

The New Pilot Guide to the Island Soaring Society (ISS)

Welcome.

The ISS is Vancouver Island's free flying society and primary soaring club. General information about the club can be found on the society website at <http://islandsoaring.ca> including information about the society, it's aims, board of directors and many useful tools for interacting with your fellow pilots. Safety and transparency is key. All questions not answered in this document or the website should be directed to a board member for a quick and thorough response. There email information is below. Fly and be safe.

There are a number of communications tools adopted for pilot convenience and to assist in community spirit and are available to all members. These are:

- 1) Board Google Mail accounts. Contact these for any relevant questions, concerns or curiosities. Your board is there to work for you.
IslandSoaringPresident@gmail.com
IslandSoaringVPresident@gmail.com
IslandSoaringSecretary@gmail.com
IslandSoaringTreasurer@gmail.com
IslandSoaringSafety@gmail.com
IslandSoaringSites@gmail.com
IslandSoaringIT@gmail.com
- 2) The ISS Website at <http://islandsoaring.ca> . This is THE primary starting resource for pilots and public and is the initial face of ISS. Visit often.
- 3) The Pilots' Blog is found at <http://islandsoaring.ca/> and occupies the main page. As a member you have access to the blog. Here you would post much like diary entries, regarding particularly good flights, photos or points of note. It is public so keep it family. Access can be requested by sending an email to IslandSoaringIT@gmail.com
- 4) The Tal.ki Web Forum at <http://www.islandsoaring.ca/forum.html#/> . As a member you also have full access to the Pilot Forum on the website. It is a password protected part of the site where pilots may feel free to discuss items in depth. Access can be requested by sending an email to IslandSoaringIT@gmail.com

5) The @IslandSoaring Twitter(twitter.com) account: @islandsoaring

The Forum has a general outing discussion area for pre-coordinating flying days. The Twitter account is the field resource for pilots to notify each other when they are away from their computers. Since Twitter is available for all smart phones, is easy to use and a common standard, the ISS has chosen to make the most of it.

It is primarily to be used for on-the-road notifications of conditions, timing/location changes and general field comms when phone or radio won't suffice. It will allow all pilots to see what is going on so do try to use it often.

Access is very easy:

- a) Create an account at Twitter.com (free)
- b) Find & Follow @islandsoaring
- c) Though not necessary, feel free to Follow other pilots
- d) Preface ALL tweets to Pilots with this term: **FLYVI**

Notes: The reason for the preface is that all tweets using this preface will be collected every 30 minutes and posted to the @islandsoaring account for all followers to see. This means that you do not have to Follow all other pilots for them to see your tweets.

The more these tools are used the more the community grows. Do have a good time out there and be safe.

Regards,

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