



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Person Contacted: STEVEN SAUER (U.S. Coast Guard, Mission Coordinator)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA20LA134

Narrative:

Mr. Sauer was the mission coordinator for the search and rescue efforts conducted by the United States Coast Guard (USCG). He provided the following information via telephone:

- About 2130 local on the night of the accident, the USCG was notified by air traffic control of a mission aircraft.
- About 2335 local a debris area was identified. Backpacks were found and some of the contents within the backpacks possessed the pilot's name. The passengers wallet and driver's license was found in another backpack.
- The USCG did not locate the occupants of the airplane.
- On the night of the accident, the flight crews that conducted search and rescue over the search area reported that there was no moon light and that there was an overcast ceiling.
- According to a postflight entry by the USCG flight crew, about 2345 near the accident site, the wind was 290° at 10 knots, gusting 15 knots, the visibility was 10 nautical miles, the ceiling was 1,400 ft overcast, and the wave height was 4 ft.
- No airplane debris was photographed, nor recovered by the USCG.