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The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Jason Hupert in an e-mail correspondence.

Shortly after turning to the north on their climb-out, they noticed the oil pressure gauge was indicating zero oil pressure. They immediately notified ATC and decided to divert towards another airport. They tried to pull the power back and pitched the prop to a cruise setting which seemed to work momentarily, but then the RPMs went up, they pulled the power back to keep from over revving the engine. The oil temp gauge remained in the green. It's hard to tell the time frame, but maybe a couple minutes after that smoke started coming out of the defrost vents, they shut the vent. Maybe less than a minute after closing the defrost vent, the engine shook aggressively and stopped. The decision was made to ditch along the coast instead of trying for the highway. They steered towards the water and prepared to land. They landed with full flaps, gear up and the door open. They exited the aircraft quickly in the order that they briefed and swam to shore.