

2023 “May Day” Fly-in

Poker run Safety Briefing

1. Safety First! There will be a Safety Brief Friday, approx. 11:30 am in the Terminal building. Time subject to change, please check at sign-up for official briefing time and place. Or follow signage to the briefing area. An online briefing is planned if you wish to fly direct from your departure point to the Beach.
 2. Manage your fuel! Today’s course is approx. 124 miles to the beach at Hook Point and back. Or approx. 216 miles if you fly the entire course. We encourage Glide distance to shore on water crossings and a 30-minute reserve per FAA.
 3. **Flight planning is the PIC’s responsibility.**
 4. We would like to see the faster planes depart first if possible. Maintain visual separation with other traffic. See and avoid! Passengers, please be active in helping your pilot keep visual contact with others in your air space.
 5. To avoid opposing traffic, fly the route counterclockwise and please talk to each other. In route CTAF is 122.9. THERE ARE NO REQUIRED LANDINGS on the entire route. Monitor CTAF and again, please communicate with other traffic:
 6. If VDZ Tower is active, use **118.4** for Tower and **120.2** for Ground. Otherwise use:
 - Valdez- 122.9 for CTAF, • Juneau flight service on 122.2 • Tatitlek- 122.7 • Hook Point- 122.9
 - Cordova Municipal (City strip) - 122.5 • Cordova Smith-123.6
 7. Hook Point beach is not required but an approach to land is encouraged. The recommended configuration to land on sand is a typical SOFT FIELD landing. A landing area of firm sand will be walked out and marked with large yellow markers. We recommended landing in this area for optimum safety. Please see the attached additional information on the proposed beach landing. There will be communication on the beach for changes to wind direction the landing area as well as parking. A fire is planned to help with wind direction or if we get cold waiting for ya! Don’t get to high up on the beach. **Avoid** light colored sand for landing or taxing! It is not user friendly!
- Each pilot is responsible for his or her limitations and safety.**
8. Route will be Valdez to Potato Point, Rocky Point, and Tatitlek (no Landing required). Hook Point Beach (also not required). You may return direct to Valdez from here. WE recommend if time permits, going to Cordova Municipal, Smith Mud Hole and up the Copper River Delta. Then on to the Million Dollar Bridge, Allen River cabin the Tasnuna River (Marshal Pass) to Thompson Pass. Then, on to Keystone canyon and back in to Valdez. Very scenic route and all laid out on your flight way points.
 9. Winds permitting, fly a left hand rectangular standard traffic pattern at Hook Point! Down wind is generally over the water, landing to the west. Pattern altitude will be 700’ MSL. Please make standard traffic calls. (cross, downwind, base, etc). The marked landing area will be Approx. 100’X1500’.
 10. Pilots may decide what altitude to fly enroute. Avoid buzzin the townships along the route, please. And again, we encourage glide distance to land on water crossings.

Poker Hands

1. We have simplified the poker hand as much as possible. Each entrant will be allowed to pick an envelope that will have a 5 card hand already placed inside.
2. Aviators that make the trip to Hook point beach will have first draw. Look for **N20055**. Please make sure that your correct Name, Poker Hand control number and phone number are recorded accurately. Just before the dinner banquet entries that were not completed at the beach will be assigned a control number from the remaining poker hands. If time is a problem and you wish to participate in this event, you may purchase a Poker Run entry and Poker hand at the registration desk located in the airport until 5 pm. Saturday.
3. Participation in the Poker Run is not Mandatory; Purchase of an entry will get you a poker hand assigned to your name. But, if we do not find a purchased entry to assign to your control number, your entry will not be valid.
4. The winner will be announced at the dinner banquet. Again, Please make sure we have an accurate contact number for your entry,
5. That’s it! Please be safe, enjoy the flight and have a good time. Hope to see you on the Beach.

VALDEZ MAY DAY POKER RUN

COURSE PLANNING

Values are approximant and are for planning purposes only. Not to be used for primary navigation **Caution: Not for IFR Use.Activity**

Total Miles / next leg Bearing Latitude Longitude REMARKS Leg 1: Valdez- Potatoe Point/ Vdz Narrows 15/5 230 N61' 03.8" W146' 39.5"

Leg 2: Potatoe Point- Ellamar(Rocky Point)

Leg 3: Ellamar(Rocky Point)- Tatitlek

7KA L30 L12

Leg 4: Tatitlek- Hook Point

At this point you may either return to Valdez Direct or Fly the recommended Scenic route of Choice Leg 5: Hook Point- Cordova Mun

CKU L06 R24

Leg 6: Cordova Mun- Mud Hole Smith

PACV R09 L27

Leg 7: CRD Mud Hole- Copper River Delta Leg 8: Copper River Delta -

Million Dollar Bridge Leg 9: Million Dollar Bridge - Allen River Cabin

Leg 10: Allan River Cabin - Tasnuna River Leg 11: Tasnuna R. - Mount

Jimmy Dolittle Leg 12: Mt. Jimmy Dolittle - Thompson Pass Leg 13:

Thompson Pass - Keystone Canyon Home Leg: Keystone Canyon -

Valdez (VDZ)

62 / 24	138	N60' 20.6
86 / 9	33	H60' 32.6
95 / 13	93	N60' 29.2
108 / 19	78	N60' 27.1
127 / 12	14	N60' 40.4
139 / 14	001	N60' 50.0
153 / 10	302	N61' 00.1
163 / 21	241	N60' 59.0
184 / 8	275	N61' 6.5
192 / 12	228	N61' 04.4
204	268	N61' 08.2

20 / 4
24 / 38



Beach west to east Lining up on the Beach



East to West

Hook Point



Water line

beach next to the dark sand

Please note that the sand looks like there might be standing water but it



This beach is huge and the sand next to the water can be very firm. Avoid white or light colored sand. The darker the color the better.



This is as high as a person would want to go with most conventional landing gear. We'll have people on the beach to show you were to park.

