

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT**

This form to be used for reporting civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents

BASIC INFORMATION

Accident/Incident Location
 Nearest City/Place: Panama City State: _____
 ZIP: 32407 Country: United States
 Latitude: N 30.32 Longitude: W 086.16
(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/Time
 Date: 05/08/2018 Local Time: 0930
mm/dd/yyyy Time Zone: CST
Collision with Other Aircraft: Midair On-ground None

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION

Registration Number: N923SM
Manufacturer: Robinson
Model: R22 Mariner
Serial Number: 1923M
Year of Manufacture: 1991
Amateur-Built: Yes No *If Yes:* Kit/Plans Original Design Make: _____

IFR-Equipped and Certified
 Commercial Space Flight
 Unmanned Aircraft
Maximum Gross Weight: 1370 lbs
Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1185 lbs
Number of Seats: 2 Flight Crew Seats: 1
 Cabin Crew Seats: _____ Passenger Seats: 1
Number of Engines: 1

Category of Aircraft
 Airplane
 Balloon
 Blimp/Dirigible
 Glider
 Gyroplane
 Helicopter
 Powered Lift
 Rocket
 Ultralight
 Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)
Standard **Special**
 Normal Restricted
 Aerobatic Limited
 Balloon Provisional
 Commuter Special Flight
 Transport Experimental
 Utility Special Light-Sport
 Experimental Light-Sport
 Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
 None Unknown

Landing Gear
(Check all that apply)
 Retractable
 Tricycle Tailwheel
 Amphibian High Skid
 Emergency Float Skid
 Float Ski
 Hull Ski/Wheel
 Other Launch/Recovery System
 None Unknown

Engine Type *(Select one)*
 Reciprocating Liquid Rocket
 Turbo Shaft Solid Rocket
 Turbo Prop Hybrid Rocket
 Turbo Jet None
 Turbo Fan Unknown
 Electric
Fuel System Type *(Reciprocating)*
 Carburetor Fuel-Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Manufacturer's Serial Number	Date of Mfg. mm/dd/yyyy	Rated Power <input checked="" type="radio"/> Horsepower or <input type="radio"/> lbs of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	Lycoming	O-302-B2C			131			
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type
 100-Hour Continuous Airworthiness
 AAIP Conditional Inspection
 Annual Unknown
Date Last Inspection: _____
mm/dd/yyyy
Airframe Total Time: _____ hrs
 hours measured at *(Select one)*
 Last Inspection Time of Accident/Incident

Propeller 1 Fixed Pitch
 Controllable Pitch
 Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: _____
 Model: _____

Propeller 2 Fixed Pitch
 Controllable Pitch
 Ground Adjustable
 Manufacturer: _____
 Model: _____

Type of Maintenance Program *(Select one)*
 Annual
 Conditional (Amateur-built only)
 Manufacturer's Inspection Program
 Other Approved Inspection Program (AAIP)
 Continuous Airworthiness
 Other, specify: _____

ELT Installed: Yes No
If Yes:
ELT Manufacturer: _____
Model or Part No.: _____
TSO No.: C91 (121.5 MHz) C91a (121.5 MHz)
 C126 (406 MHz)
Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? Yes No
Was ELT still connected to antenna? Yes No
Did ELT Activate? Yes No
If activated:
Did ELT Aid in Locating Aircraft? Yes No
If not activated:

Additional Equipment *(Check all that apply)*
 ADS-B
 Airframe Parachute
 Angle of Attack Indicator
 Autopilot
 Data Recorder
 Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
 Electronic Multifunction Display
 Electronic Primary Flight Display
 Handheld GPS
 Heads Up Display
 Onboard Weather
 Satellite Tracking Device
 Stall Warning System
 Video Recording Device
 Other, Specify: _____

Description of Fire Extinguishing System
 None
 Specify: _____

Indicate Reason: Impact Damage
 Fire Damage
 Battery Expired/Damaged
 Unknown

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: N923SM LLCCity: REHOBOTH BEACHFractional Ownership Aircraft: Yes NoState: Delaware ZIP: 19973Country: United States**Operator of Aircraft** Same As Registered Owner Same Address as Registered OwnerName: Thomas McDermottCity: Pembroke PinesDoing Business As: Helicopter academy LLCState: Florida ZIP: 33024

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4 Character Code): _____

Country: United states**Operating Certificates Held***(Check all that apply)*

- None
- Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
- Supplemental
- Air Cargo
- Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
- Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
- Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
- On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
- Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
- Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
- Pilot School (FAR 141)
- Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
- Commercial Space Transportation Experimental Permit
- Commercial Space Transportation License
- Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- FAR 91 FAR 129 FAR 415
- FAR 103 FAR 133 FAR 431
- FAR 121 FAR 135 FAR 435
- FAR 125 FAR 137 FAR 437
- FAR 91 Special Flight
- Non-US, Commercial
- Non-US, Non-commercial
- Public Aircraft *(Select one)*
- Armed Forces
- Federal
- State
- Local
- Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135*(Select one for each group)*

- Scheduled or Commuter Domestic
- Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi International
- Passenger
- Cargo
- Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137*(Select one)*

- Aerial Application Firefighting Unknown
- Aerial Observation Flight Test
- Air Drop Glider Tow
- Air Race/Show Instructional
- Banner Tow Other Work Use
- Business Personal
- Executive/Corporate Positioning
- External Load Skydiving
- Ferry

Revenue Sightseeing Flight Yes No**Air Medical Flight** Yes No**AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)**

Airport Name: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: Off Airport/Airstrip On Airport/Airstrip N/A

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. msl

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ (L/R/C) Length: _____ ft Width: _____ ft

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- Asphalt Grass/Turf Macadam Water
- Concrete Gravel Metal/Wood
- Dirt Ice Snow Unknown

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- Dry Snow-Compacted Water-Calm
- Holes Snow-Crusted Water-Choppy
- Ice Covered Snow-Dry Water-Glassy
- Rough Snow-Wet Wet
- Rubber Deposits Soft
- Slush-Covered Vegetation Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- Taxi VFR Departure On Instrument Approach Downwind Low Approach
- Takeoff IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance Landing Base Go Around
- Initial Climb Final Crosswind Aborted Landing (after touchdown) Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- None
- ADF/NDB PAR MLS Practice
- SDF Sidestep LDA GPS
- VOR/TVOR ILS ASR
- VOR/DME Localizer Only Visual
- TACAN LOC-back course Contact
- RNAV Circling
- Unknown

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- None
- Traffic Pattern Stop and Go
- Straight-In Touch and Go
- Valley/Terrain Following Simulated Forced Landing
- Go Around Forced Landing
- Full Stop Precautionary Landing
- Unknown

“FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2” INFORMATION

“Flight Crewmember 2” Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident

Pilot Co-Pilot Student Pilot Flight Instructor Check Pilot Flight Engineer Other Flight Crew

“Flight Crewmember 2” was pilot flying Yes No

“Flight Crewmember 2” Identification

First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____
 Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Last Name: _____ Country: _____
 Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____ Date of Birth: _____ mm/dd/yyyy
 Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Serious	Seat Occupied <input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Single	Restraint Type <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Available</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Used</th> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> None</td> <td><input type="radio"/> None</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> Lap only</td> <td><input type="radio"/> Lap only</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> 3-point</td> <td><input type="radio"/> 3-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> 4-point</td> <td><input type="radio"/> 4-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> 5-point</td> <td><input type="radio"/> 5-point</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> Unknown</td> <td><input type="radio"/> Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	Available	Used	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> None	<input type="radio"/> Lap only	<input type="radio"/> Lap only	<input type="radio"/> 3-point	<input type="radio"/> 3-point	<input type="radio"/> 4-point	<input type="radio"/> 4-point	<input type="radio"/> 5-point	<input type="radio"/> 5-point	<input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input type="radio"/> Unknown	Inflatable Restraints <input type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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Pilot Certificate(s) *(Check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> US Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer	

Medical Certificate Validity

<input type="radio"/> Without limitations/waivers	<input type="radio"/> Unknown
<input type="radio"/> With limitations/waivers	<input type="radio"/> N/A
<input type="radio"/> Special Issuance	

Principal Occupation

Pilot
 Other
 Unknown

Medical Certificate

None Class 3
 Class 1 Driver’s License (Sport Pilot only)
 Class 2 Unknown

Date of Last Medical

_____ mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations

Medical Certificate Special Issuance

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks: _____ mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____
Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s) *(Check all that apply)*

None
 Single-Engine Land
 Single-Engine Sea
 Multiengine Land
 Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s) *(Check all that apply)*

None
 Airship
 Balloon
 Glider
 Gyroplane
 Helicopter
 Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s) *(Check all that apply)*

None
 Airplane
 Helicopter
 Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s) *(Check all that apply)*

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Airplane
<input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Single-Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Helicopter
<input type="checkbox"/> Airplane Multi-Engine	<input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter
<input type="checkbox"/> Gyroplane	<input type="checkbox"/> Glider
<input type="checkbox"/> Powered Lift	<input type="checkbox"/> Sport

Type Ratings

Student Endorsements *(Include dates)*

Flight Time <i>(Enter appropriate number of hours in each box)</i>	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air
						Actual	Simulated			
Total Time										
Pilot in Command (PIC)										
Time as Instructor										
This Make/Model										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information)

Crew Name and Address	Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____ City of Residence: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____	<input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Front <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Rear <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Single <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> US Military <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> Airline Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Flight Engineer	Restraint Type: Available Used <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Inflatable Restraints <input type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs	

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PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Name and Address	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
First Name: _____ City : _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Last Name: _____ Country: _____ <input type="radio"/> Crew <input type="radio"/> Passenger <input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="radio"/> Left <input type="radio"/> Center <input type="radio"/> Right <input type="radio"/> Unknown Row: ____	<input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Minor <input type="radio"/> Serious <input type="radio"/> Fatal <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Available Used <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> Lap Only <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 3-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 4-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> 5-point <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Installed <input type="checkbox"/> Not Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Deployed <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years If Under 5, <input type="radio"/> Child Restraint <input type="radio"/> Lap-Held <input type="radio"/> Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point Airport ID: <u>K40J</u> City: <u>Perry</u> State: <u>Florida</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Time of Departure Time: <u>0900</u> Time Zone: <u>EST</u>	Destination Airport ID: <u>KDTS</u> City: <u>Destin</u> State: <u>Florida</u> Country: <u>United States</u>	Type Flight Plan Filed <input checked="" type="radio"/> None <input type="radio"/> VFR/IFR <input type="radio"/> Company VFR <input type="radio"/> IFR <input type="radio"/> Military VFR <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> VFR Activated? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Unknown
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Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Special VFR	<input type="checkbox"/> Special IFR	<input type="checkbox"/> VFR Flight Following	<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VFR	<input type="checkbox"/> IFR	<input type="checkbox"/> VFR On Top	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Advisory	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown / NA

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Class A	<input type="checkbox"/> Class G	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military Operations Area (MOA)	<input type="checkbox"/> Special
<input type="checkbox"/> Class B	<input type="checkbox"/> Demo Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Advisory Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Traffic Control Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Class C	<input type="checkbox"/> Warning Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Jet Training Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Class D	<input type="checkbox"/> Prohibited Area	<input type="checkbox"/> TRSA	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class E	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAR 93	

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence:
800 ft msl

WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE

Source of Pilot Weather Information (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Company</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Military</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> None</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather		Weather Observation Facility Facility ID: <u>KDTS</u> Observation Time: <u>0800</u> Time Zone: <u>CST</u> Distance from Accident Site: <u>17</u> nm Direction from Accident Site: <u>290</u> degrees true
<input type="checkbox"/> National Weather Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Company												
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight Service Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Military												
<input type="checkbox"/> TV/Radio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internet												
<input type="checkbox"/> Automated Report	<input type="checkbox"/> None												
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Weather Service (DUATS)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown												
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Board Weather													

Basic Conditions <input checked="" type="radio"/> VMC <input type="radio"/> IMC <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Light Condition <input type="radio"/> Dawn <input type="radio"/> Dusk <input type="radio"/> Dark Night <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> Night <input type="radio"/> Bright Night
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Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition <input type="radio"/> Clear <input type="radio"/> Thin Broken <input checked="" type="radio"/> Few <input type="radio"/> Thin Overcast <input type="radio"/> Partial Obscuration <input type="radio"/> Unknown <input type="radio"/> Scattered Lowest Cloud Condition Height <u>2000</u> ft agl	Ceiling <input checked="" type="radio"/> None (Clear) <input type="radio"/> Obscured <input type="radio"/> Broken <input type="radio"/> Indefinite <input type="radio"/> Overcast <input type="radio"/> Unknown Ceiling Height _____ ft agl	Temperature: _____ (C) or <u>80</u> (F) Dew Point: _____ (C) or <u>57</u> (F) Altimeter Setting: <u>30.03</u> in. Hg or _____ MB
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Wind Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Variable -or- Direction: <u>110</u> degrees true	Wind Speed <input type="checkbox"/> Calm <input type="checkbox"/> Light and Variable -or- Speed: <u>9</u> kts	Wind Gusts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Gusting -or- Speed: _____ kts	Visibility <u>10</u> miles RVR: _____ feet RVV: _____ miles Density Altitude: _____ ft
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Intensity of Precipitation <input type="radio"/> Light <input type="radio"/> Moderate <input type="radio"/> Heavy <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Drizzle</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Freezing Rain</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Rain</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ice Pellets</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Snow Shower</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Snow</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Snow Pellets</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ice Pellets Shower</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Hail</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Snow Grains</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Freezing Drizzle</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Rain Showers</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ice Crystals</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Drizzle	<input type="checkbox"/> Freezing Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Pellets	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Shower	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Pellets	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Pellets Shower	<input type="checkbox"/> Hail	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Grains	<input type="checkbox"/> Freezing Drizzle	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Showers	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Crystals		Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply) <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Fog</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Dust</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ground Fog</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Sand</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Haze</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Snow</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fog</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Spray</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Smoke</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Dust</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</td> </tr> </table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Fog	<input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Dust	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground Fog	<input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Sand	<input type="checkbox"/> Haze	<input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fog	<input type="checkbox"/> Blowing Spray	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke	<input type="checkbox"/> Dust	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETs, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:
None

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- None Substantial
 Minor Destroyed
 Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- None Both Ground and In-Flight
 In-Flight Fire at Unknown Time
 On-Ground Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- None Both Ground and In-Flight
 In-Flight Explosion at Unknown Time
 On-Ground Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property *(Use additional sheet if necessary)*

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT *(Please type or print in ink)*

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

On May 2, 2018 at around 0930 local. The weather was VMC and the action of this incident occurred over a span of approximately 30 to 45 seconds.

I took off in a formation flight of two with Richard Chan, who was flying Helicopter N341VH from K40J with our destination being KDTS. I was flying solo in N923SM and was the leading helicopter in the formation flight. The helicopter flew and handled normally for approximately an hour and 30 minutes and I was cruising at 800 feet altitude. Then the helicopter began to lose airspeed; I tried to correct the error by pushing forward on the cyclic. But the cyclic was unresponsive and the airspeed continue to decrease. I knew at that point something was mechanically wrong with the helicopter and looked for a location to land. Since I was approximately 1/2 nautical mile off shore and I was in a tail wind. I knew my best option was to try and turn as best as I could into the wind and land in the water to avoid possible injuries to the civilians on the beach and also in case if I had execute an autorotation. Once I was facing the wind I had lost all my airspeed and tried as best I could to land the helicopter in the water with as must of a controlled descent as I can manage, still with an unresponsive cyclic. Then after I made contact with the water, approximately 1 second later a wave rolled the helicopter to the side at which point I evacuated the helicopter and awaited rescue.

RECOMMENDATION (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

Operator/Owner Safety Recommendation

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on separate sheet)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? Yes No
(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Unknown

**Total Time/Cycles
On Part**

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

**Time Since This Part
Inspected/Overhauled**

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION**Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff**
(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

28 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type
 80/87 115/145 Jet B Other, specify _____
 100 Low Lead Jet A JP8
 100/130 Jet A-1 Automotive
Other Services, if Any, Prior to Departure**EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFT**Was an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? Yes No**Method of Exit** – Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location

Releasing the seatbelt and swimming out of the aircraft since there was no doors and only one occupant.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for other aircraft)**Aircraft Registration Number**

Manufacturer: _____**Model:** _____**Damage to Other Aircraft**
 Destroyed Minor
 Substantial None
Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Please type or print in ink)

Use this space if additional space is needed for any answers.

Mechanic is out of town for a week and unavailable for consultation; I can give you the number of our mechanic via email upon request or if you rather I will send you the hours and date of the most recent inspection when he is available

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Date of this Report	Name of Pilot/Operator: <u>Randall Gross</u>
<u>05/22/2018</u> <small>mm/dd/yyyy</small>	Signature: _____
	-- or -- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here to electronically sign this document

If a Person Other than Pilot/Operator is Filing Report

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____

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