



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 10-03-2017

Person Contacted: FAA Inspector: Robert McCauley
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17TA337

Narrative:

Briefly discussed the events surrounding the accident to N885PR. Photographs were scanned and sent to the duty officer. The airplane is an Airmax, Seamax, and the father and son flying it landed on the lake and struck something submerged; they didn't see it floating. The airplane is largely intact, but it sunk up to the top of the wings; the engine sits up high. It's a pusher type. The airplane took on water after landing due to a gash in the bottom of the fuselage. Appears it hit a log or branch because pieces of bark and pine needles were sticking out of it. There was a 9 inch crescent shaped gouge below the waterline on the belly.

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Date: 10-17-2017
Person Contacted: Pilot: Earnest Sartain
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17TA337

Narrative:

Briefly discussed the events surrounding the accident to N885PR. The pilot and his sixteen year old son were flying from Westhampton (NY) and landed on Candlewood Lake. He performed a flyby to determine if it was safe and there were no boats or obstacles in the water. The water was calm and the touchdown was smooth and completely normal.

After landing water started coming up through the floor. Water was pouring in and he shut down the engine and stopped taxiing. The airplane was sinking fast. They popped open the canopy and requested help from nearby watercraft.

He did not feel anything. The landing and subsequent taxi appeared normal. They did not see anything floating in the water. Whatever they hit was likely a submerged log or tree.

Exchanged email addresses and requested the pilot fill out and submit the 6120 accident report.

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