

# Kamloops Airport

*BVOP Manual  
(Boat Vehicle Operator Permit)*

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**Kamloops Airport**

Kamloops Airport Ltd.  
101 – 3035 Airport Rd.  
Kamloops BC  
V2B 7X2

Monday – Friday 08:00 – 16:00	<b>250.376.3613</b>
Alternate & All Other Hours	<b>250.376.3233</b>

## Introduction

Officially designated a Water Aerodrome, this base has been welcoming float plane operators for half a century.

The site has undergone many transformations over the years, the most recent in 2018 which modernizes the key components of the area including the lower docks, upper deck, gangway and launch. The opportunity was also taken to connect the City of Kamloops Rivers Trail through the area to welcome the community to Kamloops Airport. Its primary purpose is a water aerodrome with availability for boats and leisure craft usage as well. The following will provide information, guidelines and rules regarding safe operations at this facility.

## What is a Water Aerodrome?

The International Civil Aviation Organization defines it as “A defined area, primarily on water, intended to be used either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and movement of aircraft, and any building and equipment on ground or water.”

## Definitions

**Dock area-** Includes upper deck, gangway, lower docks, launch, Vantage Point, & KAAS Park.

**Upper Deck-** The elevated walkway that connects the parking lot to the gangway and lower docks.

**Gangway-** The bridging connection from the upper deck to the lower docks.

**Lower Docks-** The floating dock sections used for loading, unloading and aircraft parking.



**K.A.A.S. Park-** Viewing and picnic area directly East of the Float Plane Dock. Named after the Kamloops Airport Authority Society.

**Beach-** Waterfront area between launch and lower docks/upper deck.

**Boat-** Any leisure craft including motor boat, sea-doo, kayak, canoe and/or other watercraft.



**Launch-** Extended concrete driveway used to launch aircraft and boats.

**Vantage Point-** The viewing area West of the Float Plane Dock featuring a seating area and pergola look out.

**Maneuvering Area-** Entrance of the boat launch for aircraft movement and boat launching.



### Operating Procedures

1. Give right of way to aircraft operations. In all circumstances, aircraft have the right of way at this facility. An aircraft may approach from the water or land at any time and as a boat operator, you are responsible for leaving the area immediately to make way for the aircraft. An aircraft on the river may be unable to quickly maneuver or stop and may approach the beach, launch, or docks with engine running and at higher speeds.
2. If an aircraft is inbound or departing from this facility, please leave the lower launch and dock areas for your safety.
3. Boaters may not operate within 5 metres of any aircraft in motion, or parked on the beach, or lower docks.
4. Boaters may use the South side (river side) of the lower docks for loading and unloading for a maximum duration of 30 minutes.
5. The beach is reserved for aircraft operations. As aircraft may approach quickly, the beach cannot be used for staging boats. Once your boat is in the water, it must only be staged on the river side of the lower docks noted below as boat parking.



### Safety & Security

1. Kindly follow directions from Airport Staff, Airport Security, and Emergency Services.
2. No swimming at this facility. Aircraft may be unable to see, stop or maneuver around a person or animal in water.
3. Pets are allowed at K.A.A.S. park, the Rivers Trail, and Vantage Point. Please keep animals on leash, and out of the water and ensure to clean up after your pet.
4. Drug and alcohol consumption is prohibited at this facility.
5. An issued BVOP is valid only until the end of each season (Mid November).
6. Piggybacking: Your pass is valid for your personal access and registered boat only, and non-transferable. Use of pass for friends and family is prohibited. Any violations will result in termination of use of this facility.



### Parking

1. Vehicles with trailers may park in delineated spots on the East end of the parking area.
2. The aircraft maneuvering area must be kept clear of vehicle parking at all times.
3. There shall be no overnight parking or storage at the facility.



### Incidents

1. Any incidents or safety concerns shall be reported by emailing [ykafloatplanes@kamloopsairport.com](mailto:ykafloatplanes@kamloopsairport.com) or calling the office at 250.376.3613.
2. For immediate concerns contact Airport Security at 250.214.0117
3. For medical emergencies, call 911 and contact Airport Security.

## Appendix A- BVOP Test

1. Who has the right of way at all times?
  - a. Animals
  - b. Boats
  - c. Aircraft
2. If an Aircraft is inbound or departing what should you do?
  - a. Take photos from the gangway
  - b. Watch from the lower dock
  - c. Leave the lower dock and launch
3. What areas are permitted for temporary boat loading?
  - a. The Beach
  - b. The river side of the lower docks
  - c. Sitting at the bottom of the boat launch
4. How long are you able to park a boat at the end of the dock to load/unload?
  - a. 30 minutes
  - b. 60 minutes
  - c. 90 minutes
5. What is the bridging connection from the Upper Deck to the lower dock called?
  - a. Bridge
  - b. Gangway
  - c. Breezeway
6. What areas are pets permitted at the Float Plane Dock?
  - a. On the beach, in the water, and at K.A.A.S. Park
  - b. Only at Vantage Point, K.A.A.S. Park, and the launch
  - c. Only at K.A.A.S. Park, the Rivers Trail and Vantage Point
7. Are people or pets permitted in the water at the Float Plane Dock?
  - a. No
  - b. Yes, it is permissible to swim around the dock and by the beach
  - c. Only when there are no Aircraft in sight
8. What distance must a boat maintain from an aircraft?
  - a. 3 metres
  - b. 5 metres
  - c. 7 metres
9. When does a BVOP expire?
  - a. They do not expire
  - b. In one year
  - c. At the end of each season
10. Which item is NOT true about the maneuvering area?

- a. It is the area directly above the boat launch
- b. This area may be used for parking
- c. It must be kept clear at all times for aircraft

**Fill in the blanks for the locations indicated below:**









**BVOP TEST ANSWERS****TEST 1**

Ques	Ans	Ques	Ans
1	C	6	C
2	C	7	A
3	B	8	B
4	A	9	C
5	B	10	B

