornfield has been working with Rick Henry of the EAA to bring us up to speed on what a Sport Pilot is and what aircraft options are available now.

1300 - 1350 Burke Mees, Yaw Stability on the Step and Other Moments of Truth. Burke is a lifelong Alaskan with decades of flight experience in all types of aircraft. He is the author of Notes.of.a.Seaplane.Pilot and several other books. He will speak about yaw stability on the step and other handling challenges on floats.

1400 - 1430 Dave Kochevar, National Weather Service, New Weather Products and How to Use Them. Dave is a meteorologist with the Alaska Aviation Weather Unit (AAWU) and will review the newest weather products, how to access them, and how to use them.

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