

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 15:44	DATE 03/16/2026
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
██████████ - Pilot of N594BA			
Barry Wingate - Aviation Safety Inspector - SO-09			
SUBJECT			
Incident / Accident - N594BA impacted the water while attempting to land @ KDTS			
DIGEST			
This office contacted the pilot of N594BA and requested information about this event. Mr. ██████████			
stated that he took off from KJKA (Jack Edwards/Gulf Shores) to KDTS (Destin Executive). The pilot			
stated that when he got over Choctawhatchee Bay he realized that he did not have enough fuel to make			
the runway at KDTS. He decided to land in the water. N594BA is an amphibian aircraft and is water			
landing capable. The pilot made a hard water landing and the aircrafts hull was damaged allowing water			
to enter the hull causing the aircraft to sink. The aircraft was in shallow water about 3 - 4 feet deep.			
There were no injuries and the aircraft was pulled from the water and taken to a local hanger.			
Mr. ██████████ is not seaplane rated.			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
Mr. ██████████ failed to confirm fuel on board to complete the flight. The lack of a Sea-Plane Rating and/or			
Training led to a hard landing damaging the aircraft.			
Aircraft was extensively damaged. No Action was taken by this office.			
DATE 03/23/2026	TITLE Aviation Safety Inspector	SIGNATURE BARRY SCOTT WINGATE	Digitally signed by BARRY SCOTT WINGATE Date: 2026.03.23 07:18:31 -05'00'

