PMOPA Tips for Cross Border Flying

Disclaimer: The information contained in this document is for general informational purposes only. Pilots are urged to research requirements specific to their circumstances and ensure that they meet all requirements prior to flight.

Flying into CYHU - Metro De Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

FBO

LuxFBO - CAA Preferred Location
+1 (514) 312-1885
https://www.luxfbo.ca/home-yhu/

Crossing the Border

Advanced prep work is required for non-Canadian pilots planning to fly themselves to the PMOPA Eastern Regional Event in Montreal, Canada.

AOPA has a helpful resource on Crossing the Canadian Border:
- https://aopa.org/travel/international-travel/canada

Review U.S. **Customs and Border Protection** (CBP) requirements.
- https://www.cbp.gov/travel/general-aviation-processing

Review CBP's **General Aviation Processing Lifecycle** resource for compliance tips for general aviation pilots flying internationally.
- https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/2025-02/25_0206_cbp-ga-lifecycle-fact-sheet.pdf

Review the **General Operating Rules** for flying in Canada.
- https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/general-operating-flight-rules/flying-canada-what-you-need-know-tp-15048

Departing the United States

1. CBP requires all general aviation international flights arriving to or departing from the United States to provide passenger manifest and aircraft information prior to departure via the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS). Transmit passenger and pilot data to the CBP at least 60 minutes prior to departure.
   - https://www.cbp.gov/travel/travel-industry-personnel/apis/eapis-transmission-system
2. Receive an email clearance from CBP telling you you're good to go.

Entering Canada

1. The pilot and all passengers must have valid **Proof of Citizenship**.
   - Entry requirements: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/td-dv-eng.html
2. The pilot must possess a current **Pilot Certificate** and a current **Medical Certificate**.
   - Canada does not recognize FAA's BasicMed - a First, Second, or Third Class FAA medical is required to fly in Canadian Airspace.
3. General aviation aircraft that travel to a foreign destination require an aircraft radio station license. And individual licensing requirements for all aircraft operating internationally are in effect. This means that you need a license to operate a two-way VHF radio, radar, or ELT aboard aircraft operating internationally. The FCC must license all other aircraft radio stations, either individually or by fleet.
   - Each Pilot will need RR - **Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit.** This is good for life and does not expire.
       i. If you do not have one, you must first register with the FCC and then apply for an RR through the FCC's Universal Licensing System, filing electronically: https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/universal-licensing-system
   - Each Airplane will need an **Aircraft Radio Station License**. If you do not have one, apply and pay the fee: https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/fcc-form-605
4. ADS-B. If you plan to fly in Canadian Class A or Class B airspace you must have an ADS-B with dedicated 1,090 MHz ADS-B "Out" capability, or an ADS-B with dedicated 1090 MHz ADS-B "Out" and "In" capability. The equipment must have an antenna that can broadcast toward both ground-based and space-based ADS-B receivers.
   - Aircraft operators and pilots who wish to operate aircraft that do not meet the Canadian ADS-B mandate within airspace where ADS-B has been mandated may submit a request for an accommodation from NavCanada. The waiver request must be submitted at least three days prior to the flight and each request is for a single flight. https://aar.navcanada.ca/en-CA/

Entering (Returning to) the United States

1. Each Airplane will need a current Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Private Aircraft User Fee decal, issued by CBP.
   - Apply/purchase a Private Aircraft User Fee decal (valid in a calendar year, expiring on December 31): https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main/#%20
2. Determine U.S. Airport of Entry to clear customs; Pilots must receive explicit permission to land from the port of entry prior to departure.
   - Call and get permission from the Port of Entry before departing from Canada.
   - See Burlington, VT Port of Entry information sheet (PDF)
3. Transmit eAPIS data and receive confirmation that filing was successful
   - https://eapis.cbp.dhs.gov/
4. Be prepared to show a current customs decal and FCC permits