

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☐ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 12:30 PM	DATE 12/23/2020
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION Peiter Van Schalkwyk-Pilot in command/ Trooper Brandon Jones		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
SUBJECT Emergency water landing of Aircraft N7094T into Falls Lake in Durham North Carolina			
DIGEST ON December 11,2020 at approximately 14:45 the ROC alerted Flight Standards District Office EA-39 of an Aircraft accident that had occurred in Durham North Carolina involving a light sport category aircraft N7094T. This aircraft is a 1994 Kolb Firestar. The aircraft was piloted by Mr. Peiter Van Schalkwyk also the owner and builder. The weather was VFR and the wind approximately 4mph.Mr.Schalkwyk departed runway 14 at 8NC8 aka Lake Ridge Aero Park. After approximately 20 minutes into the flight the engine experienced a loss power. Pilot was at about 3 to 500 feet AGL and over Falls lake. PIC made his assessment of landing options and concluded the lake was his only option. On contact with the water the aircraft flipped inverted and began to sink. PIC exited the cockpit and was rescued by a passing boater who delivered him to the boat dock. The location where he was dropped off was within walking distance to the airfield and the PIC walked to his hanger. A phone interview with Trooper Brandon Jones revealed that he was dispatched to the scene in the State Trooper Helicopter. Trooper Jones took overhead pictures of the aircraft and provided GPS data of the approximate area the landing terminated. Mr. Van Schalkwyk suffered minor injuries.			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED Preliminary findings are engine loss of power for unknown reasons. Further evaluation of engine and associated systems to be evaluated.			
DATE 12/23/2020	TITLE Principle Maintenance Inspector	SIGNATURE George A. Kembro	