

## Flying the Katana with Airbourne Aviation

*G-BXTS is a fully EASA-Certified light aircraft, but also a well-equipped roomy two-seater with nice handling, low noise levels, excellent visibility, and a cruise speed of 110 kts!*

### Licence Required

The minimum licence required to fly the Katana is an EASA LAPL(A) (Light Aircraft Pilot Licence), training for which can be carried out at Airbourne Aviation and will comprise:

- A minimum of 30 Hours Flight Instruction (to include a minimum of 6 Hours supervised solo flying);
- Completion of 9 Theoretical Knowledge examinations; and
- A Pass in the EASA LAPL(A) Skill Test.

Currently, applicants will also need to obtain an EASA Medical Certificate, which generally requires a Medical Examination from an EASA AME (Authorised Medical Examiner) - details of local AMEs can be provided on request.

Holders of a LAPL(A) must complete 10 Hours solo flying after licence issue before carrying passengers.

Alternatively, you may choose to train for an EASA PPL(A) (Private Pilot Licence), in which case a minimum of 45 Hours Flight Instruction will be required (to include a minimum of 10 Hours supervised solo flying), and the EASA PPL(A) Skill Test will be undertaken instead of the LAPL Skill Test. Holders of a PPL(A) may carry passengers immediately after licence issue. The good news is, the initial training for both LAPL and PPL is the same, so you do not need to choose your preferred licence choice until your training is well underway.

Holders of a historic "life time" UK PPL may still be able to convert relatively easily to an EASA PPL(A) or EASA LAPL(A), please ask for further guidance. Unfortunately, UK NPPLs are no longer convertible to EASA Licences, unless you hold an SSEA (Simple Single Engine Aircraft) Rating issued **BEFORE** 8 April 2018.

### Existing PPL/LAPL Holders

Holders of existing EASA Licences joining Airbourne Aviation may immediately check-out with an instructor to fly the Katana. "Variable Pitch Propeller Differences Training" can be provided and signed-off as part of this check-out process if required, as can airfield familiarisation for those not already familiar with Popham Airfield.

### Instructor Availability

Please note that in addition to what appears on the Club's online booking system, further instructor availability for the Katana can often be made at short notice where demand exists. Please ask if you don't see availability that suits you.