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Flight Standards District Office

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Fax:

July 18, 2013

Mr. Lyle Panepinto  
Director of Operations  
Southern Seaplane, Inc.  
Belle Chasse, LA

Dear Mr. Panepinto:

Personnel of this office conducted an office focused inspection of your facility, aircraft, aircraft records, pilot's records and fuel farm from June 10, 2013 through June 13, 2013. This letter is in two parts; the listing of discrepancies still in need of corrections and discrepancies that have been corrected. The listing of discrepancies still in need of corrections will need to be addressed with their corrective actions in writing to include a time frame for accomplishing all of the discrepancies.

The following discrepancies were noted during this inspection and are still in need of corrections:

1. Maintenance hangar cluttered and unorganized. Hangar needs to be straightened and kept in an uncluttered condition.
2. Parts room cluttered with mixed aviation and non-aviation parts and no segregation of parts. Separate aviation from non-aviation parts in the parts storage area. Tag parts as necessary with current and correct information.
3. Logbook entry of aircraft N2272X dated 8/8/12 for the replacement of the vertical speed indicator has no entry for a leak check. Need to static check the aircraft and make a logbook entry and send a copy to the Baton Rouge Flight District Office (FSDO).
4. Tachometer markings did not match what the STC called out for when aircraft has floats installed. Tachometer is now in house. Need to make a logbook entry and send a copy to the FSDO.
5. Variety of placards damaged and some missing in numerous aircraft. Southern Seaplane is to go through each aircraft by N number in accordance with its Type Certificate Data Sheet (TCDS) and current Pilot Operating Handbook (POH) to check for the required placards. To be addressed in writing on the correction response.
6. Life limits roster listing shows only a portion of what the manufacturer shows. Missing 10 year seat belt, 1000 hr/3 year trim tab actuator, 500 hr vacuum filter,

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10 year vacuum and pitot static hoses, and throttle cable replacement due at engine TBO. Southern Seaplane is to check the life limit roster for all items to be tracked against the aircraft by N number to check for all items times and replacement are being followed. To be addressed in writing on the correction response.

7. Four aircraft found to have transponders installed after 1/1/92 that does not meet 135.143(c)(2) mode S requirements. N522SS, N61919, N732EJ and N21058. Southern Seaplane is to submit a proposed written schedule for each aircraft when its transponders are to be replaced with a mode S. The Baton Rouge FSDO will approve the request if found acceptable. To be addressed in writing on the correction response.

The following discrepancies that were noted during this inspection have been corrected:

1. Pilots Quave, Krasner and Panepinto had missing out times. Times have been entered in records.
2. There were errors in addition for total monthly flying time for pilots Bonnet, Burrell and Panepinto. Addition errors have been corrected.
3. Fuel facility differential gauge not readable (left side on ramp). Gauge cover has been replaced.
4. Emergency contact number not posted at shut off. Number has been posted by shut off switch.
5. N9069M listed on D085 (aircraft not being used) need letter to remove. Aircraft has been removal and OPSS issued.
6. N61301 AW certificate not signed or faded. Send letter to FSDO for replacement certificate. Certificate has been replaced and issued.
7. Aircraft N954RWJ has no record of transponder installation in maintenance records to meet 135.143(c)(2) mode S. Transponder verification has been complied with by an installation inspection and field approval. The aircraft logbooks have been corrected and signed field approval inserted into the aircraft records and copy was mailed to OKC for processing.

Be advised that this matter will need to be addressed within 10 days of receipt of this letter so a follow up inspection can be scheduled to determine that your corrective action is an acceptable manner.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Robert Hardwick  
Principal Maintenance Inspector

# Southern Seaplane, Inc.



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July 25, 2013

Mr. Robert Hardwick  
Flight Standards District Office

[REDACTED]  
Baton Rouge, LA [REDACTED]

Re: focused inspection discrepancies

Dear Robert:

I have received your letter regarding the discrepancies from the focused inspection completed on June 13, 2013. The following will address a time frame to address each discrepancy listed.

1. We are currently in the process of cleaning up the maintenance hangar and any necessary reorganization. The goal is to complete this task by August 31, 2013. We will address shop cleanliness in an upcoming safety meeting.
2. The Parts room has been properly labeled. Non-aviation parts are being moved to a separate room and labeled "PARTS FOR GROUND SUPPORT ONLY – NO AIRCRAFT PARTS BEYOND THIS POINT". We are currently in the verifying all parts are properly labeled. Any parts requiring a tag will be properly addressed. This will be completed by October 31, 2013.
3. Please see attached copy of logbook entry dated 07/19/2013 from Auric Avionics & Instruments for completed static check on N2272X.
4. The Tachometer will be installed by August 9, 2013. As soon as the installation is complete I will send a copy of the log entry to the BTR FSDO.
5. We are currently in the process of checking each plane with the applicable POH or TCDS. Aircraft N2272X, N70822, N954RW, and N732EJ has been checked and necessary placards have been ordered. The rest of the aircraft will be checked by August 2, 2013. Any damaged or missing placards will be ordered and installation will be pending delivery to Southern Seaplane, Inc.
6. Currently we are working on creating a tacking sheet for each aircraft. It may be necessary to open up each aircraft to verify certain parts. For this reason, by September 30, 2013 we will have a form in place and have all information that can be filled out through the logbooks completed. As each aircraft moves into the shop for routine inspections, any parts needing verification will be addressed and added to the tracking list.

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7. Transponders with mode S capability have been ordered through The Radio Shop in Lafayette, LA. The proposed delivery date of the units is Friday, August 2, 2013. In order to not put a financial hardship on Southern Seaplane, we propose the following schedule for dates of completion pending the expected delivery of the units:

N732EJ to be completed by August 31, 2013  
N21085 to be completed by September 30, 2013  
N522SS to be completed by October 31, 2013  
N61919 to be completed by November 30, 2013.

Sincerely,

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Lyle Panepinto  
Director of Operations

# Southern Seaplane, Inc.



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August 8, 2013

Mr. Robert Hardwick  
Flight Standards District Office

[REDACTED]  
Baton Rouge, LA [REDACTED]

Re: N2272X Tachometer

Dear Robert:

Please see attached copy of logbook entry installing correct Tachometer in aircraft N2272X. This satisfies the number 4 discrepancy from the focused inspection.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Lyle Panepinto  
Director of Operations

