

Vancouver Island Poker Run 2020

Pilot Information

General Information and Contest Rules

The 2020 Vancouver Island Poker Run starts at 10:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time (1730z) and runs until 3:00 PM (2200z) on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Within that time, land at as many of the five qualifying airports as you can and collect a poker hand. The top poker hands get bragging rights (and FS Economy prizes if you're part of that world).

The five airports are CYYJ, CYCD, CYAZ, CYQQ, and CYBL.

Fly IFR or VFR, it doesn't matter. Three of the fields are uncontrolled with an MF. There will be staff on the Flight Service Station frequencies at Nanaimo and Campbell River, and on the RCO frequency at Tofino. When you land at a qualifying airport between 1730z and 2200z and are clear of the maneuvering area, switch to the poker terminal frequency, advise your callsign and airfield, and request a card. Please be patient while the card is generated, recorded, and communicated to you before switching back to the appropriate frequency and starting your next flight.

**Strategy tip: Plan to arrive at the first aerodrome just after 1730z. You can then collect your first card immediately, and can depart for your second aerodrome as soon as possible.*

You must use the same callsign and aircraft for the entire event.

Cards generated for all pilots can be viewed 'live' (with a short delay) at <http://twitch.tv/czvr>.

The top hands will be announced on the poker terminal frequency shortly after 2200z.

Airfield Information

The following is a list of event airfields and the ATC planned to be provided during the event*. VATSIM does not allow us to use _FSS or _RCO as part of position callsigns, so we will substitute with _TWR.

Aerodrome	ATC Provided	Callsign	Frequency
CYYJ Victoria Class C	ATIS	CYYJ_ATIS	118.800
	Delivery	CYYJ_DEL	126.400
	Ground	CYYJ_GND	121.900
	Tower	CYYJ_TWR	119.700
	Terminal	CYYJ_APP	133.850
CYCD Nanaimo Class E	ATIS	CYCD_ATIS	128.425
	MF Nanaimo Radio (FSS) - Airport Advisory Services	CYCD_TWR	122.100
CYAZ Tofino Class E	MF Hardy Radio (RCO) - Remote Airport Advisory Services	CYAZ_TWR	123.250
CYQQ Comox Class D	ATIS	CYQQ_ATIS	118.600
	Ground	CYQQ_GND	119.750
	Tower	CYQQ_TWR	126.200
	Terminal	CYQQ_APP	134.100
CYBL Campbell River Class E	ATIS	CYBL_ATIS	128.550
	MF Campbell Radio (FSS) - Airport Advisory Services	CYBL_TWR	122.000
Poker Cards	Poker Terminal	CYYJ_P_APP	133.900

*subject to change

Class C and D Airports - Victoria and Comox

These are regular 'towered' airports. Tower will instruct VFR aircraft on how to enter the pattern and will clear them for landing and takeoff.

Class E Airports - Nanaimo, Tofino, and Campbell River

These are uncontrolled airports with advisory services. At least 5 minutes before entering the zone, call them with your callsign only. Address them like this:

CYCD - "Nanaimo Radio, N123A"

CYAZ - "Hardy Radio, GABC on the Tofino RCO"

CYBL - "Campbell Radio, Pasco 123"

Note that Tofino is a Remote Communications Outlet. When you call them, they will be working an FSS at a different airport with multiple frequencies, so we let them know that we're calling on the Tofino RCO frequency.

When they are able to respond, give the ATIS letter (where available), aircraft type, position, and intentions, and request an airport advisory. The flight service specialist will advise of any traffic, the runway in use, and any other advisories. After that, let the specialist know how you plan to join the circuit and proceed to do that. (It is permissible at these airports to join the circuit on base or final so long as there is no conflict.) Report again midfield downwind and final. Do not expect a clearance to land from the specialist. Confirm that the runway is clear, and land at your discretion.

When departing, contact the specialist with the ATIS (when available) and request an airport advisory prior to taxiing. Advise the specialist which runway you are taxiing to. When it's time to take off, advise the specialist that you are departing.

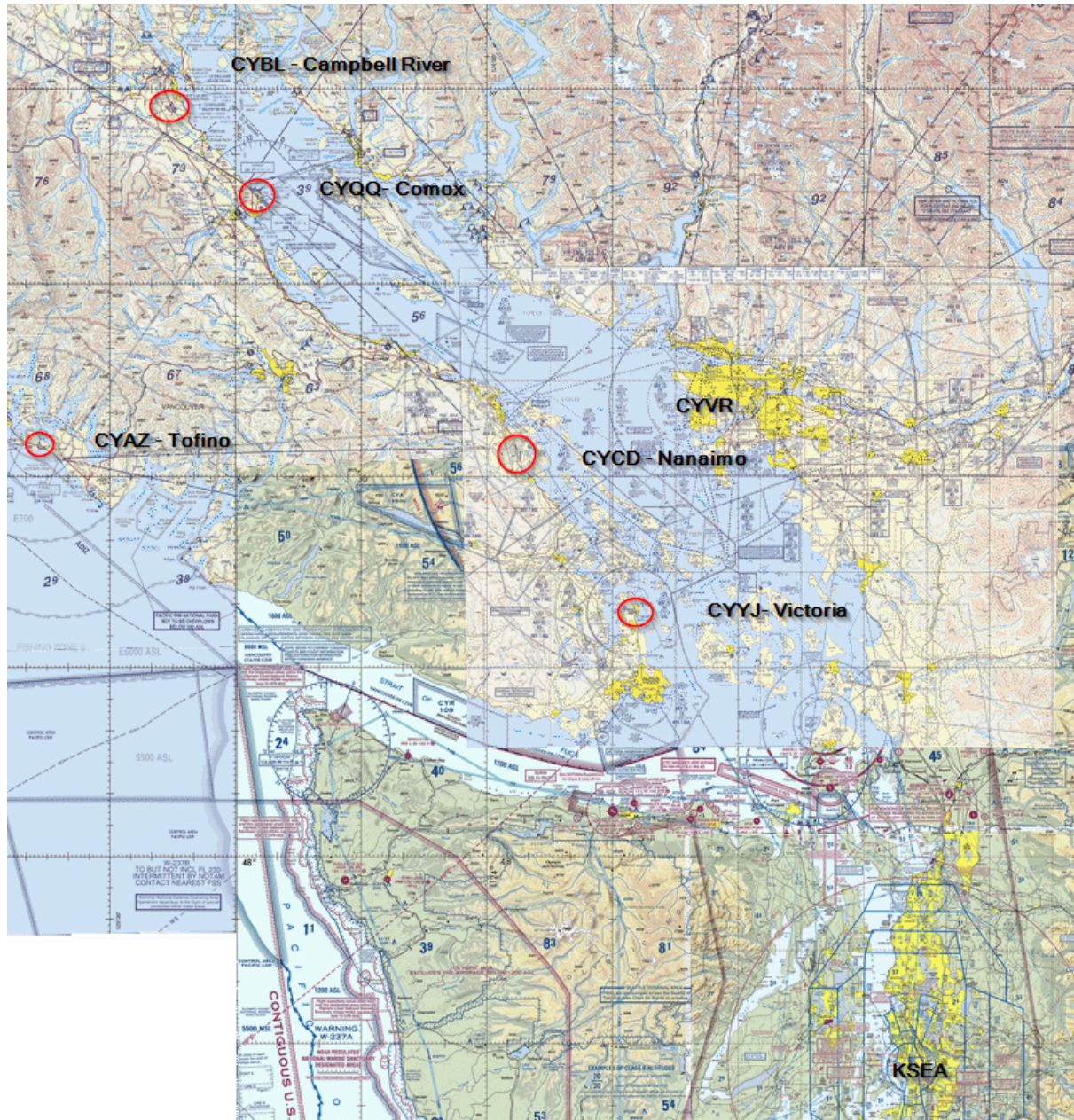
The Cardinal Aviation podcast has information on MF procedures at

<https://www.podbean.com/eu/pb-8yehf-d81b98>. Also, see

https://www.tc.gc.ca/en/services/aviation/documents/TP11541E-Accessible_VFR_procedures_at_uncontrolled_aerodromes_EN.pdf for complete guidance

Route Planning

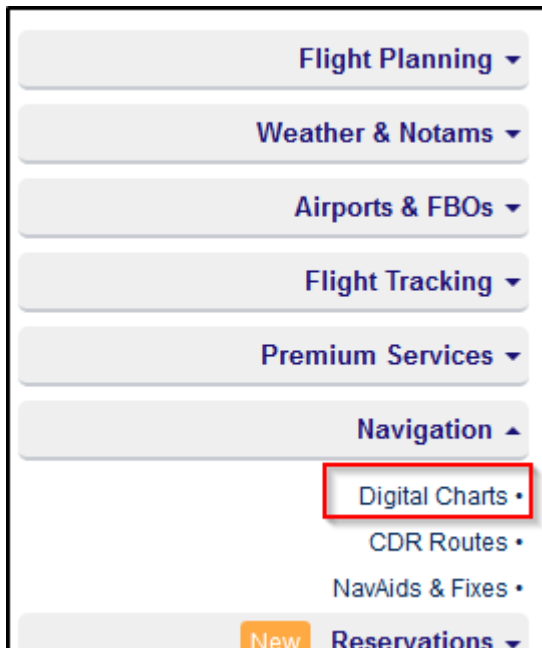
Below is a map of Southern Vancouver Island and Seattle/Vancouver Area. Event aerodromes are circled in red.



**Strategy tips: Plan your route to avoid backtracking, but also be flexible and avoid 'bunches' of event aircraft. Choose an aircraft with adequate airspeed.*

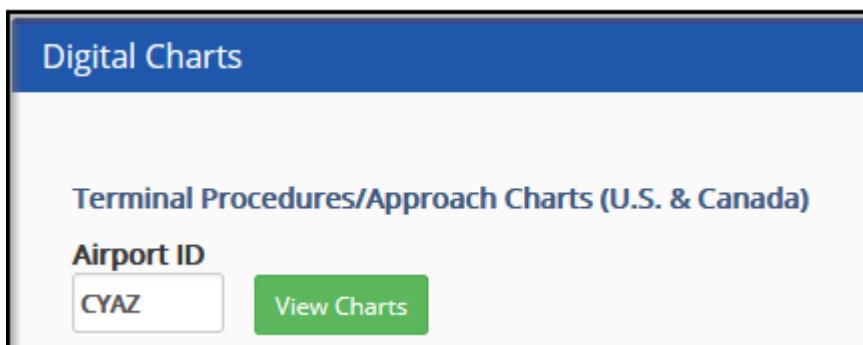
Charts


Canadian charts are freely available at fltplan.com, but you do have to sign up. Once you do, click 'Navigation', then 'Digital Charts'.



Aerodrome Charts

Charts are available for all aerodromes that have instrument procedures. Enter the ICAO code in the 'Airport ID' field and click 'View Charts'.



 PDF Format

Instrument Approaches

- RNAV GNSS RWY 11
- RNAV GNSS RWY 29

Airport Diagram

AERODROME CHART



VFR Navigation Charts

To access VNC and VTA charts, populate the Enroute charts section with departure and arrival ICAO codes, select the 'Sectionals' (sic) radio button, and click 'View Charts'. Give fltplan.com and your browser some time to render the chart.

Full-Featured Enroute Charts with Current Weather

Depart Airport ID

Arrival Airport ID

☐ Hi Alt Charts (Jet Airways)
☐ Low Alt Charts (Victor Airways)
☒ Sectionals

[View Charts](#)

A high-resolution chart including both aerodromes will display. It may include a mixture of Canadian VNC and U.S. VFR charts, with an overlay of any available VTA charts.



Scenery

FS9, FSX, P3D: <http://stuff4fs.com>

X-Plane: <http://canada4xplane.weebly.com/british-columbia1.html>

FSE Prize Information

Pilots who participate in [FSEconomy](#) and who choose to register qualify for FSE prizes. The top seven poker hands of registered FSE participants will share in a prize pool of FSE 250,000 as follows:

Best Hand	100,000 and C-GMFT*
Second Place	50,000
Third Place	25,000
Fourth Place	20,000
Fifth Place	15,000
Sixth Place	10,000
Seventh Place	5,000

*C-GMFT is an FSEconomy DeHavilland DH-82 Tiger Moth, located at CYYJ.

To participate as an FSE pilot, simply ask Poker Terminal (CYYJ_P_APP) to be registered when you get your first card. Provide your FSE account name at that time so that we can deposit your prize.

Livestreams

ATC:

CYAZ: <https://www.twitch.tv/captnabs>

CYYJ: <https://www.twitch.tv/rynjilaviation>

Poker Terminal/Results: <https://www.twitch.tv/czvr/>

Pilots:

PC033: <https://www.twitch.tv/ehviator>