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Island Airlines Adds Two Cessna Grand Caravans to its Fleet

HYANNIS, MA – June 17, 2013 – Island Airlines is pleased to announce the addition of two Cessna Grand Caravan aircraft to their fleet. The upgrades are a continuation of recent fleet improvements aimed at increasing reliability and passenger comfort.

With the addition of their first Grand Caravan in 2009, Island Air became the first airline in 30 years to add a new type of aircraft to the Hyannis/Nantucket route. They are currently the only passenger airline flying Grand Caravans between Hyannis and Nantucket.

“We were overwhelmed by the positive reaction to our first Grand Caravan” said Director of Operations Carl Vogel. “Our customers are always excited when they find out they’ll be flying on it. As soon as we saw how much people loved the Caravan we knew we had to add more.”

Island Airlines now operates a total of three Grand Caravans. For the first time ever, the majority of Island Airlines flights between Hyannis and Nantucket will be flown using the more modern Grand Caravans instead of the Cessna 402’s that have traditionally dominated the market. The aircraft are replacing two of the older 402s in the fleet.

Passengers will experience a noticeable upgrade in comfort over the Cessna 402. In addition to a smoother flight, the Grand Caravan offers more cabin space, increased headroom and extra legroom. The wider center aisle also allows for easier boarding. To maintain passenger comfort the Caravan has the same number of seats as the 402 despite having a larger cabin. All of the Grand Caravans are air conditioned.

As part of Island Airlines’ commitment to reducing aircraft noise throughout the Cape and Islands community, the Grand Caravans offer a quieter flight both inside and outside the cabin. While passengers will experience a quieter cabin flight, the communities surrounding the airports will also see a reduction in noise with the newer aircraft.

The Grand Caravans also offer several tech upgrades, including state of the art satellite navigation systems and a more reliable turboprop engine.

About Island Airlines

Nantucket’s Community Airline, Island Airlines has served Cape Cod and Nantucket for over two decades. Based in Hyannis, MA, Island Airlines offers hourly flights between Barnstable Municipal Airport and Nantucket Memorial Airport. For more information visit www.islandair.net

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