

N7972C – KSNA Operations Guide

Thank you for the interest in Flying N7972C. We are excited to provide an affordable, easy to schedule and use aircraft at KSNA for your enjoyment! John Wayne airport is very friendly to light GA and we want to continue to maintain that good relationship. The details below are intended to help you out with navigating using N7972C at KSNA. We suggest you familiarize yourself with them. The goal is to allow you to blend in with the airliners not stand out like a student pilot!

Copies of this are available for download on the PCF website and in the aircraft. I am happy to help with any questions or comments you have, just call Matthew Curcio at 419.290.3773. These notes are supplementary to Pacific Coast Flyers club policies and procedures.

Airport Access:

- Access is provided by obtaining a badge for car access to SNA or by arrangement for staging at the ACI jet south ramp.

Car Parking:

- Enter gate at Dove Street. Need badge, Hang Tag and DL for Passengers, or pick them up at ACI.
- N7972 is parked at Dove Street Space 421, in corner by hangars and fence, drive down the row with the dumpster at the fence.
- Park car along fence adjacent to N7972C.
- Bathroom and drinking fountain are at end of hangar row behind N7972C's tail

Supplies:

- Water bottles, spare tow bar, oil, headsets, tire, and tube are in dock box. Code is 2210

Fueling:

- Aircraft is fueled to the tabs, if you are going on a trip requiring more fuel, please call ACI jet and ask them to fuel ahead of time (it may take 20-30 min if you don't call ahead).

Weight and Balance / Performance / Aircraft Checklist:

- Use QR code in POH or at link on PC flyers airplane page, to get foreflight weight and balance and performance calculation tools for this aircraft. Paper tables are in POH in aircraft and on website.
- Foreflight Checklist are available for download following QR code on checklist in aircraft.

Taxiing / Departing:

- Class C Airport operations at KSNA:
 1. Get ATIS on 126.0
 2. For VFR, plan VFR departure route
 - a. East/Inland – “**El Toro**” – heading 080
 - b. To South Shoreline “**Newport**” – Heading 150
 - c. To North Shoreline “**Mesa**” – Heading 220
 - i. Use this for departures north through Bravo such as SVFFR, Hollywood Park, Coastal Route
 - d. North / Inland “**Orange**” – heading 340
 - i. Use this for transitioning below Bravo north. On Departure / Clearance ATC will ask route, advise “direct to San Gabriel at 3,500” this is from the Fly chart.
 3. Call Clearance 118.0. Advise “N-number (N7972C), Type (PA28/U), VFR departure to “XXXX”, request VFR departure route (section 2 above), cruising altitude. Have paper ready to copy and read back.
 - a. Example: “N7972C is a PA28/U heading to KCRQ, request Newport Departure, cruising at 3,000” Expect Clearance to respond– “N7972C on departure turn left heading 150, climb to at or below 2,400, talk on 125.35, squawk XXXX”
 - b. For bonus points, at the end of readback, advise “at Dove street with information “X” (Information X being the ATIS)
 4. Taxiing/ Run-up:
 - a. Call ground 120.8 and request taxi to midfield run-up (expect taxi A to midfield, anticipate holding at dove street for aircraft clearing runway)
 - b. Complete run-up and all pre-flight checklists at midfield run-up.

- c. **Please familiarize yourself with location of midfield run-up and southeast run-up.**
 - d. After run up, at midfield run up area, call ground to advise “Ground, N7972C, midfield, run-up complete”
 - e. Expect taxi to 20LEFT via C,K.
 - f. During taxi, Ground will advise you to either Monitor or Contact tower during taxi on C. Monitor means change frequency but Tower will call you (don’t call them).
 - g. Dial in Departure Frequency on Com1 standby after you switch to tower
5. Departing:
- a. Notes on early turns request by tower:
 - i. Departing 20L make turn at end of runway to 150 or 080 as assigned.
 - ii. Departing 20R make early turn for 220 or 340 as assigned. You can turn between tower and 73 freeway.
 - b. Expect call from tower requesting altitude around 800ft and switch to departure

Return to KSNA

1. Be familiar with location of:
 - a. Arrival from N to NE: “**miles square park**”, identifier – VPLMS
 - b. Arrival from Long Beach shoreline, S to N,: “**Huntington Beach Pier**”, identifier - VPLHP
 - c. Arrival from E to S : “**Signal Peak**”, identifier - VPLSP
2. Approaching airport from 20R side, anticipate being asked to **overfly tower** (effectively midfield) at or above **1,300ft**. If busy you may be asked to change frequency to 119.9.
3. On Runway tower will ask where do you park respond “ **N7972C parks Dove Street**”
4. After contacting Ground on 120.8:
 - a. Anticipate being turned in midfield run-up by Ground.
 - b. Always readback taxi instructions with **dove street** – not “parking”
 - c. Anticipate ground asking you to taxi into southeast run-up.

Aircraft Parking:

1. Park at space 421 next to the fence, on the row with the dumpster, next to a blue Mooney
2. Don’t prop blast, use the tow bar.