



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 5/26/2015
Person Contacted: Skipper Cook (Pilot in Command)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA086

Narrative:

The following conversation occurred over the telephone with the Pilot in Command (PIC). The pilot stated that the accident occurred on Lake Minnewaska and this was his second landing on the lake that flight. The pilot stated on landing the right wing dipped and then the seaplane spun 180 degrees and stopped. He then explained that he started water taxiing towards the shore, but the right wing was low in the water and the cabin began to fill with water. The pilot stated that the cabin filled with water quickly and he decided to exit via the left exit with his passenger. The pilot stated that boats on the lake approach and helped with the evacuation.

The pilot reported no injuries and stated that the seaplane was functioning normal with no anomalies prior to the accident. The pilot stated that his passenger believed he saw the right sponson depart the wing area during landing. The pilot was unsure of why the sponson separated from the right wing, but he suspected that he may have touched down in a crab configuration. The pilot stated that the winds were calm and the water was near glassy-calm conditions.