

Dear Bradley Gottschalk;

I've had some time to reflect on the accident involving N7573P on 11Mar2026 and I would like to add a statement to shed some more light on the investigation.

I've flown in and out of St. Mary's (2W6) dating back to the early 90's most recently the last four years in the accident aircraft. The forecast winds that day were within the limits of the aircraft. I believe we were caught in an un-forecasted gust of wind beyond the 17-knot cross wind component causing the aircraft to weather vane to the left as soon as we broke ground starting the accident sequence.

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