

Pilot statement:

At approximately 6:00 pm on Oct. 8, 2021, I took off from runway 16 at Shirley William's airport (44TE) to fly over Lake LBJ. I had flown for approximately 30 min. when I noticed something floating in the water and turned around to investigate. I made a too tight turn to downwind and lost airspeed and lift. I did not have enough altitude to recover before putting it in the lake. While still in a slight right bank, I most likely stalled the aircraft a few feet above the water. I made a hard landing and before I could shut down the engine, the floats dug into the water and the high thrustline pusher engine rolled the plane over nose first until it rested upside down in the water. The aircraft was running fine and was not part of the cause of the accident.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which is partially obscured by a black redaction box.

Eric Savener