

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD • PILOT/OPERATOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT/INCIDENT**REPORT** Use this form (Form 6120.1) to report civil and public aircraft accidents and incidents**BASIC INFORMATION****Accident/Incident Location**Nearest City/Place: RUSKIN State: FLZIP: 33570 Country: USA

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(Enter in decimal degrees or degrees:minutes:seconds)

Accident/Incident Date/TimeDate: 10/03/2024 Local Time: 11:15
mm/dd/yyyy HH:MMTime Zone: ESTCollision with Other Aircraft: ☐ Midair ☐ On-ground ☒ None**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**Registration Number: N8485FManufacturer: PIPERModel: PA-28-181 ArcherSerial Number: 28-7790259Year of Manufacture: 1974Amateur-Built: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes: ☐ Original Design ☐ Kit/Plans

Make: _____

☒ IFR-Equipped and Certified☐ Commercial Space Flight☐ Unmanned AircraftMaximum Gross Weight: 2550 lbs.Weight at Time of Accident/Incident: 1900 lbs.Number of Seats: 4 Flight Crew Seats: 2Cabin Crew Seats: 2 Passenger Seats: 2Number of Engines: 1**Category of Aircraft**
(Select one)

- ☒ Airplane
☐ Balloon
☐ Blimp/Dirigible
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift
☐ Rocket
☐ Ultralight
☐ Unknown

Type of Airworthiness Certificate
(Check all that apply)**Standard**☒ Normal☐ Aerobatic☐ Balloon☐ Commuter☐ Transport☐ Utility**Special**☐ Restricted☐ Limited☐ Provisional☐ Special Flight☐ Experimental☐ Special Light-Sport☐ Experimental Light-Sport☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ None ☐ Unknown**Landing Gear**

(Check all that apply)

☐ Retractable☒ Tricycle☐ Tailwheel☐ Emergency Float☐ Float☐ Amphibian☐ Other Launch/Recovery System☐ None☐ High Skid☐ Skid☐ Ski/Wheel☐ Hull☐ Ski☐ Unknown**Engine Type (Select one)**☒ Reciprocating☐ Turbo Shaft☐ Turbo Prop☐ Turbo Jet☐ Turbo Fan☐ Electric☐ Liquid Rocket☐ Solid Rocket☐ Hybrid Rocket☐ None☐ Unknown**Fuel System Type (Reciprocating)**☒ Carburetor☐ Fuel Injected

Engine	Engine Manufacturer	Engine Model/Series	Engine Serial Number	Date of Mfg. (mm/dd/yyyy)	Rated Power ☐ Horsepower or ☐ Lbs. of Thrust	Total Time (hours)	Time Since: Inspection (hours)	Overhaul (hours)
Eng. 1	<u>Lycoming</u>	<u>O-360-A4A</u>	<u>L-15383-36A</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>7460</u>	<u>96.88</u>	<u>2060.03</u>
Eng. 2								
Eng. 3								
Eng. 4								

Last Inspection Type

- ☒ 100-Hour
☐ AAIP
☐ Annual
☐ Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Condition Inspection
☐ Unknown

Date of Last Inspection: 08/23/
mm/dd/yyyyAirframe Total Time: 7460 hrs

Hours measured at (Select one)

☒ Last Inspection ☐ Time of Accident/Incident**Type of Maintenance Program (Select One)**

- ☒ Annual
☐ Conditional (Amateur-built only)
☐ Manufacturer's Inspection Program
☐ Other Approved Inspection Program
☐ (AAIP) Continuous Airworthiness
☐ Other, specify: 100 hour inspection

Description of Fire Extinguishing System

- ☐ None
☐ Specify: handheld fire extinguisher

Additional Equipment

- ☒ ADS-B
☐ Airframe Parachute
☐ Angle of Attack Indicator
☐ Autopilot
☐ Autopilot/FMS, Model: _____
☐ Coupled Flight Director
☐ Data Recorder
☐ Device Stall Warning System
☐ Electronic Flight Bag or Handheld Device
☐ Electronic Multifunction Display
☒ Electronic Primary Flight Display
☐ Flight Management System

- ☐ Handheld GPS
☐ Heads Up Display
☐ Night Vision Goggles
☐ Onboard Weather
☐ Primary Flight Display
☐ SAS, Number of Axes: _____ Model: _____
☐ Satellite Tracking Device
☒ Stall Warning System
☐ Video Recording Device
☐ Wire Strike Detection
☐ Wire Strike Protection
☐ Other, Specify: _____

ELT Installed: ☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes:ELT Manufacturer: LaragoModel or Part No.: BP1005TSO No.: ☐ C91 (121.5 MHz) ☐ C91a (121.5 MHz)
☐ C126 (406 MHz)Was ELT still mounted in aircraft? ☒ Yes ☐ NoWas ELT still connected to antenna? ☒ Yes ☐ NoDid ELT activate? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf activated: Did ELT aid in locating aircraft? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf not activated: Indicate Reason: ☒ Impact Damage☐ Fire Damage ☐ Battery Expired/Damaged ☐ UnknownPropeller 1 ☒ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground AdjustableManufacturer: sensenichModel: 76EM8S5-0-60Propeller 2 ☐ Fixed Pitch
☐ Controllable Pitch
☐ Ground Adjustable

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION**Registered Aircraft Owner**Name: St. Pete Aviation Services, LLC

Fractional Ownership Aircraft:

☐ Yes☒ NoCity: St. Petersburg State: FLZIP: 33701 Country: USA**Operator of Aircraft**☐ The Operator is also the Registered Owner☐ Same address as Registered Owner

Name: _____

Doing Business As: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Air Carrier/Operator Designator (4-character code): _____

ZIP: _____ Country: _____

Operating Certificates Held

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Flag Carrier Operating Certificate (FAR 121)
☐ Supplemental
☐ Air Cargo
☐ Foreign Air Carriers (FAR 129)
☐ Rotorcraft External Load (FAR 133)
☐ Commuter Air Carrier (FAR 135)
☐ On-Demand Air Taxi (FAR 135)
☐ Commercial Air Tour (FAR 136)
☐ Agricultural Aircraft (FAR 137)
☐ Pilot School (FAR 141)
☐ Certificate of Authorization or Waiver (COA)
☐ Commercial Space Transportation
 Experimental Permit
☐ Commercial Space Transportation License
☐ Other Operator of Large Aircraft

Regulation Flight Conducted Under

- ☐ FAR 91 ☐ FAR 129 ☐ FAR 415
☐ FAR 103 ☐ FAR 133 ☐ FAR 431
☐ FAR 121 ☐ FAR 135 ☐ FAR 435
☐ FAR 125 ☐ FAR 137 ☐ FAR 437
☐ FAR 450
☐ FAR 91 Special Flight
☐ Non-US, Commercial
☐ Non-US, Non-commercial
☐ Public Aircraft (Select one)
 ☐ Armed Forces
 ☐ Federal
 ☐ State
 ☐ Local
☐ Unknown

Revenue Operation for FAR 121, 125, 129, 135

(Select one for each group)

- ☐ Scheduled or Commuter ☐ Domestic
☐ Non-Scheduled or Air Taxi ☐ International
☐ Passenger
☐ Cargo
☐ Mail Contract Only

Purpose of Flight for FAR 91, 103, 133, 137 (Select one)

- ☐ Aerial Application ☐ Firefighting
☐ Aerial Observation ☐ Flight Test
☐ Air Drop ☐ Glider Tow
☐ Air Race/Show ☐ Instructional
☐ Banner Tow ☐ Other Work Use
☐ Business ☐ Personal
☐ Executive/Corporate ☐ Positioning
☐ External Load ☐ Skydiving
☐ Ferry ☐ Unknown

Revenue Sightseeing Flight☐ Yes ☐ No**Air Medical Flight**☐ Yes ☐ No**AIRPORT INFORMATION (Fill in if accident/incident occurred on approach, landing, takeoff, departure, or within 3 miles of an airport)**

Airport Name: _____

Distance From Airport Center: _____ sm.

Airport Identifier: _____

Direction From Airport: _____ degrees true

Proximity to Airport: ☐ Off Airport/Airstrip ☐ On Airport/Airstrip ☐ N/A

Airport Elevation: _____ ft. MSL

Runway Information

Runway ID: _____ Length: _____ ft. Width: _____ ft.

Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Asphalt ☐ Grass/Turf ☐ Ice ☐ Snow
☐ Concrete ☐ Gravel ☐ Macadam ☐ Water
☐ Dirt ☐ Helideck ☐ Metal/Wood ☐ Unknown
☐ Elevated Heliport ☐ Helistop ☐ Off-site landing area

Condition of Runway/Landing Surface (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Dry ☐ Snow-Compacted ☐ Water-Calm
☐ Holes ☐ Snow-Crusted ☐ Water-Choppy
☐ Ice Covered ☐ Snow-Dry ☐ Water-Glassy
☐ Rough ☐ Snow-Wet ☐ Wet
☐ Rubber Deposits ☐ Soft
☐ Slush-Covered ☐ Vegetation ☐ Unknown

Approach/Departure Segment (Select one)

- ☐ Taxi ☐ VFR Departure ☐ On Instrument Approach ☐ Downwind ☐ Low Approach
☐ Takeoff ☐ IFR Departure Procedure/Clearance ☐ Landing ☐ Base ☐ Go Around
☐ Initial Climb ☐ Aborted Landing (after touchdown)
☐ Crosswind ☐ Unknown

IFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ ADF/NDB ☐ PAR ☐ MLS ☐ Practice
☐ SDF ☐ Sidestep ☐ LDA ☐ GPS
☐ VOR/TVOR ☐ ILS ☐ ASR ☐ Unknown
☐ VOR/DME ☐ Localizer Only ☐ Visual
☐ TACAN ☐ LOC-back course ☐ Contact
☐ RNAV ☐ Circling

VFR Approach (Check all that apply)

- ☐ None
☐ Traffic Pattern ☐ Stop and Go
☐ Straight-In ☐ Touch and Go
☐ Valley/Terrain Following ☐ Simulated Forced Landing
☐ Go Around ☐ Forced Landing
☐ Full Stop ☐ Precautionary Landing
☐ Unknown

"FLIGHT CREWMEMBER 2" INFORMATION**"Flight Crewmember 2" Responsibilities at the Time of Accident/Incident**

☐ Captain ☐ First Officer ☐ Pilot ☐ Co-Pilot ☐ Student Pilot ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Check Pilot ☐ Flight Engineer ☐ Other Flight Crew

"Flight Crewmember 2" was pilot flying ☐ Yes ☐ No

"Flight Crewmember 2" Identification

First Name: _____

City of Residence: _____

Middle Initial: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Last Name: _____

Country: _____

Age at time of Accident/Incident: _____

Date of Birth: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Certificate Number: _____

Degree of Injury

☐ None ☐ Serious
☐ Unknown ☐ Fatal
☐ Minor

Seat Occupied

☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Unknown
☐ Right ☐ Rear
☐ Center ☐ Single

Restraint Type**Available**

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Used

☐ None
☐ Lap only
☐ 3-point
☐ 4-point
☐ 5-point
☐ Unknown

Inflatable Restraints

☐ Not Installed
☐ Installed
☐ Not Deployed
☐ Deployed
☐ Unknown

Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial
☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational
☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Sport
☐ Student ☐ Flight Engineer

Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____

Principal Occupation

☐ Pilot
☐ Other
☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate

☐ None ☐ Class 3
☐ Class 1 ☐ Driver's License (Sport Pilot only)
☐ Class 2 ☐ Unknown

Medical Certificate Validity

☐ Without limitations/waivers ☐ Unknown
☐ With limitations/waivers ☐ N/A
☐ Special Issuance

Date of Last Medical

 mm/dd/yyyy

Medical Certificate Limitations**Medical Certificate Special Limitations****Personal Flight Equipment** (Check all that apply)

☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal Locator Beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves
☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____

Date of Last Flight Review or Equivalent, Including FAR 121/135 Checks:

 mm/dd/yyyy

Flight Review Aircraft

Make: _____

Model: _____

Airplane Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ Single-Engine Land
☐ Single-Engine Sea
☐ Multiengine Land
☐ Multiengine Sea

Other Aircraft Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airship
☐ Balloon
☐ Glider
☐ Gyroplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instrument Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None
☐ Airplane
☐ Helicopter
☐ Powered Lift

Instructor Rating(s)
(Check all that apply)

☐ None ☐ Instrument Airplane
☐ Airplane Single-Engine ☐ Instrument Helicopter
☐ Airplane Multiengine ☐ Helicopter
☐ Gyroplane ☐ Glider
☐ Powered lift ☐ Sport

Type Ratings and Applicable Logbook Endorsements**Student Endorsements** (Include dates)

Flight Time (Enter hours for each box)	All Aircraft	This Make & Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multiengine	Night	Instrument		Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	Multi-engine Rotorcraft	Tail-wheel
						Actual	Simulated					
Total Time												
Pilot in Command (PIC)												
Time as Instructor												
This Make/Model												
Last 90 Days												
Last 30 Days												
Last 24 Hours												

ADDITIONAL FLIGHT CREWMEMBERS (Exclusive of cabin crew, complete the following information.)

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
Middle Initial: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____		
Last Name: _____	Country: _____		
Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ Personal locator beacon(s) (PLB) ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____			
Pilot Certificate(s) (Check all that apply) ☐ None ☐ Flight Instructor ☐ Commercial ☐ US Military ☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Airline Transport ☐ Foreign ☐ Student ☐ Sport ☐ Flight Engineer		Restraint Type Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Inflatable Restraints ☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		

Additional Crewmember Information		Seat Occupied	Injury
First Name: _____	City of Residence: _____	☐ Left ☐ Rear ☐ Center ☐ Single ☐ Right ☐ Unknown ☐ Front	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown
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Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Total Flight Time at the Time of this Accident/Incident: _____ hrs.		

PASSENGER(S) / OTHER PERSONNEL (Include cabin crew; continue on separate sheet, if necessary.)

Number of Passengers _____	Seat	Injury	Restraint Type	Inflatable Restraints	Age
Passenger Information First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown

First Name: _____ City: _____ Middle Initial: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Last name: _____ Country: _____ ☐ Crew ☐ Passenger ☐ Other Personal Flight Equipment (Check all that apply) ☐ Fire resistant flight suit ☐ Helmet ☐ Laser protective visor/glasses ☐ PLB ☐ Fire resistant gloves ☐ Night vision goggles ☐ Helmet visor ☐ Personal flotation ☐ Other: _____	☐ Left ☐ Center ☐ Right ☐ Unknown Row: _____	☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Serious ☐ Fatal ☐ Unknown	Available ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown Supplemental Restraint, specify: _____	Used ☐ None ☐ Lap Only ☐ 3-point ☐ 4-point ☐ 5-point ☐ Unknown	☐ Not Installed ☐ Installed ☐ Not Deployed ☐ Deployed ☐ Unknown	☐ Under 5 years If under 5 years, ☐ Child Restraint ☐ Lap-Held ☐ Unknown
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FLIGHT ITINERARY INFORMATION

Last Departure Point	Time of Departure	Flight Information	Destination	Type Flight Plan Filed
Airport ID: <u>SEF</u> City: <u>Sebring</u> State: <u>FL</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	Time: <u>10:50</u> HH:MM Time Zone: <u>EST</u>	Flight Number: _____ Operating as Flight _____	Airport ID: <u>KSPG</u> City: <u>St Petersburg</u> State: <u>FL</u> Country: <u>USA</u>	☒ None ☐ Company VFR ☐ Military VFR ☐ VFR ☐ VFR/IFR ☐ IFR ☐ Unknown Activated? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Type of ATC Clearance/Service (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Certificate of Authorization ☐ Special VFR ☐ Special IFR ☐ VFR Flight Following ☐ Cruise
☒ VFR ☐ IFR ☐ VFR On Top ☐ Traffic Advisory ☐ Unknown / NA
☐ None

Airspace where the accident/incident occurred (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Class A ☒ Class G ☐ Military Operations Area (MOA) ☐ Special
☐ Class B ☐ Demo Area ☐ Airport Advisory Area ☐ Air Traffic Control Area
☐ Class C ☐ Warning Area ☐ Jet Training Area ☐ Unknown
☐ Class D ☐ Prohibited Area ☐ TRSA
☐ Class E ☐ Restricted Area ☐ FAR 93

Altitude of In-Flight Occurrence: 800 ft. MSL**WEATHER INFORMATION AT THE ACCIDENT/INCIDENT SITE****Source of Pilot Weather Information**

(Check all that apply)

- ☐ National Weather Service ☐ Company
☐ Flight Service Station ☐ Military
☐ TV/Radio ☐ Internet
☒ Automated Report ☐ None
☐ Electronic Flight Bag-Application: ☐ Unknown

☐ On-Board Weather**Weather Observation Facility**

Facility ID: KSPG
 Observation Time: _____
 Time Zone: _____
 Distance from Accident Site: _____ nm
 Direction from Accident Site: _____ degrees true

Basic Conditions

- ☒ VMC
☐ IMC
☐ Unknown

Lowest Cloud Condition**Height**1500 ft. AGL**Light Condition**

- ☐ Dawn ☐ Dusk ☐ Dark Night ☐ Unknown
☐ Day ☐ Night ☐ Bright Night

Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition

- ☐ Clear ☐ Thin Broken
☐ Few ☐ Thin Overcast
☐ Partial ☐ Unknown
☐ Obscuration
☐ Scattered

Ceiling

- ☐ None (Clear)
☐ Broken
☐ Overcast
☐ Obscured
☐ Indefinite
☐ Unknown

Ceiling Height1500 ft. AGL

Temperature: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)

Dewpoint: _____ (°C) or _____ (°F)

Altimeter Setting:

_____ (Hg), or _____ (mb)

Wind Direction☒ Variable

or

Direction: _____
degrees true**Wind Speed**☒ Calm☐ Light and Variable

or

Speed: _____ kts

Wind Gusts☒ Not Gustingor
Speed: _____ kts**Visibility**10 miles

RVR: _____ feet

RVV: _____ miles

Density Altitude: _____ ft.

Type of Precipitation (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None ☐ Drizzle ☐ Freezing Rain
☐ Rain ☐ Ice Pellets ☐ Snow Shower
☐ Snow ☐ Snow Pellets ☐ Ice Pellets Shower
☐ Hail ☐ Snow Grains ☐ Freezing Drizzle
☐ Rain Showers ☐ Ice Crystals

Restriction to Visibility (Check all that apply)

- ☒ None ☐ Fog
☐ Blowing Dust ☐ Ground Fog
☐ Blowing Sand ☐ Haze
☐ Blowing Snow ☐ Ice Fog
☐ Blowing Spray ☐ Smoke
☐ Dust ☐ Unknown

Icing Forecast

- | Amount | Type |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ☒ None | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Trace | ☐ Rime |
| ☐ Light | ☐ Clear |
| ☐ Moderate | ☐ Mixed |
| ☐ Severe | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Unknown | |

Intensity of Precipitation

- ☐ Light
☐ Moderate
☐ Heavy
☐ N/A
☐ Unknown

Icing Actual

- | Amount | Type |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ☒ None | ☐ N/A |
| ☐ Trace | ☐ Rime |
| ☐ Light | ☐ Clear |
| ☐ Moderate | ☐ Mixed |
| ☐ Severe | ☐ Unknown |
| ☐ Unknown | |

Turbulence (Check all that apply)

- | Type | Severity |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| ☒ None | ☐ Light |
| ☐ Clean Air | ☐ Moderate |
| ☐ Terrain-Induced | ☐ Severe |
| ☐ Convective | ☐ Extreme |
| Turbulence | |

NOTAMs (D and FDC), AIRMETS, SIGMETs, PIREPs in effect at the time of the accident/incident:

DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT AND OTHER PROPERTY**Aircraft Damage**

- ☐ None ☐ Substantial
☐ Minor ☐ Destroyed
☐ ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Fire

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Aircraft Explosion

- ☒ None ☐ Both Ground and In-Flight
☐ In-Flight ☐ Fire at Unknown Time
☐ On-Ground ☐ Unknown

Description of Damage to Aircraft and Other Property (Use additional sheet, if necessary.)

Airplane was submerged

NARRATIVE HISTORY OF FLIGHT (Please type or print in ink.)

Describe what occurred in chronological order, including circumstances leading to and nature of accident/incident. Describe terrain and include wreckage distribution sketch if pertinent. Attach extra sheets if needed. State departure time and location, services obtained, and intended destination. Provide as much detail as possible.

Statement for Alexander Tsunis

On Thursday October 3rd 2024, I experienced an engine failure at 800 feet +/- just after flying over Ruskin FL on the way to KSPG.

A week prior, I had my first solo flight out of KSPG. That day we had gone over weight and balance for the plane.

The morning of 10/3, I woke up at an Airbnb because the hurricane Helene had destroyed my home. I went to my storage unit and then to my new apartment downtown st Pete, after that I headed to the airport.

I preflight the aircraft, visually inspected fuel, oil, as well as the standard procedure for preflight of a PA-28.

We had preflight the flight in the aircraft before we pushed off from the parking spot. We went over everything required and were supposed to depart to Arcadia and back, drop Joey off and I would solo to Arcadia and back.

We took off around 820am or so, heading for Arcadia.

After crossing the bay we noticed cloud cover was becoming increasingly dense so we decided to reroute to Sebring.

We landed at Sebring and returned to KSPG.

I then dropped Joey off and departed KSPG for Sebring.

I landed at Sebring just fine without issue. I taxied and took off for KSPG about 10 minutes after landing due to traffic on the runway.

I flew just fine and had to change my altitude multiple times in order to maintain VFR compliance. I had switched tanks every time I got a message from the aircraft.

I contacted ATC after flying over Ruskin telling them I was inbound for full stop.

Moments later, the engine stalled, came back and stalled again. I did abc; airspeed, best place to land and checklist but I did not have

**OPERATOR/OWNER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION** (How could this accident/incident have been prevented?)

MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION/FAILURE (If more space is needed, continue on a separate sheet.)Was there Mechanical Malfunction/Failure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(If yes, list the name of the part, manufacturer, part no., serial no., and describe the failure.)

Total Time/ Cycles On Part

_____ Hours

_____ Cycles

Time Since This Part Inspected/Overhauled

_____ Hours

FUEL & SERVICES INFORMATION

Fuel on Board at Last Takeoff

(Convert from pounds, as necessary)

50 _____ Gallons

Fuel Type

☒ 100 Low Lead☐ Automotive☐ Jet A☐ Jet A-1☐ Unleaded AV☐ Other, specify _____

Other Services, if any, prior to departure:

EVACUATION OF AIRCRAFTWas an emergency evacuation of the aircraft performed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Exit— Describe how the occupants exited and how many occupants evacuated each location:

one occupant punched through the plexiglass because the door wouldnt open. Tried to open the door before landing but I couldnt reach the door without taking off my harness and I was afraid to take off my harness.

OTHER AIRCRAFT – COLLISION (If air or ground collision occurred, complete this section for *other* aircraft.)

Aircraft Registration Number

Manufacturer: _____

Damage to Other Aircraft:

☐ Destroyed☐ Minor☐ Substantial☐ None

Model: _____

Registered Owner of Other Aircraft

Pilot of Other Aircraft

Name: _____

Name: _____

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____

Country: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Additional space for answers to any question.)

Continued from narrative:

enough time for checklist so I communicated with ATC that I believe I was going in the water due to the fact that I did not see any land behind me clear enough to land without hitting a structure , tree etc

I tried to pull back on the yoke as hard as I could when I was over the water at 40 knots or so and unfortunately the plane hit the water. I was able to escape the cockpit and tread water until I was rescued by a fishing boat.

By signing this form, I am consenting to the public release of the information provided herein.

Date of this report: <u>10/23/2024</u> <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i>	Name of Pilot/Operator: <u>Alexander Tsunis</u> Signature: _____ -or- ☒ Check here to electronically sign this document
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If a person other than Pilot/Operator is filing this report

Name: _____ Signature: _____ -or- ☐ Check here to electronically sign this document	Title: _____
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