



# PIRATE FLYER

## Sally Ride | Fly Clean | Common Mistakes

### HU Captain's Culture

#### THE SAFETY TRAIL

- Trust** - Safe, Valued, Respect
- Report** - Proactive, Accessible
- Adapt** - Flexible, Innovative
- Inform** - Sharing, Transparent
- Learn** - Share Safety Intel

### Name The First Female Astronaut



### Safety Reporting



### Clean Cockpit

An organized, clean cockpit is more than just a matter of professionalism—it is a critical element of flight safety. Loose items, clutter, and forgotten gear can quickly become foreign object debris (FOD), posing a serious hazard if they shift during flight and jam or restrict flight controls. Something as small as a misplaced pen, headset cable, or water bottle can interfere with rudder pedals or control linkages at the worst possible moment. Clean cockpit discipline is an indication of professionalism; it directly impacts controllability, situational awareness, and the safety of everyone on board.

A thorough postflight routine is the key to preventing these hazards and maintaining a safe operating environment. Removing trash, organizing equipment, and returning everything to its proper place ensures the next crew inherits a safe, FOD-free cockpit. Beyond courtesy, this discipline prevents dangerous situations, such as flight controls being obstructed by overlooked objects. Fly Smart!



## Common Mistakes

Learning to fly is both exciting and challenging, especially for student pilots who are still developing the skills needed to safely and confidently handle an aircraft. Along the way, it's common to pick up habits that can make flying more difficult than it needs to be. From improper trim usage to poor situational awareness, these small mistakes can add unnecessary workload and reduce overall performance.

A recent article by [Bold Method](#) highlights several of the most common errors student pilots make and offer practical insights to help you recognize and correct them early in your training. Many of these items apply to ATC, Airports and sUAS as well, let's see if we can pick them out.

- 1) Lack of Trim
- 2) Visual Scan
- 3) Radio Calls
- 4) Overcontrol
- 5) Lack of SA
- 6) Misjudging Flare
- 7) Rushing
- 8) Poor Planning
- 9) Staying Ahead of Aircraft

