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Contact: Mr. Matt Vasey and Mr. Michael Wolfe

Mr. Vasey and Mr. Wolfe are next door neighbors and live on the western shore of Lake Sammamish. During the interview, Mr. Wolfe who was partially mobile from an injury, stated that he heard the airplane's engine rpm increase three times, which caused him to look and see a big splash in the middle of the lake. He then called Mr. Vasey, who has rescue diving experience and who responded to the accident site in his boat. After arriving, another boat and its owner were next to the inverted airplane with airplane's passenger on the boat's swimmers-platform. The owner of the other boat told Mr. Vasey that there was another person in the inverted airplane. Mr. Vasey then dove into the water to retrieve the pilot. He stated that he had to open the canopy from the aft side to gain access to the cockpit. After reaching the pilot, Mr. Vasey said that the pilot was only secured in his seat with the seat's lap belt. The pilot's lap belt was unlatched by Mr Vasey, and the pilot was brought to the surface and lifted onto the airplane's wing, where he started chest compressions on the pilot.

Mr. Vasey recalls floating sections of fiberglass and the smell of fuel at the accident site.