



The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety
Central Region
Memorandum for the Record
Information from Pilot Flying
N7896S
CEN19FA271
Hopedale, Louisiana
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- The pilot of N7896S (another float-equipped airplane) reported that he was at the same fishing location as the accident airplane (N536Q) on Chandeluer Sound on the morning of the accident.
 - After a morning of fishing, the pilots of both airplanes started to prepare for a return to their Bravaria base.
 - The pilot of N7896S stated that the weather was starting to deteriorate with heavy rain.
 - Both pilots waited for 45-minutes to and hour for the weather to get better.
 - After seeing a break in the weather, the accident airplane (N5364Q) took off about 1300, heading about 240-degrees.
 - N7896S followed about 2-miles behind and was in radio contact with the pilot of N5364Q.
 - The pilot of N7896S encountered heavy rain and lost sight of N5364Q.
 - The pilot of N7896S lost radio contact with the pilot of N5364Q.
 - The pilot of N7896S landed at the Bravaria base and notified authorities.
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