

Bjarne Juthans



Born: Finland

Pilot

Alert Bay Air Service

CP Air

Conair

**Pacific Coastal
Airlines**

Wilderness Seaplanes

Bjarne took his first flight in April 1970 at the Aero Club of BC, Pitt Meadows, on a Fleet Canuck. He qualified for his private pilot's licence on May 29, 1970 and added a seaplane endorsement on September 23 the same year. At the end of the following year, he qualified for a private pilot licence in Finland. Back in Canada, in 1972, in September, he received his night endorsement and in December requalified as a commercial pilot at the Aero Club of BC.

In April 1973, Bjarne was hired by **Alert Bay Air Services** where he was dispatcher for 3 months, after which he started flying a Cessna 180 on floats. From June 1973 to March 1976, he flew Cessna 180 and 185 amphibians, Beaver amphibian, Beech 18, Grumman Goose and Piper Apache. He was endorsed for multi engine in September 1973 and attained his instrument rating in December 1975.

In March 1976, Bjarne was hired by Arrow Aviation Ltd. In Kamloops BC. Here, for two years, he flew Beech 18, Aero Commander 500 (VFR), Piper Navajo, Chieftain and Beech 99 (IFR). He had exchanged coastal BC for the interior mountains and the routes covering Kamloops, Penticton, Grand Forks, Castlegar, Trail, Cranbrooke, Vancouver and Spokane, Washington.

In March 1978, Bjarne was hired by Conair Aviation, Abbotsford, BC, to fly a DC-6B on firefighting, budworm spray, salmon enhancement and oil spill spray. In September that year he attained his Airline Transport licence. Two years later, he was hired by **CP Air** as a second officer on DC-8. He was laid off by CP from March 1982 to March 1986 and during these four years flew for Burrard Air, Vancouver, Staron Flight (which went defunct in 1987), Whonnock Industries—a lumber company—and back with Conair. He was recalled by **CP Air** in 1986 to fly B-737 as first officer out of Toronto. During this period he attained a DC-10-30 endorsement in February, 1999 and a B-767-300 endorsement in April, 2000, the year CP Air was taken over and merged with Air Canada. He retired from Air Canada on March 31, 2009.

Bjarne continued flying until 2016, making his first flight with Pacific Coastal Airlines in May 2011 and his last flight with Wilderness Seaplanes flying a Grumman Goose, September 2016. During this period, he flew frequently in and out of Port Hardy.

