



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Newburgh, NY	Accident Number:	ERA26LA134
Date & Time:	March 2, 2026, 19:10 Local	Registration:	N1560E
Aircraft:	Cessna 172N	Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Instructional		

On March 2, 2026, at 1910 eastern standard time, a Cessna 172N, N1560E, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Newberg, New York. The flight instructor and student pilot incurred minor injuries. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations Part 91 instructional flight.

The flight instructor reported that, after performing a touch-and-go landing at New York Stewart International Airport (SWF), the engine was not producing the normal rpm. When he leaned across the cockpit to view the engine gauges, he saw the oil pressure was indicating zero. He then declared an emergency with air traffic control and asked to return directly to the airport. The engine then began to run extremely rough before it lost total power. He took over the controls from the student pilot and determined that the airplane would not be able to reach the airport. He then chose to land in the Hudson River close to the western shore, at the area with the most lighting.

The flight instructor subsequently ditched the airplane among broken patch ice and struck some submerged structures, which resulted in substantial damage to the airplane's fuselage. The pilots extricated themselves from the airplane and were able to reach the shore. The airplane sank until the wings were awash, but remained largely afloat and was recovered the following day.

The wreckage was retained for further examination.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Cessna	Registration:	N1560E
Model/Series:	172N	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	AMERICAN AIRMAN INC	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	VMC	Condition of Light:	Night
Observation Facility, Elevation:	KSWF,491 ft msl	Observation Time:	19:00 Local
Distance from Accident Site:		Temperature/Dew Point:	-2°C /-12°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	4 knots / None
Lowest Ceiling:		Visibility:	7 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.58 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	
Departure Point:	Islip, NY (ISP)	Destination:	Newburgh, NY

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	41.503906,-74.003744 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Rambo, Harold
Additional Participating Persons:	Russel Gait; Lycoming; Williamsport, PA Robert Glab; FAA/FSDO; Teterboro, NJ Larry Loppez; FAA/FSDO; Farmingdale, NY
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.