



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location: MONTAUK, New York Accident Number: NYC84LA221

Date & Time: June 25, 1984, Local Registration: N555HM

Aircraft: CESSNA 206 Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Positioning

Analysis

THE ACFT NOSED OVER AND SANK DURING A WATER LANDING. THE FLOAT PLANE HAD APPROACHED NOSE HIGH AND UPON INITIAL TOUCHDOWNON THE LAKE THE ACFT SKIPPED/BOUNCED. ACCORDING TO A WITNESS IT APPEARED THAT THE PLT WAS TRYING TO EXTEND HIS TOUCHDOWNPOINT. WHEN THE ACFT TOUCHED DOWN A 2ND TIME THE FLOATS LANDED SQUARE BUT THE RIGHT WING DIPPED, THE ACFT CARTWHEELED AND SANK. IT WAS DETERMINED AFTER THE ACCIDENT THAT THE ACFT LANDING GEAR WAS UP. AN INSPECTION OF THE LANDING AREA WAS MADE AND NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY COULD BE FOUND.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT Phase of Operation: LANDING - FLARE/TOUCHDOWN

Findings

- 1. (C) FLARE IMPROPER PILOT IN COMMAND
- 2. (C) TOTAL PILOT IN COMMAND
- 3. (C) FLIGHT CONTROLS IMPROPER USE OF PILOT IN COMMAND
- 4. (C) STALL/MUSH NOT CORRECTED PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings 5. (F) TERRAIN CONDITION - WATER, GLASSY

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Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	25,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Single-engine sea; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):		Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Instrument airplane	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalno waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 27, 1984
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	1738 hours (Total, all aircraft), 83 hours (Total, this make and model), 1525 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 143 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N555HM
Model/Series:	206 206	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	U20606784
Landing Gear Type:	Amphibian	Seats:	6
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	June 21, 1984 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3600 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	11 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	112 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Installed, not activated	Engine Model/Series:	TISO-520-M
Registered Owner:	CESSNA AIRCRAFT CO.	Rated Power:	310 Horsepower
Operator:	SHORELINE AVIATION,INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	On-demand air taxi (135)
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered	Visibility	5 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 1200 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	4 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	230°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	19°C / 17°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
Departure Point:	MADISON , CT (MAD)	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:	MONTAUK LAKE , NY	Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	07:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	Water
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	Water-calm
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	Full stop;Traffic pattern

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	41.039527,-71.940864(est)

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Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Taylor, Vernon
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=35693

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