

Hatch Craig

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At approximately 1946 local time, 09/03/2020, N567N, a 1979 Piper PA-38-112 was inbound from Selma, AL to the Port of South Louisiana Executive Regional Airport (KAPS) flying in VFR conditions with the owner/pilot at the controls and the only person on board. When the aircraft was approximately 5nm ENE of KAPS, New Orleans (MSY) flight following terminated radar services and cleared the pilot for frequency change. The pilot indicated that his engine began to have trouble so he tried turning on the electric fuel pump but still had problems. He tried switching fuel tanks but still had problems then the engine quit on him. He attempted to make it to the KAPS airport but crashed landed about .6 miles east of the airport. He was able to call 911 for help.

At approximately 2045 local, MSY received a call about a PA38 that went down in the marsh between MSY and KAPS. First responders found the aircraft approximately .5m east of runway 17 and could see the lights of the aircraft and were in communication with the pilot but could not reach him due to the marsh. Coast Guard Search and Rescue was called in and safely recovered the pilot and transported him to the hospital for medical treatment. Pilot had indicated to first responders his arm was hurt. The pilot indicated to the first responders that he had an engine failure.

The pilot indicated that he had over 200 hours of flight time. At his last medical April 4, 2018, he reported 60 hours of flight time.

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