
LAKE HOOD (LHD) AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

This Operational Order applies to all general aviation and air taxi pilots operating on Lake Hood, Spenard Lake, and Runway 14/32. The purpose of this operational order is to improve operating procedures and lake safety, reduce aircraft noise impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, and minimize shoreline erosion.

Taxi Operations

- Slow taxi operations shall be conducted when operating within 200 feet of the shoreline except for the water lanes.
- Pilots shall contact the Air Control Tower (ATCT) before taxiing more than 50 feet from shore in Lake Hood and Spenard Lake due to congestion and water lane boundaries.
- Pilots must have ATCT clearance to taxi or operate in the areas known as the North Pothole and South Cove.
- Pilots who require access to Floatplane Point must have ATCT clearance to taxi and advise ATCT of the destination prior to landing.
- No magneto/engine checks shall be conducted while taxiing in the Slow Taxi Canal. To reduce bank erosion and noise problems engine checks should be completed as quickly as practical. The preferred area for magneto/engine checks is in Spenard Lake.
- Step taxiing is not authorized outside of the water lanes.
- No step taxiing is permitted in the Slow Taxi Canal.
- Step taxi may be approved by the ATCT in the takeoff/landing channel upon request. However, pilots shall minimize these requests.
- Upon landing pilots should remain on step until clear of the water lane.

Buoys

- Buoys highlight areas for heightened vigilance, such as proximity to the shoreline or waterlanes. Exercise caution and transit at no greater than slow taxi.
- Do not take-off, land or step taxi between buoys and the shoreline. Exercise caution for potential opposite taxiing aircraft and clear to the right IAW 14CFR91.115.

Departure Procedures

- Aircraft may come up on step for takeoffs only in the designated departure areas and waterlanes.
- A pilot must taxi out of the canals and be on the lake prior to asking ATCT for departure clearance.

The Spenard Lake extended departure procedure

- All westbound departures that commence from the uncontrolled departure area must advise the ATCT that they will be departing from the uncontrolled departure area. It is the pilot's responsibility to ensure separation from other aircraft while in the uncontrolled departure.
 - The extended departure may commence no closer than 300 feet south of the North Shore.
- Note: All areas on Lake Hood and Spenard Lake are uncontrolled except for the designated water lanes. Use caution when taxiing. Aircraft may use the uncontrolled area designated "uncontrolled departure area" to come up on the step for takeoffs to the west. Use extreme caution in this area. ATCT separation services are only provided in the controlled water lanes.

Preferential Water Lane Use

- Preferential water lanes for departures are to the north, west, northwest, or south. Departures to the east should be requested only when required by strong wind or sun conditions and designated by the ATCT as the active waterlane.
- During nighttime hours, pilots are encouraged to avoid departures to and arrivals from east and southeast. Nighttime procedures are in effect from 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM. The ATCT will provide noise sensitive advisory notices to all pilots requesting an east departure during nighttime hours.
- Do not takeoff or land in the North Pothole due to congestion and wake.

Note: The identified preferential departure and arrival water lanes for departures and arrivals are advisory. Under FAA regulations (FAR 91.3) the pilot in command is solely responsible for aircraft safety and the final decision on runway selection. However, voluntary compliance will significantly reduce noise complaints and public pressure to formalize more stringent policies.

INTERTIE POWER LINE**Civil/Military**

Caution advised between Kashwitna River 61° 50' N/150° 02' W and Cantwell 63° 22' N/148° 50' W along the Intertie Power Line. They are not marked with the international orange marker balls.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA		VFR ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE ROUTE		TUDOR OVERPASS ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE LAKE HOOD SEAPLANE BASE LAKE HOOD STRIP	
ROUTE PURPOSE: The TUDOR OVERPASS ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE provides an orderly route for entering and exiting the Lake Hood Class D airspace east of Lake Hood while avoiding Class C airspace and reducing potential conflict with aircraft using established routes to and from adjacent airports.					
LAKE HOOD ATIS 125.6		ANCHORAGE APP CON 119.1 (north)		ANCHORAGE APP CON 126.4 (south)	
				LAKE HOOD TOWER 126.8	
VFR PROCEDURE ONLY CHART NOT TO SCALE - NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION					
ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS: DEPARTURES: Depart the traffic pattern as assigned by ATC. Proceed eastbound just south of Tudor and New Seward overpass. Remain at or below 900' MSL until east of the corner of Tudor and Muldoon. EAST ARRIVALS: Proceed from the corner of Tudor and Muldoon direct to the Tudor and New Seward Overpass at 1,500' MSL. SOUTH ARRIVALS: Proceed from Rabbit Creek Interchange to the corner of Tudor and Muldoon then direct to the Tudor and New Seward Overpass at 1,500' MSL.					

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