

# GA TUESDAY



## *The Pilot Club*

*"Make sure not to spoil the secret"*

11/26/2024

TIME: 8PM EST (0100Z)

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- **Suggested aircraft:** Choose a single or twin-engine plane capable of 100-150 kts.
- **Weather settings:** Adjust to your preference, though many opt for live weather with the time rolled back a few hours.
- **For GPS navigation:** Consider using moving map apps like ForeFlight, FltPlan Go, or Garmin Pilot.
- Don't forget to take photos and share them with our community on Discord.

## Suggested add-ons & charts

1. Juneau sectional chart

FSX/P3d	X-Plane	MSFS 2020/24	Primary Scenery
Default airports will suffice	Default airports will suffice	<a href="#">Sitka Airport</a>	

## Secondary sceneries and utilities for MSFS

### General

- [We Love VFR - Region 2](#)
- [Global AI Ship Traffic For MSFS: GAIST Ultra Version 6](#)
- [MSFS Addons Linker](#)
- [Scenery Map from Flightsim](#)

## Flight plan

The flight plan provided here is a basic copy-and-paste version for a general overview of the route. For the detailed and actual plan, please refer to the Standard Briefing section.

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## Alternative flight plan

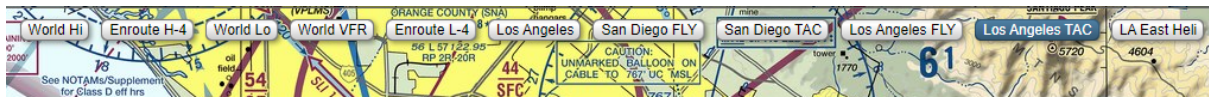
Should the weather conditions not be favorable for visual flight, here's an alternate IFR route that you can file with VATSIM. Ensure to plan for a cruising altitude of **8,000 ft.**

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Flight simmers looking to sharpen your skills, use the briefing section and your electronic flight bag (EFB) to thoroughly visualize the route. Embrace the challenge of VFR flying by avoiding over-reliance on automated navigation - don't be "Children of the Magenta." It's crucial for the pilot to fully grasp the nuances of the flight plan and the specific regulations governing different airspaces before execution.

Treat your charts as a valuable tool for reference and understanding, rather than as a mere dependency. This approach will enhance your practical navigation skills and deepen your overall aviation knowledge.

Use the dynamic charts that are made available in [SkyVector](#) to see sectional, TAC, FLY, and other specialized charts for the area.



# Paris of the Pacific

## Standard briefing

### Sitka departure

Depart from **Sitka Airport (PASI)** and head northwest for 5nm until you reach the isolated Middle Island. Then head slightly more north for 9nm until you reach the northwest end of **Halleck Island**.

### Remaining legs of the flight

Continue ahead for another 8nm until you overfly the north side of Fish Bay. Turn a tiny bit more northerly for 13nm until you reach a few structures north of Ushk Bay. Head northeast (020) for 13nm past the **Peril Strait** and past the north shore of Crab Bay. Head slightly north for 13nm through the **Tenakee Inlet**, till Freshwater Bay ends.

Heading northwest (308) will take you in for a touch and go at **Hoonah Airport (PAOH)**. Passing Port Frederick, head west for 19nm until you pass a couple of cabins on your left. Continue by heading west (258) keeping Elfin Cove on your left reaching Cape Spencer. At this point you will be following the coast for the rest of the flight until you reach the destination of **Yakutat Airport (PAYA)**.

### Weather

Within the standard briefing, it's essential to keep track of weather conditions. Consider the following reports:

#### Adverse conditions

##### Convective

[Convective SIGMETs](#)

(WST)

[Convective Watches](#) (WW)

[Graphical AIRMETs](#)

##### Synopsis

##### Weather charts

[Surface Analysis](#)

[Daily US Weather Map](#)

#### Current conditions

[METARs](#)

[NWS RADAR Site](#)

[PIREPS](#)

[SATELLITE](#)

#### En route forecast

[Graphical Forecast for](#)

[Aviation \(GFA\) Tool](#)

[Prognostic chart](#)

[Generate soundings and](#)

[other Model analyses](#)

[and forecasts](#)

#### Destination forecast

[TAFs](#)

## Wind and temps aloft (FB)

[By region](#)

## Aviation notices

[Special Use Airspace](#)

[NOTAM Search](#)

[Notices to Airmen](#)

## ATC delays

[National Airspace System](#)

[Status](#) (FSS Command Center)

## PIREPs

[Creating a PIREP](#)

[Easy form for submitting](#)

[PIREPs](#)

## A bit of realism

Our goal is to incorporate real-world parameters into the VFR flights. Please ensure you read and understand the procedures before your flight. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to the Flight Ops team or use the Discord thread (#gat-events) dedicated to this event.

## United States Regulations

1. Read [§ 91.113 – Right-of-way rules: Except water operations](#)
2. Read [§ 91.119 – Minimum safe altitudes: General](#)
3. Read [§ 91.127 – Operating on or in the vicinity of an airport in Class E airspace](#)
4. Read [§ 91.133 – Restricted and prohibited areas](#)
5. Read [§ 91.151 – Fuel requirements for flight in VFR conditions](#)
6. Read [§ 91.159 – VFR cruising altitude or flight level](#)
7. Read [§ 91.179 – IFR cruising altitude or flight level](#)
8. Read [§ 91.211 – Supplemental oxygen](#)
9. Read [§ 91.215 – ATC transponder and altitude reporting equipment and use](#)
10. Read [AIM 7-5-6 – Flights Over Charted U.S. Wildlife Refuges, Parks, and Forest Service Areas](#)

## Airport information

Spend a little time getting to know the airport, including the runway layouts and other details. Much of this information is available on Skyvector's website. You'll find links to the specific pages for each airport there.

## Departure

Name	ICAO	Elevation <sup>1</sup>	Runways	Parking
<a href="#">Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport</a>	PASI <a href="#">NOTAM</a>	26 ft	11/29	North Ramp

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<sup>1</sup> All elevations are indicated as feet mean sea level.

In the 2009 movie *The Proposal*, scenes purportedly at **Sitka Rocky Gutierrez Airport** were actually filmed at Beverly Regional Airport in Beverly, Massachusetts, near Boston, Massachusetts.

## Touch and go

Name	ICAO	Elevation <sup>1</sup>	Runways
<a href="#">Hoonah Airport</a>	PAOH <a href="#">NOTAM</a>	21 ft	6/24

**Hoonah Airport** lies in a prime location for charter fishing in Icy Strait. Charter boat operators take clients out throughout the summer to target halibut and the five species of salmon: king, coho, sockeye, chum, and pink, which are headed to spawn in area's rivers and streams.

## Arrival

Name	ICAO	Elevation <sup>1</sup>	Runways	Parking
<a href="#">Yakutat Airport</a>	PAYA <a href="#">NOTAM</a>	39 ft	11/29, 02/20	Northwest Ramp

Finally, **Yakutat Airport** was constructed as part of the United States Army's long-range defense program for Alaska. During World War II the airfield was a key USAAF base during the Aleutian Campaign. It was used in combat by the 406th Bombardment Squadron (June–November 1942) (28th Bombardment Group).

## VATSIM

One of the goals during the flight is to have air traffic control support from real people through the VATSIM network. Register for a free account at [vatsim.net](http://vatsim.net) and complete the new member orientation in order to join the network.



When filing a flight plan with VATSIM make sure to add the following remarks to help support the club and increase our presence on the network.

**/RMK OPERATED BY THEPILOTCLUB.ORG**

## Model matching

Whenever you encounter another pilot while flying on VATSIM, the VATSIM client looks through all the model information it found during the start-up scan, and picks the best match. If no match can be found, it will display the aircraft using your **default model**.

The client will choose a default model for you, but if you want to use a different default model, you can change it by entering a different model title in the Default Model text box on the Model Matching tab in the Settings window.

- [General Aviation vPilot VMR file](#)
- [TPC Liveries Package + vPilot VMR file v.4](#)
- [Helicopter \(general\) vPilot VMR file v.1 + instructions](#)

**TIP:** If you are not using custom model matching in FS2020 and flying GA: In vPilot change default model matching to this: **Generic Piston Single Engine Asobo 01**

## General Aviation Tuesday

The purpose of this event is to get pilot's away from simply inputting waypoints and airports into their navigation system. We try to get you to read the sectional chart by following along with the text briefing. There are a couple of event formats:

1. **Cross-fire** - This format puts pilots on the same path, but each group starts out on the opposite end of the route.
2. **Real world fly-ins** - This format is our attempt to replicate real world events. It's the pilot's choice how they get to the destination.
3. **Direct** - This format is our normal routing with optional touch-and-goes. We all start around the same place and end up at the same airport.
4. **Regional tour** - This format is a series of flights where we create multiple legs in order to achieve a flight in a specific region. It follows a direct format as well.

## Additional flights

Every **first Tuesday** of the month we will embark on touring the United States one state at a time. The goal is to visit the capital and/or famous landmarks of each state. Every **third Tuesday** of the month we will explore our world with a regional tour. This tour typically lasts for the rest of the year.

If you're interested in more general aviation flights the club also hosts a BUSH WEDNESDAY group flight on the **fourth Wednesday** of each month.

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*FRIDAY NIGHT OPS*  
*FLIGHT OPS TEAM LEAD*  
*CHALLENGE FLIGHTS*  
*WORLD TOUR*  
*GENERAL AVIATION*  
*DISCOVERY FLIGHT*

For more information about this organization visit [thepilotclub.org](https://thepilotclub.org). There is also good information on the [Standard Operating Procedures](#) page. We also have a very active Discord server.

## References

### Links

#### General

1. <https://chat.openai.com>
2. <https://my.vatsim.net/pilots/aip>
3. [https://www.thepilotclub.org/resources#model\\_matching](https://www.thepilotclub.org/resources#model_matching)

#### United States

4. [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/digital\\_products/vfr/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/vfr/)
5. [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/flight\\_info/aeronav/digital\\_products/aero\\_guide/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/aero_guide/) - Aeronautical Chart Users' Guide
6. <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/nsapp.html#/>
7. <https://www.thinkaviation.net/notams-decoded/>
8. <http://www.moratech.com/aviation/notam-abbrev.html>
9. <https://www.aviationweather.gov>
10. <https://www.thinkaviation.net/levels-of-vfr-ifr-explained/>
11. <https://aopa.org/>
12. <https://www.eaa.org>