



Memorandum

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Subject: USCG Conversations and Information
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This is a summary of conversations with various USCG personnel involved with the search and recovery of the pilot and passenger in the PA-18 accident that occurred on June 9, 2018, near Sitka, Alaska.

June 12, 2018: LTJG McClellan - A USCG helicopter located the wreckage at 2210 on June 10. A swimmer was lowered to the scene and determined that the pilot was unresponsive. The helicopter had a mechanical malfunction and had to return to base. The Cutter Bailey Barco then proceeded to the scene to recover the pilot and searched for the passenger.

June 12, 2018: LCDR Reed, Captain of the USCG Cutter Bailey Barco stated that he sent a crew off the ship to the wreckage. The Petty Officer that removed the pilot from his seat stated that the shoulder harness straps were not engaged in the lap buckle. He was absolutely sure there was no shoulder harness. He had to release the lap belt to remove the pilot, as well as cut overhead structure. There was no sign of the rear passenger while he was on scene that day.

USCG District 17 Duty Officer: According to the duty logs, the pilot and wreckage were located on June 10, 2018, at 0610Z (2210 local on 10th), and the passenger was located on June 11 at 1809Z (1009 local).