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Date: 8/25/2023

Subject: ERA23LA349

Contact: TONY CAPOZZI (Designated Pilot Examiner - DPE)

The individual noted above provided the following information via a telephone call. The below contents are a summary of what was reported:

- The accident occurred about 1730 local on 8/24/2023.
- The purpose of flight was to perform a checkride for the private pilot, to add a sea plane rating to his certificate.
- The flight had entered a left downwind to land on a lake. It was the first landing of the flight.
- He recalled that the private pilot, about 800 ft agl, was working his way through the before landing checklist. He then stated, "I lost power."
- He then recalled that power was advanced, as well as the propeller and mixture were pushed forward, but there was no change in engine sound.
- He described that the engine was running, and then "nothing."
- He recalled about 500-600 ft agl, he took over the flight controls and switched the fuel selector from both to an undetermined tank. He then turned towards a field. During the touchdown in a corn field, the airplane nosed over.
- He described that there was no sputtering or vibrations from the engine. It just lost power.
- He recalled the departure from 2W6 was about 1715 or 1720.
- The accident site is near: 23644 Bayside Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650 (38.318770, -76.713432).

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