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Saltspring Air recognised for safety, to be awarded the Back and Bevin Air Safety Trophy

Airline selected for prestigious award by the BC Aviation Council for operational safety.

Richmond, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA (November 04, 2010) – Saltspring Air will be honoured at the Silver Wings Awards Banquet held by the BC Aviation Council.

A lot of attention in 2010 has been given to advances and improvements for Seaplane safety, from aircraft maintenance and operation, to passenger briefings and egress. This award recognises efforts in all of these endeavours and shows that Saltspring Air has achieved a leadership role in Seaplane safety.

Saltspring Air operates de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver, the workhorse of the West Coast and the seaplane utilised by most commercial operators in B.C. Earlier this year Saltspring Air became the first airline to commit to emergency pop out window safety modification and has subsequently upgraded its fleet with the alternate exit to the main cabin doors in case of an emergency.

Saltspring Air attended the workshop held by Transport Canada in early October and received great support from the industry and encouragement from Transport Canada at every step of the way.

“This Award is very special to us as it comes from our industry peers and recognises the hard work and commitment to safety that the management and staff of Saltspring Air all take very seriously.” said St.Clair McColl, president of Saltspring Air, he added, “The industry has shown a great deal of commitment to working together to ensure the safest possible operations for all, I commend the organisers of the safety association and thank the BCAC for recognising Saltspring Air in this way.”

About Saltspring Air

Saltspring Air was established in 1995 and has been flying under its own banner since 2003. The only floatplane company based on Salt Spring Island, Saltspring Air has created a thriving business with a fleet of four planes, seven pilots and twelve dispatchers and support crew. Saltspring Air operates from its head office in Grace Point Square, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, with arrival and departure facilities in Vancouver, YVR, Maple Bay and now Patricia Bay. Saltspring Air is carbon neutral. Follow Saltspring Air on Twitter <http://twitter.com/saltspringair>. Company info at www.saltspringair.com

About Silver wings award

Silver Wings Awards Banquet – will celebrate accomplishments within the BC Aviation. The awards are made by BCAC is made up of over 160 industry members represents most major aviation companies in the province. The BCAC speaks for members with Governments at all levels, supports education and training. Membership consists of aviation executives, pilots, airport managers, suppliers to the industry, aviation enthusiasts, and students.

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