

FAQ's

Q: How do I get started?

A: At Jax Navy Flying Club we offer an Introductory Flight Lesson called a Discovery Flight, during which you will get to fly the plane with the assistance of an FAA Certificated Flight Instructor. Typically costing less than \$150 for a 30 minute flight, it's an affordable way to fly a small plane for the first time. Or maybe you want to really immerse yourself right from the start, take our full 1 hour Introductory Flight Lesson.

Q: Will I be able to fly the airplane after my first lesson?

A: You will be flying the airplane not only after but also during your first flight lesson under your instructor's supervision! Depending on the wind conditions and your desire, your instructor may even allow you to perform the take-off during your first lesson. After only a few hours of instruction, you will work on communications, navigation, taxiing, taking off, and landing. Learning how to fly is an intense, rewarding experience that all pilots remember fondly.

Q: What are the requirements to become a pilot in the U.S.?

A: Most people meet the requirements to become a licensed pilot in the U.S.

- You may start training at any age.
- You can solo upon reaching your 16th birthday. You must be 17 to get the Private Pilot's License.
- You must be able to read and speak English (the language of Air Traffic Control).
- You must provide a valid passport or an original birth certificate to show US Citizenship, or (if not a citizen) you must show TSA approval for flight training. This is a requirement from the TSA.
- Pass a basic medical exam prior to solo flight, administered by an FAA approved doctor.
- Pass a knowledge exam appropriate to the certificate you are working toward.
- Strong desire to learn

Q: How much does it cost to get my license?

A: Learning to fly is not cheap; however, you pay as you go so you can manage the cost by booking lessons when you can afford them. The more frequently you fly, the better, since you will retain more from lesson to lesson. However, we do have several students who fly infrequently because they must save for every lesson. The desire to fly can be very strong!

The FAA has requirements for each of the various pilots' licenses. They specify skill capabilities and aeronautical experience (flight time). If you were to get your Private Pilot's License in the legal minimum, it would take 40 flight hours. However, nationwide the average flight time to get the "Private" is over 55 hours. At Jax Navy Flying Club, we are producing pilots in 50-60 hours. Additional time is required for the ground portion and will also add instructor costs. When you meet your instructor, we will give you all our tips for obtaining your license as quickly as suits you and as economically as possible.

Q: How do your prices compare to other flight schools locally?

A: Our aircraft rental rates are significantly lower. Our flight simulator, current with the latest software from Elite Solutions, is free. Our instructor rates are also significantly lower. Our club dues are also the lowest of any flight club in Florida. We put our value on safety. However, flying is never inexpensive.

Q: How long does it take to get my license?

A: If you fly three times per week, it will take about 3 months. If you fly once a week, it can take 8-10 months. The schedule is up to you.

Q: What kind of aircraft do you have?

A: We have a Piper Arrow II; a Cherokee 180; a Cherokee 140; and a Cessna 210.

Q: How experienced are your instructors?

A: All our instructors have significant experience and are qualified and current by FAA standards. Several have military background and one is an A&P mechanic.

Q: What licenses do you offer?

A: We offer a wide range of fixed-wing aircraft licenses at Jax Navy Flying Club. The first license you would typically get is the Private Pilot's License. From there we offer the Instrument, Commercial, and Instructor ratings.

Q: What can I do with my license?

A: The Private Pilot License is often called a license to learn. It allows you to rent an aircraft, by yourself or with family and friends, and fly outside of the clouds. With it, you can take trips up and down the Atlantic coast to your favorite place for lunch, fly down to Tampa, Orlando or Miami for the weekend, or just fly around and enjoy the beautiful sites we have so close to home.

Q: What is the next step after I get my license?

A: Most people fly local day flights and longer exploratory flights with friends and family after getting their Private. When time, opportunity, and desire meet, they pursue the next license, the Instrument rating which allows a pilot to fly through clouds to get to their destination.

Q: Can I rent an aircraft or do I have to own one?

A: After getting your Private Pilot's License, we are pleased to rent an aircraft to you at an hourly rate. We are not only a flight school but a flying club. Once you're flying solo, and once you have a license, you only pay for the time that the propeller is spinning.

Q: When can I schedule lessons?

A: We train 7 days a week, year round. Lessons can be scheduled from early in the morning to late at night, so in short, we work to accommodate your schedule.

Q: Will I always have the same instructor?

A: We will try to find a primary instructor who can meet your schedule and who is well suited for you. Once that is done, you will fly most lessons with "your" instructor. However, should a schedule conflict arise, we do have other instructors available for you to fly with, if you so choose.

Q: Where can I sign up?

A: Send us an email at jaxnfc@gmail.com, or leave us a message at (904) 542-8509, and we'll set you up with your first flight! We look forward to seeing you and once again, thank you for your interest in the Jax Navy Flying Club.