

WELCOME PACK

Skyeast Airways VA

flySEAGroup

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WELCOME TO SKYEAST AIRWAYS/flySEAGroup

Purpose of this publication is to provide the "quick start" assistance to our new members.

Document will address some basic info about:

- the code of conduct and corporate guidelines,
- flights and schedule,
- member registration requirements, training and proficiency policy
- operating rules and procedures
- SEA flight booking system and pilot reports
- use of external systems recognized by SEA

INTRO

As SEA member, you will be in a position to fly some of the most interesting programmes in the VA world. Furthermore, you will realize that our philosophy —“as real as it gets“ (many declare but only few really practice) will give you the ultimate “taste” of the airline atmosphere and add considerable sense of purpose to your FS activity and experience.

Generally speaking, SEA is organized as a real airline. We have taken many real-life aviation elements and adapted them to the VA world. Result is close simulation of modern airline, strong brand and unlimited “playground” for creative individuals.

FLIGHTS

Below is the short description of SEA flight programmes:

- **SEA scheduled network** represents one of the most intelligent concepts in VA world. With more than 30 regular destinations in Europe and over 20 in Asia, our multiple-hub concept offers unbeatable, realistic choice of regular flights on daily basis. Our reach is extended even further thanks to our regional partner VAs and their independent networks that are integrated to SEA schedule. SEA Long range fleet is assigned to highly competitive intercontinental network and it serves selected destinations on all continents.

- **SEA Charter programmes** are designed to bring more diversity to our crews. They also give the opportunity to operate charters to some of the most interesting places around the globe.

Seasonal charters are built based on the offers from selected real tour operators. Thanks to that fact, SEA crews can experience first-hand how it looks to operate to crowded leisure destinations often characterized as very demanding to operate to (you bet short runways, non-precision approaches, high temperatures (or snow covered surfaces) will test your flying skills to the extreme extend).

Single charters are simply the charters of your choice. All you have to do is place charter request on the SEA forum and, within the 24 hours, you will be in position to fly charter flight to the destination of

your choice. Your own imagination and aircraft performance are the only limits (yeah, don't go with A330 on 10m wide/1000m long runway...).

Recently introduced "CALL" events are short notice ad-hoc charters launched with intention to gather together as many as possible SEA crews at the same place. Announced on our forum only few hours before departure, "CALL" charters are one of the most popular happenings in SEA flying community today.

SEA SkyGlobe Programme is actually the contest. Next destination is usually announced on SEA forum in the form of the quiz question. Crew that first answers correctly the quiz question is entitled to fly this, next leg of the programme. Skyglobe programme typically consists of 30-40 legs around the globe.

Important to say, SEA is "event airline". We tend to fly all the major events in the areas where we normally operate. Events are considered as great promotion possibility and real "showroom" for our proficiency and competence.

FLEET

SEA recommends and fully supports use of following aircraft:

- A320/321 (PSS/IFDG/PA/WILCO/Air Simmer or derivate)
- A330 (-200/-300) (PSS/IFDG/PA/WILCO/Air Simmer or derivate)
- B737-800/900 (PMDG) operated by Jet Ireland
- ATR72 and B734 (Flight1) operated by BON BH Airlines
- A319 operated by Bluebear VA
- B777-200/300ER operated by Jet Ireland
- Various aircraft sub-chartered based on market needs (actual listing available on SEA website)

CONSISTENCY OF AIRCRAFT ROTATION

The most important rule in SEA (and partner airlines) is respecting the consistency of the aircraft rotation. This means that specific aircraft registration (i.e. VR-SEB/A320) can depart only from the airport where it landed on previous sector.

For that reason, crew MUST mandatory check the position of the aircraft on the flight board before making decision what/where to fly. Often, you will need to “travel” and pay your virtual ticket to different airport in order to take the aircraft of your choice. Our VA management system fully supports this option and adds the great sense of realism to the operation.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS

Every SEA member should be familiar with following company publications and sources:

- SEA Operations Manual part A (company operating rules and regulations)
- Corporate guidelines
- VAFS User Guide
- Aircraft Operating Manual (provided by PMDG, PSS or other add-on manufacturer)
- Airport charts for intended departure/destination/alternate airports
- Aircraft Check Lists
- Take off/Landing data card
- Weather/Notam Briefing ops pages

OM part A is considered as the most important document that will give you valuable information related to all existing company procedures and rules. Document is based on real-aviation document and thus represents valuable source for serious simmers.

PROFICIENCY ASSESMENT

Initial proficiency assesment should give us the picture of your flight simulation experience. It should also help us to determine if there are particular areas where you would maybe like to get some more materials and information in order to bring your knowledge and skills to even higher level.

In general, if you are able to:

- operate comfortably any aircraft of your choice (ideally one of those we have in our fleet) including
 - safe take off, climb, cruise, descent and landing
 - fly SID and STAR procedures by use of conventional aids (VOR/NDB)
 - fly any of Instrument Approach Procedures at destination of your choice (ILS, LOC, VOR, NDB...etc)
- file the correct routing between 2 airports of your choice
- fly the filled route by use of conventional navigation or any area navigation (RNAV) system you are familiar with (FMS/GPS...)
- understand and determine aircraft weights, limitations and speeds
- decode and understand aviation weather report and associated hazards (if any)
- connect to the network of your choice and communicate with ATC using the correct phraseology in all portions of the flight

>> You may directly proceed and request your check flight (operations@fly-sea.com).

If any question in this self-assessment you answered—"no", you should contact SEA training department (training@fly-sea.com) and we will furnish you with required materials and assist you to master the specific field. This does not necessary mean that you have to wait for your first flight assignment.

In cooperation with partner vACCs (Virtual Area Control Centers), SEA has introduced regular 6 month proficiency checks like in the real world aviation. Check is consisted of theoretical (multiple answer online test) and practical (check flight under the surveillance) part. Proficiency check is open book exam and you can use all available materials.

TRAINING

SEA Cares about proficiency of our staff.

Below is the brief description of our training programmes. You can contact our training department at any time to obtain more information or request specific materials or even online assistance and training.

-type rating course -

Those who have experience in offline or online flying but have never flown A320/330or B737NG shall contact our training department to get comprehensive materials and sample flights in order to obtain type rating for any of the aircraft in SEA fleet. We use TR programmes also for brief refresher courses for our experienced, active crews.

-online flying course -

In case that you have some experience in flying the FS, but you have never flown online, our training department will provide you with necessary materials to prepare for online flying.

This programme focus on voice communication, specifics/rules of the network, connection assistance and proper flight plan filling. Once ready, we can arrange your first online flight and assure you will have one of our instructors and friendly ATC online.

-foundation course -

If world of flight simulation is new to you, you should, like in the previous cases, contact our training department which will give you adequate guidance and materials you need (from basic aviation knowledge, through the first take offs and landings to short offline route flights).

Once ready, you will proceed with type rating for bigger aircraft and, finally, master the online flying.

SAFETY POLICY

Our safety policy is, again, one of the elements taken from the real-life aviation. By sharing the anonymous safety reports on incidents and accidents involving SEA flights, we make sure that each occurrence is analysed and corrective action/recommendation is issued to avoid reoccurrence.

ONLINE FLYING

SEA flies and counts only flights operated online on one of the FS networks (VATSIM, IVAO).

Majority of SEA members in Europe fly on VATSIM, so VATSIM is considered as a preferred network in Europe (by no means exclusive!) while in Asia, flights are dominantly operated on IVAO. Crews should base their decision on this fact but, ultimately, fly on the network with better ATC coverage at the time of the flight.

SEA ONLINE SYSTEMS

Once you fill the "join us" application form on our website and providing you have MS Flight Simulator, there are only few formalities to finalize before being ready for take off:

- Company will assign you the SEA ID
- You should possess one of the aircraft operated by SEA
- Download and install SEA livery from our website
- Assure you have VATSIM or IVAO ID and password (in case you need assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us)
- Assure you have downloaded all the necessary software for online flying (i.e. SsquawkBox or IVAP - do not hesitate to contact for assistance and testing, especially if you are all new in this - it will save a lot of time and make the things go easy straight from the beginning)
- Register at SEA forum (www.fly-sea.com/forum) using your assigned SEA ID

In case you have online flying experience, send to SEA HDQ number of hours and flights operated online till the day you joined SEA (in order to set your rank and update your logbook in SEA) - we know that not all pilots keep their logbooks updated, so good approximation or VATSIM /IVA0 statistics will be sufficient.

Our systems are constantly improved in order to provide the best and the most comfortable service to our members. As of 01 Jun 07, use of VAFS system is mandatory when flying for SEA as system is used as central operations control and reporting system (aircraft position as well as number of passengers, flights and hours flown, fuel burn and many other parameters are controlled and calculated based on VAFS reports you will send after each flight).

Separated VAFS User Guide is distributed to all new members.

For flight planning purposes we recommend following software or websites:

- FS Build
- ASA link (<http://finder.asalink.net/free/>)
- Vroute (<http://www.vroute.net/>)
- Other systems listed on our forums

SEA and partner airlines schedule can be checked at flight board link available on our web (operations section).

SEA flight safety reports are filled in case of any operational incident or accident and they are anonymous (all flight data will not be presented to public, only event description, analyses and recommendation from our Safety Manager).

SEA regularly update airport NAV charts database for all destinations served by the group. Charts and list of authorized airports can be found on our operations page. Other sources (i.e. vACC pages) can be used to obtain charts for any SEA flight.

We encourage our members to use IPPC pages for pre-flight weather and NOTAM briefing prior to any flight in European area, while Jeppesen and Eurocontrol pages are recommended for flight preparation in other regions.

SEA FORUM

SEA forum is the most important communication channel within the company and it is of utmost importance that members visit the forum on regular basis. Your regular visits to forum will ensure that you are well informed about the latest developments within the company, news from VA world, latest events and important technical/support topics that affect the quality of your FS experience. Forum is also easiest way to interact with other SEA members or request assistance when necessary.

“Unlike giant VAs, we can still keep the community interacting and communicating, exchanging the experiences and, most of all, have fun and enjoy in this extraordinary hobby in friendly environment.”

EXTERNAL SYSTEMS AND PORTALS

SEA is registered user and supports following external systems or portals:

- Skyblueradio (www.skyblueradio.com), the one and only FS-related web radio, SBR is our partner and official in-flight entertainment system
- Flickr (www.flickr.com) photo portal by Yahoo
- VPPICS (www.vppics.net) is in the FS/VA world what airliners.net is in the real aviation world. Check why and register.
- Photobucket (www.photobucket.com) – pics gallery
- Fs Passenger

SEA ONLINE GALLERY

We don't hide our best shoots. No matter if they are great in visual/aesthetic form or they are showing specific moments of online flying experience, we encourage our members to share their pics with us.

SEA members can post their pics to any of recommended hosts and link to our forum.

We also encourage our members to open an account at flickr and upload their pics to their own album. If you decide to do so, please set the tag “skyeast” to all your flying pics.

YOUR FIRST FLIGHT

All our systems have been checked extensively by many experienced members and the majority did not experience any difficulties with set-up or use of our systems. Make sure you follow steps you will receive in the separate document (VAFS User Guide) for easy integration. If necessary contact us without hesitation to assist in your first steps.

Let's check if you are all set:

SEA REGISTRATION FORMFILLED
VATSIM/IVAOREGISTERED
SEA FORUMREGISTERED
SEA IDCHOSEN/APPROVED
PROFICIENCY SELF-ASSESMENTDONE
CTCT TRAINING DEPTAS REQUIRED
ONLINE FLYING SOFTWARESET
SEA TEXTURESINSTALLED
SEA SW.BOX TEXTURESINSTALLED
OPS PROCEDURESFAMILIAR
VAFS SYSTEMINSTALLED
SEA GOODIESCHECKED/AS REQUIRED