

Obtaining the Seaplane Rating

Getting your first rating as a pilot is a major milestone and with it you enjoy many privileges that land-locked humans don't have. You can fly to many destinations that are arduous to get to when using conventional transportation. That first rating is often an Airplane Single Engine Land. But what if you are yearning for an adventure to land on a lake or other body of water?

Commercial pilot Sal Valdes, recent seaplane rated pilot along with Mary McEnroe, recipient of the Women Making a Splash scholarship will share their experience with flying seaplanes. In this seminar they will share the reasons why they embarked on a seaplane rating. Sal and Mary will provide insight into where they did their training, how to prepare for the seaplane rating itself and what the training involved.

Event Details

Sat, Dec 13, 2025 at 19:00 PST

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If you have ever dreamed about landing on water and experiencing the additional freedom provided by a seaplane rating, please join us for this event. It just may inspire you to take that step to advancing your skills by adding a seaplane rating.

The seminar will be in-person at the San Carlos Flight Center, 795 Skyway Road, Suite A in San Carlos. San Carlos Flight Center is on the southwest side of the airport and there are no transient aircraft parking spots on the field other than the Transient Parking adjacent to the SQL Terminal Building. If you plan to fly in for the event, please be aware that we have no parking spots and that you'll need to walk 0.7 miles around the airport from airport Transient Parking to our offices.

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