

SEAPLANE PILOT BRIEFING

OVERVIEW

The Sun 'n Fun Fly-In will be held Tuesday, April 4 to Monday, April 10 at Linder Field (LAL) in Lakeland, Florida. During the event, a dedicated parking area is set aside for amphibious seaplanes, and several satellite splash-ins are held for both amphibians and straight floatplanes. The most notable of the splash-ins is the Lake Parker Splash-In organized by the Seabirds organization. Smaller splash-in lunches are organized by local pilots, and will be announced on the Seaplane Pilots Association's online calendar, www.seaplanes.org.

AMPHIBIAN PARKING AT LINDER FIELD

Amphibians arriving at Linder Field should follow published arrival procedures (see NOTAMS). Display a sign reading "SEAPLANE PARKING" in large letters to be directed to the amphib parking area. The Seabirds host a hospitality tent adjacent to the amphib parking area where you can register and obtain information. Judging is available. Additional information about daily events can be obtained through Radio Sun 'n Fun, WPEP 788, 1610 AM.

LAKE PARKER SPLASH-IN

As in the past several years, the 2006 Splash-In has been divided into two days, one for factory-built seaplanes, and the second for experimental and ultralight aircraft. Further, several rules have been implemented to reduce the chance of conflicts, both in flight and on the beach.

Both events will be held at the Lake Parker Recreation Area, 6 nm NE of Linder Field at N28-35.00; W 71-57.30, in the northeast corner of the lake. Watch for the FHP radio tower (687 ft MSL) and power lines to the north and west of the splash-in site.

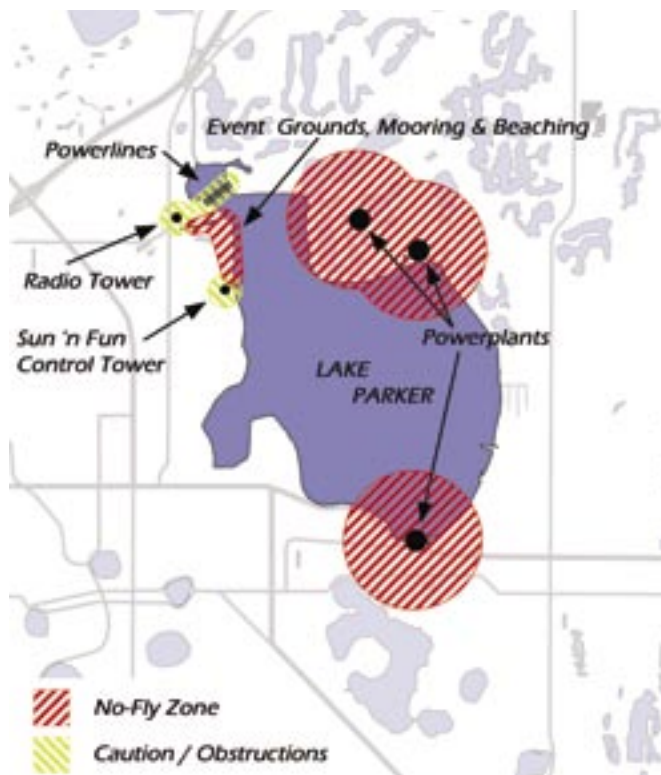
On arrival, remain clear of traffic inbound to Sun 'n Fun. Remain below 1000 ft MSL when approaching from the north, east, or west. Make a left pattern for the lake, and land well clear of congested areas.

Aviation fuel is available at Brown's Seaplane Base (GIF) in Winter Haven, 10 nm east of the lake. Fuel will not be available at the lake.

An operable two-way VHF radio (handhelds are acceptable) is required to participate in the factory-built event, or to utilize the north of end Lake Parker during the event. All radio-equipped seaplanes arriving at or departing the north end of Lake Parker for any reason during the two days of the event must communicate on 122.9 "Lake Control".

Pilots must obtain a safety briefing and display an appropriate colored briefing card before departing the event (permanently or temporarily) or participating in events.

All seaplane participants are requested to bring their own beach-front signs for marking their spots. We will try to have a limited number of sign boards for those who forgot. Do not obstruct or beach at marked parking sites unless they are your own.



Limited participation of "heavy home-built" seaplanes will be permitted in the Friday factory-built seaplane events. Prior request by the owner/pilot is requested.

No camping is permitted in the park area this year.

LAKE PARKER: FACTORY-BUILT EVENT

The Lake Parker Splash-In for factory-built seaplanes will be held Friday, April 7th. The traditional Seabirds Banquet in the Blue Heron Pavilion will follow the event at 5:00 pm. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased during the day at Lake Parker.

Registration begins at 8:30 am. A fly-by of Linder Field will take place at 11:00 am. Pilots participating in the fly-by must attend a briefing at 10:00 am at the announcer's stand. Competitions will commence at 1:00 pm and conclude at 4:00 pm.

LAKE PARKER: EXPERIMENTAL/ULTRALIGHT EVENT

The Lake Parker Splash-In for experimental and ultralight seaplanes will be held Thursday, April 6th. A ramp and considerable parking is available for ultralights up the canal at the north end of the beach. Radios are not required for participants in the Thursday splash-in.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Competitions will commence at 1:00 pm and conclude at 4:00 pm. There is not a banquet or dinner event planned after the event, and the event will be staffed by volunteers from the experimental and ultralight community with limited assistance from the Seabirds organization.

For more information on either event, contact Bill or PJ Gillespie, Sun 'n Fun Seabirds Chairmen, at 807/474-8266 or email them at billpgillespie@hotmail.com.