

# THE HOLD SHORT

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## CHALLENGE YOURSELF (ON PURPOSE)

As the weather becomes less than pristine, this is a good reminder that real pilot growth doesn't only happen on blue-sky, calm-wind days.

As students and renters, it's important to intentionally build experience in imperfect conditions, when it is safe to do so. Some of the most valuable learning happens on days that require a little more planning, awareness, and decision-making than usual. This isn't about taking unnecessary risks, it's about developing confidence and judgment by gradually expanding personal limits in a thoughtful, supervised way. Skills improve through exposure, preparation, and repetition, not by waiting for perfect conditions every time.

Safety always comes first. This is not an encouragement to push beyond your experience or comfort level. It is a reminder not to cancel by default without first evaluating the actual conditions, your aircraft, the planned lesson or mission, and your own readiness. Wind, turbulence, changing ceilings, and real-world weather decisions are all part of being a capable pilot.

This is especially important for those on a career track, but it applies to renters as well. Pilots who fly regularly in a variety of conditions tend to be more confident, more prepared, and more capable when the unexpected arises.

If you're unsure whether a flight should go, talk it through with an instructor or the front office. Ask the question:

Can this flight be conducted safely while allowing for some margin of discomfort?

If the answer is yes, it may be exactly the kind of experience that makes you a better pilot. Use good judgment. Respect your limits. And keep working toward being the pilot you trained to be. Challenge yourself, intentionally, thoughtfully, and safely.

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.**
- Please check for wing covers before you start your pre-flight. Do not lower flaps with covers on. Flaps can bind and crack under the fabric, and any damage will be passed on.
- **Monday night study groups will not be held from December 22nd to January 19<sup>th</sup>. They will start up again on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!**

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# GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Tyler Macke is officially a Private Pilot!

One half of the legendary over-studying duo (we'll be recognizing the other half soon), Tyler passed his checkride with flying colors and truly earned every bit of it.

If there's one thing everyone at GBA knows, it's that no one can question Tyler's work ethic. He showed up day after day (seriously, every day, all day) with consistency, discipline, and an unshakable commitment to getting better. Studying, flying, debriefing, and repeating, Tyler embraced the process fully. He didn't rush it, didn't cut corners, and trusted the work. When it came time to perform, it showed.

Tyler also deserves real credit for his resilience, especially in the face of our relentless (and loving-ish) teasing about just how much he studied. He took it in stride, kept his sense of humor, and stayed focused on the goal. That ability to absorb pressure, stay grounded, and keep moving forward is a quality that will serve him well far beyond this checkride.

He became an everyday fixture at GBA, and when he wasn't here, he was working, working out, or preparing for the next step. Tyler is an incredible human with strong character, quiet confidence, and a level of dedication that truly stands out. The skills, focus, and passion he brings to aviation will take this lefty all the way to his goal of commercial aviation and beyond. We are proud of the pilot you've become and even prouder of the person you are, Tyler. This milestone was earned the right way.

Congratulations as well to his CFI, Cody Klein, for guidance and steady support throughout Tyler's training. A strong student-instructor partnership makes all the difference, and this one clearly delivered. Well done, Tyler. Onward and upward.



**TYLER MACKE- PPL**

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CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING  
GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:

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**\$50 PER  
CLASS (2HRS)**  
INSTRUCTOR WILL SIGN  
OFF TRAINING IN YOUR  
LOG BOOK

**SEPTEMBER****9/20 - AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**

The Aircraft Systems class teaches how key systems, engine, electrical, fuel, and control function, preparing you to identify and manage potential issues for safer flight.

**10/04 - AERODYNAMICS**

This class covers how these planes fly: lift, drag, thrust, and weight, helping you understand airflow, stability, stalls, and maneuvering for better control and efficiency in flight.

**10/18 - AVIATION WEATHER**

This class teaches you how to interpret METARs, TAFs, charts, and weather patterns, helping you make informed decisions for safer flight planning and in-flight adjustments.

**OCTOBER****11/01 - AIRSPACE**

This class covers airspace classes, chart recognition, communication and equipment requirements, plus the weather minimums every pilot needs to know.

**NOVEMBER****11/15 - CHARTS AND FLIGHT PLANNING**

This class helps you master sectionals, airspace, and chart symbols, ensuring you can navigate safely and efficiently in all flight environments. This class will also cover route selection, fuel calculations, airspace considerations, and weather analysis, ensuring you can plan safe, efficient, and well-prepared flights.

**12/06 - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

This class prepares you to handle engine failures, system malfunctions, lost communications, and in-flight emergencies, ensuring quick thinking and confident decision-making in critical situations.

**DECEMBER****12/20 - CHECKRIDE PREP**

This class helps you master oral exam questions, flight maneuvers, and scenario-based decision-making, ensuring you are confident and well-prepared for your checkride.

From  
1-3PM

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