

WSPA and B.C. Floatplane Association

Joint Splash-Out – 21-22 September 2019

WSPA and BCFA have a goal to increase interaction amongst members. Notwithstanding the border between us we share all of the same challenges and opportunities.

We will be kicking this effort off with a splash out in September to Phantom Lake, BC. Phantom is approx. 15nm NW of Squamish. Phantom Lake (3100' msl and 10,000 feet long) is a popular destination for floatplanes. There is a convenient sandy beach with nearby primitive camping. BCFA seasonally positions a canoe at the camp site. Nearby float accessible lakes include East Falk Lake and Kato Lake. These latter lakes, being higher and shorter, are a bit more challenging and suitable for higher performance aircraft.

The general plan for the weekend is as follows;

Saturday, September 21

- Late morning/early afternoon arrival at Phantom Lake
- Camp Set Up
- 1800 dinner (BYOF&B)
- Evening presentation/discussion by BCFA's Mike Thompson on alpine lake flying

Sunday, September 22

- After breakfast optional exploration of nearby lakes for those interested
- Afternoon break camp and depart

Customs Clearance

Multiple options for amphibs. Straight floats recommendation is Bedwell Harbor (CAB3), Victoria Airport (Patricia Bay CAP5) or Nanaimo Harbor (CAC8). If unfamiliar with the border crossing process please contact Don Goodman.

Frequencies

Mike Thompson provided the following:

CTAF at Phantom will be: 123.2

Other useful frequencies en-route;

118.4 for Vancouver Harbour

123.2 for Burrard inlet and Howe sound

126.7 for enroute position reporting

122.8 for Squamish airport

123.5 for Sechelt airport

Route

Recommended approach via Salmon Inlet or Howe Sound. Be very mindful of CYVR and CYYJ airspace and the busy traffic zone between Vancouver and Victoria/Nanaimo.

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The following photos are courtesy of Mike Thompson. WOW!!



Phantom Lake



Kato Lake



East Falk Lake