

## **Author A.C. Frieden Earns His Seaplane Rating in Minnesota**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota, USA (Jun 22, 2012)** – Thriller author A.C. Frieden arrived in Lino Lakes, Minnesota--a short drive northeast of Minneapolis--to complete his specialty flight training on seaplanes and obtain the rating. “Getting a seaplane rating has been on my mind ever since my first flight on this type of aircraft in New Zealand many years ago, and especially after the first time I piloted one in Como, Italy in 2009,” Frieden said, heading to his flight over the lakes north of Minneapolis.



**(Above)** Novelist A.C. Frieden with the Cessna 172 seaplane he flew for his rating;



**(Above, left)** Novelist A.C. Frieden preparing to takeoff with his Cessna 172 seaplane at the Surfside Seaplane Base; **(Above, right)** Takeoff of the Cessna 172 seaplane that A.C. Frieden flew extensively during the weekend to obtain his rating.

A.C. Frieden, who is already a pilot with a single-engine land rating, took the seaplane training course at Adventure Seaplanes, which operates out of the Surfside Seaplane Base, the largest seaplane base in the lower 48 states and is privately owned & operated, with a 1900-foot grass runway and comprehensive aircraft maintenance facility. It is home to over 50 floatplanes.

Obtaining a seaplane rating typically takes approximately 6-10 hours of flight training, which can be done over a weekend. Seaplane training is among the most unique flying experiences. Following the training flights, Frieden successfully passed his checkride (an oral/practical flight exam with an FAA pilot examiner).



**(Above, left)** A.C. Frieden flying over the St. Croix River; **(Above, right)** A.C. Frieden in front of the Minneapolis City Hall, a short walk from the historical Hotel W Minneapolis (a/k/a The Foshay building), where Frieden stayed.

**About the author:** A.C. Frieden is international novelist and attorney based in Chicago. He is the author of several political/espionage thrillers and suspense novels, including the Jonathan Brooks series, as well as other fiction and non-fiction literary works. For more information, visit his website at [www.acfrieden.com](http://www.acfrieden.com) and his various blogs.

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