

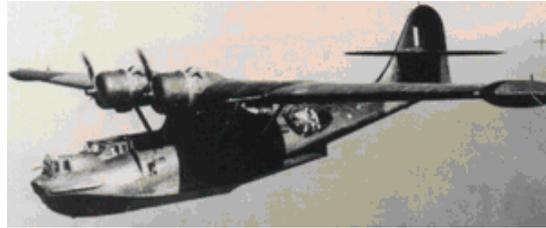


THE CATALINA FLYING MEMORIAL LTD

ACN: 103492440

Patrons:

Sir Richard Kingsland AO CBE DFC
Nancy Bird Walton AO OBE Hon ME Syd
Chairman: Neville Kennard



35-41 Waterloo Rd
North Ryde NSW 2113
Phone: 02 9870 7277
Fax: 02 9870 7299
Email philip@dulhunty.com
www.catalinaflying.org.au

FERRY FLIGHT

Engineers Geoff Hazelton, Mick O'Grady and Ray Molyneaux have finalised all the necessary engine and airframe restoration to enable the PBY6A to be certified for flying and then ferrying to Australia. Electronic engineer Julian Dinsdale has installed a complete new set of avionics to allow radio communication worldwide and flight in instrument conditions.

Whilst the engineers are also pilots and navigators, the Chief Pilots are Jim Hazelton and Hal Griffiths. Jim is probably the most experienced Australian ferry pilot with over 30,000 hours flying almost every type of GA aeroplane ever built on over 200 international ferry flights, without accident or loss of any aircraft. Hal Griffiths has logged 23,000 hours mostly on heavy aircraft such as the Boeing 747 and DC3's which have the same engines as the CAT. Assessment flying in Portugal is now underway and familiarisation with the aircraft's characteristics is being achieved.

A planned VFR route for the ferry flight to Australia has been determined but flexibility with alternates is expected to allow for weather conditions, aircraft performance, political situations, availability of AVGAS and any other unforeseen happenings.

This route will take the aircraft from Seia in Portugal across flat country of Spain and along the Mediterranean to Como in Italy, Brindisi, Cyprus, Bahrain, Muscat, Karachi (or Bombay, Colombo) – Singapore, Dili, Darwin, Cairns, Bowen, Brisbane Sydney.

With a bit of luck and sufficient funding VH-CAT may arrive in Darwin around the end of November – just watch this space for our regular updates.

The PBY Catalina is flat out cruising at around 105 knots – so headwinds and tailwinds have a big effect on its actual groundspeed. The pilots will be ultra cautious with monsoons, the inter-tropical front and cyclones along their 12,000 mile journey.

Although it's impractical at this stage to estimate a date and time of arrival we will be posting updates from time to time of the progress of the flight – just switch on to our website www.catalinaflying.org.au

In Sydney PBY6A Catalina VH-CAT will be landing at Bankstown and will be housed initially at the NSW Aviation Museum.

If you would like to help by funding one hour of flight you could help us with \$1,000.00 or just 30 minutes @ \$500.00. This would also earn you a free flight, inclusion on our formal Honour Roll and our assurance that you will go to heaven when you die. Donations are tax deductible!

Philip Dulhunty
Director
30.10.07