**Lola Reid Allin Bio: Aviation Chronology**

Class I, Group I multi-IFR SMELS (Single- and multi-engine Land & Sea)  
Class I Instructor Rating  
6,000 hours TT  
Type rated: PA-31, DHC-6/300, DASH-8

I’ve enjoyed careers above the earth as a commercial pilot, below the earth as a SCUBA Divemaster, and on land as a photographer, writer, and adventurer. I have more than 500 dives and 6,000 hours airborne. As a solo and independent traveler, I’ve photographed more than 60 countries; stayed with Berber, Masai, & Maya; lived in Mexico, Belize, & Guatemala; and as a solo, independent traveler, slept in caves and dives, hammocks and hangars, tents and evergreen shelters. I am a graduate of University of Waterloo, a member of International 99s, First Canada Chapter 99s Education & Outreach Committee Co-Chair, Women in Aviation International (WAI), & Northern Lights Aero Foundation Speakers Bureau.

**Chronology:  
March 17, 1979. First flight, Chatham, ON**  
March 30, 1980 – pass CPL Flight test, WWFC (DFTE Maureen Weber), become one of 200 commercially licensed female pilots in Canada  
April – May 1980 – Instructor Rating, WWFC with Maureen Weber & Chris Cole   
May 29, 1980 – receive Class IV Instructor Rating   
June 1980 – begin commercial pilot career as Flight Instructor  
March 23, 1981 – receive Class II Instructor status   
July 22, 1981 – pass multi-IFR test on PA-23 Aztec, start right seat PA-31CR   
April 1982 – relocate to Vanderhoof, BC to become CFI/Chief Pilot\*\*  
September 1982 – Northern Ontario – charter/medevacs PA-23, PA-31/350, D18S (floats)  
March 1983 – start flying DHC-6/300, Twin Otter\*\*\* (commemorated on *Women in Aviation Wall of Fame*, Bush Plane Museum, Sault Ste. Marie, Canada)  
July 1985 – relocate to Waterloo to complete degree, started via correspondence 1981  
July 1985 – return to WWFC as Assistant CFI\*\*  
March 1986 – become CFI WWFC\*\* and DFTE  
August 8, 1986 – receive Class I Instructor status  
March 1988 – begin work at DeHavilland/Flight Safety, CFB Downsview as Flight Training/Ground School Supervisor\*\* DHC-6/300 (Move to part-time status Ass’t CFI WWFC)  
March 1989 - certified to fly DASH 8/100\*\*\*  
\*\*first female \*\*\*first Canadian female to fly DHC-6/300 scheduled service \*\*\* first female   
2015 – begin writing my memoir about aviation  
2019 – recertified on C152 WWFC  
2020 – WWFC Alumni of Honor   
2020 – 5-part article Women in Aviation published, Skies Magazine  
<https://skiesmag.com/news/women-aviation-notes-female-pilots/>  
<https://skiesmag.com/news/women-aviation-realities-profession->[pilot/](https://skiesmag.com/news/women-aviation-realities-profession-pilot/)<https://skiesmag.com/news/women-aviation-pilot-landmark-cases/><https://skiesmag.com/news/women-in-aviation-the-hard-facts/><https://skiesmag.com/news/women-aviation-pilot-hope-horizon/>