

I was contacted by the FAA ROC on 22 Oct 2022 at approximately 1830L to notify me that N7893R had called MAYDAY on Guard for loss of engine power. No other radio contact was made. The location was 8 miles from Eagle Neck Airport (1GA0). While gathering information from the ROC, they were contacted by Hunter Field Coast Guard ([REDACTED]) that the pilot Mr James McClain had been rescued. The aircraft had crash landed in the marsh off the Georgia coast and was in about 8 feet of water.

On Oct 24 2022 Inspector Robert Lohr and Dennis Obarsky went to Midway to assess the accident. The aircraft had been towed by Sea Tow (Jim Givens [REDACTED]) to Half Moon marina located near Midway. A crane had been scheduled to remove the aircraft at 1500L based on tide conditions. We arrived on site to see the aircraft shored to a dock waiting on tide conditions. At 1500L Sea Tow positioned the aircraft to be removed from the water. The aircraft was removed from the water and the gear was lowered with no issue. There was no evidence of oil or fuel in the water near the aircraft. Mr Lohr and myself inspected the aircraft and took pictures. We inspected the aircraft registration which was valid. We did not find the AWC on the aircraft. Mr McClain stated he did not know where it was at. Mr McClain also verbally stated he thought he had about 50 lbs of fuel onboard at the time of the crash. The aircraft was transported by Atlanta Air Salvage to Griffin Ga on 25 Oct 2022.