



KAMLOOPS AIRPORT  
BVOP MANUAL  
(BOAT VEHICLE OPERATOR PERMIT)

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# YKA Floatplane Dock

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## Introduction

Officially designated a Water Aerodrome, this base has been welcoming floatplane 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.”

## YKA Boat Launch

The YKA Boat launch opens a new entrance to the South Thompson River on the North side of Kamloops. The boat launch is trailer accessible and is available from spring until the fall each year for users that complete the Boat Vehicle Operator Permit Program. Opening and closing of the boat launch follows the City of Kamloops boat launch operations. The program was created to ensure safety for aircraft and boat operations at a combined use facility. KAL reserves the right to close the boat launch for special aviation events, and during high water if deemed unsafe.



## **How to Obtain a “BVOP”**

In order to receive a BVOP for the season, you will be required to complete the BVOP test with a 100% pass, complete the application, and submit the annual fee of \$75 + GST. Once you are ready to write the test, please call 250.376.3613 or email [info@kamloopsairport.com](mailto:info@kamloopsairport.com) to make an appointment in advance.

Upon arrival, you may park at the Airport Operations Building (located to the West of the Air Terminal Building). There is “visitor parking” right at the front doors near the administration office. Please bring your completed application, driver’s license, and your pleasure craft operator card to be viewed at the time of application. Once you have completed the test and submitted the annual fee, you will be given the access code for the boat launch. Your BVOP pass will be ready for pickup within one week.

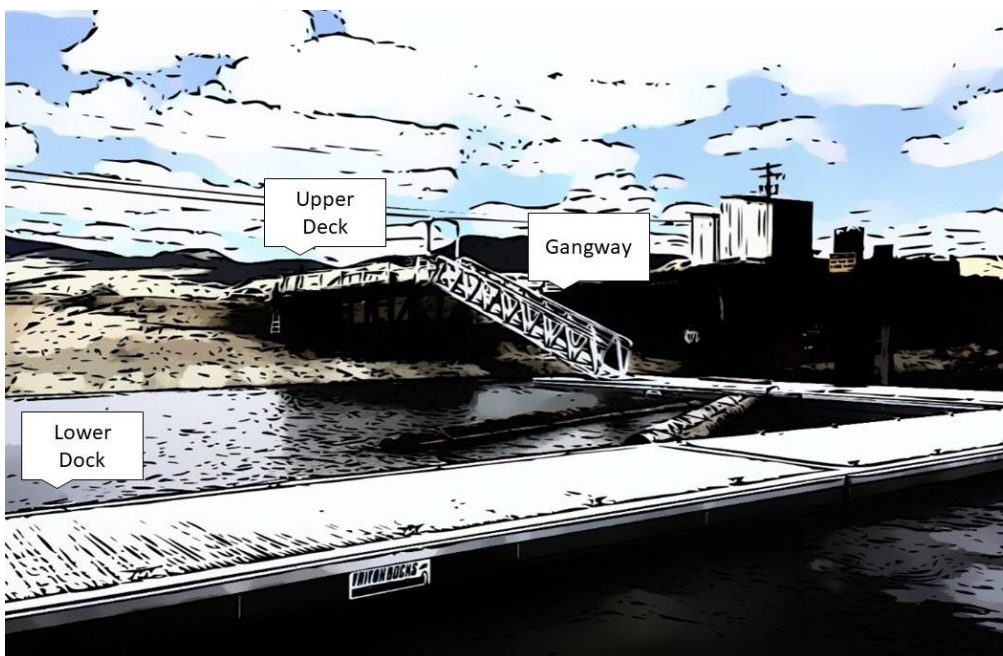
## Glossary

**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.

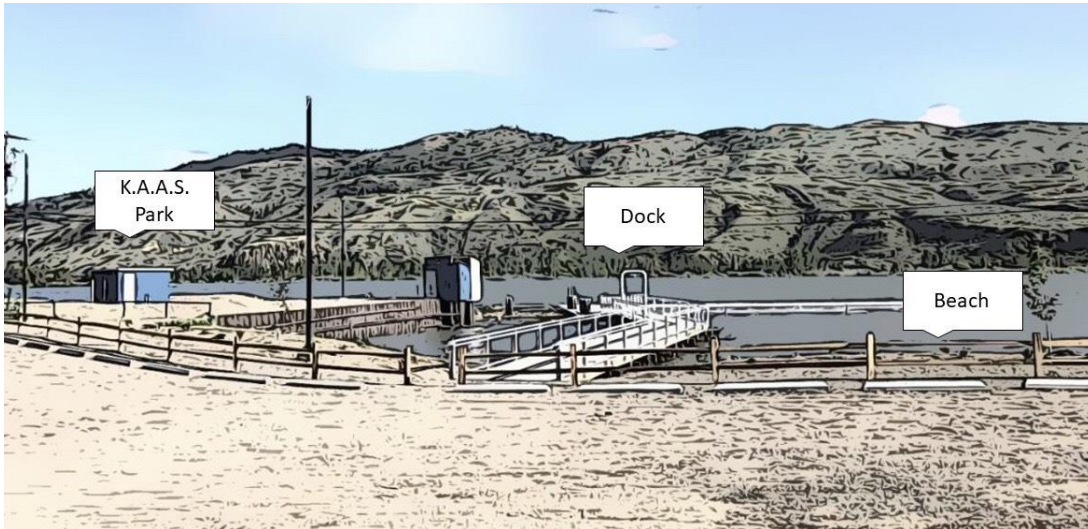
**Lower Docks-** The floating dock sections used for loading, unloading and aircraft parking.



**KAAS 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 including floatation devices.



**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

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In all circumstances, aircraft have the right of way at this facility, and you must give right of way to aircraft operations at all times. 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 engines running, and at higher speeds.

1. For your safety, If an aircraft is inbound or departing from this facility, please leave the beach, lower launch and dock areas.
2. Boaters may not operate within 5 meters of any aircraft in motion, or parked.
3. Boaters may only use the South side (river side) of the lower docks for loading and unloading for a maximum duration of 30 minutes.
4. The lower beach is reserved for aircraft operations and may not be used for staging boats as an aircraft may arrive at any time.



## Parking

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





## Safety and Security

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Safety and Security must be maintained during all operations at the YKA Floatplane Dock. Use of the area is based on the following requirements:

1. *“No person shall operate any vessel, or cause any obstruction, on the surface of any part of a water area of an airport that is to be kept clear of obstructions in the interest of aviation safety, when ordered, by signal or otherwise, to leave or not to approach that area by the appropriate air traffic control unit or flight service station or by the operator of the airport.” Canadian Aviation Regulations 302.10(d)*
2. Kindly follow directions from Kamloops Airport Staff, Kamloops Airport Security (GardaWorld), and RCMP, Community Service Officers, or Emergency Services.
3. Pets are allowed at KAAS park, the Rivers Trail, and Vantage Point. Please keep all animals on leash, and out of the water, and ensure to clean up after your pet.
4. Swimming is not permitted at this facility. Aircraft may be unable to see, stop or maneuver around a person or animal in water.
5. Drug and alcohol consumption are prohibited at this facility.
6. The YKA Floatplane Dock area is under video surveillance.
7. Passholders are responsible for ensuring the launch is closed and secured behind them. Confirmed reports of unsecured gates may result in revocation of your permit.
8. Piggybacking: Your pass is valid for your personal access and registered boat only, and is non-transferable. Use of pass for friends and family is prohibited. Any violations will result in permanent termination of use of this facility.

### Safety Management System (SMS)

One of Kamloops Airport Ltd.’s core business values is safety. All BVOP holders should report any incident, accident, or safety concern to Kamloops Airport Operations by calling 250.376.3613 or emailing [operations@kamloopsairport.com](mailto:operations@kamloopsairport.com)

Safety concerns can also be entered into the Safety Management System (Vortex) through <http://yka.vortexcms.com/safety-concern>. For immediate concerns contact Airport Security at 250.214.0117



## **Medical Emergencies**

For medical emergencies, call 911 and then contact Airport Emergency Operations at 250.376.3233.

## Sample Test

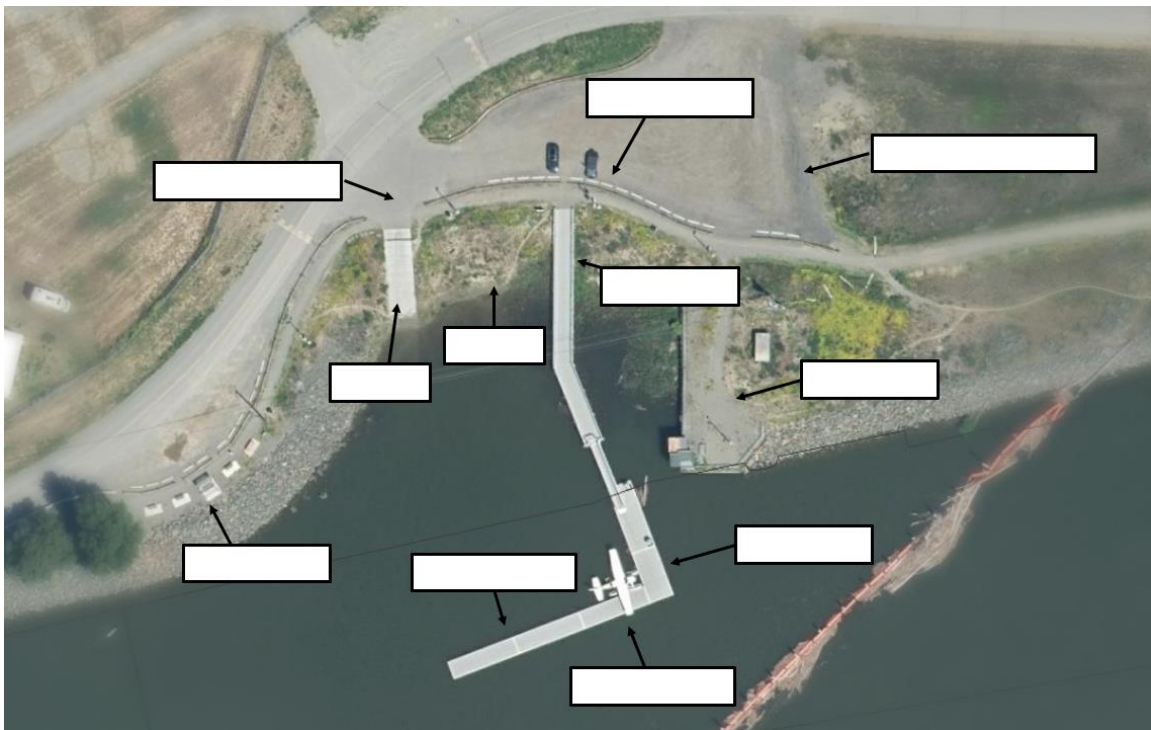
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Who has the right of way for launching?
  - a. Boats
  - b. Whoever arrives first
  - c. Aircraft
  
- 2. How long are you able to park a boat at the end of the dock to load/unload?
  - a. 30 minutes
  - b. 45 minutes
  - c. 60 minutes
  
- 3. Are pets permitted at the YKA Floatplane Dock?
  - a. Yes, if they are with their owner, and out of the way of operators.
  - b. No, pets are not permitted.
  - c. Yes, only in certain areas, and on leash.
  
- 4. What distance must a boat maintain from an aircraft?
  - a. 1 meter
  - b. 5 meters
  - c. 10 meters
  
- 5. The floating dock sections used for loading, unloading and aircraft parking are called:
  - a. Dock area
  - b. Lower docks
  - c. Launch
  
- 6. What is the maneuvering area?
  - a. An area designated for parking
  - b. Entrance of the boat launch for aircraft movement and boat launching
  - c. The viewing area West of the Floatplane Dock
  
- 7. The term “Boat” in the BVOP manual includes seadoos, kayaks, canoes, and/ or other watercraft including floatation devices:
  - a. True
  - b. False

- 8. The primary purpose of the YKA Floatplane Dock is a water aerodrome.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 9. BVOP holders should report any incident, accident or safety concern to Kamloops Airport Operations.
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 10. Refer to the map below and assign the following locations:
 

- Aircraft Parking	- Maneuvering Area
- Beach	- Truck & Trailer Parking
- Boat Parking	- Upper Deck
- Launch	- Vantage Point
- Lower Dock	- Vehicle Parking
- KAAS Park	



## BVOP Answer Key

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

