



Aviation Investigation Preliminary Report

Location:	Nondalton, AK	Accident Number:	ANC24FA032
Date & Time:	May 17, 2024, 11:45 Local	Registration:	N95744
Aircraft:	Taylorcraft BC12-D	Injuries:	2 Fatal
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

On May 17, 2024, about 1145 Alaska daylight time, a wheel-equipped Taylorcraft BC12-D airplane, N95744, was substantially damaged when it was involved in an accident near Nondalton, Alaska. The pilot and passenger were fatally injured. The airplane was operated as a Title 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91 flight.

The uncertificated pilot, and his passenger, reportedly departed from the Port Alsworth Airport (PTA), Port Alsworth, Alaska, about 1130 and were traveling to the Nondalton Airport (5NN) Nondalton.

The community of Nondalton is located on the western shoreline of Six Mile Lake.

About 2000, the airplane was reported overdue. A search was initiated, and the airplane wreckage was eventually located at about 2130 about two to three miles southeast of 5NN. The partially submerged wreckage was situated in a shallow portion of Six Mile Lake, and approximately 200 yards from the shore.

On May 22, the airplane wreckage was recovered from the water, and it was transported back to PTA. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigator-in-charge traveled to Port Alsworth to conduct a post-accident wreckage examination, and no preaccident mechanical anomalies were found. The airplane's lower fuselage, belly, and main landing gear sustained significant damage, which is consistent with a high-speed collision with the water. See figure 1.



Figure 1. Accident airplane in Six Mile Lake during recovery. Photo provided by recovery crew.

Witnesses in the area reported low clouds, fog, and reduced visibility along the accident airplane's anticipated flight route between Port Alsworth and Nondalton about the time of the accident. A detailed NTSB study of meteorological conditions at the time of the accident is pending.

According to acquaintances, the airplane had recently been purchased by the accident pilot.

According to the Federal Aviation Administration, neither the pilot/airplane owner, nor his passenger, possessed a pilot certificate, and neither had an FAA medical certificate (student pilot certificate).

To date, the accident airplane's maintenance logbooks could not be located.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	Taylorcraft	Registration:	N95744
Model/Series:	BC12-D	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:			
Operator:	On file	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Designator Code:			

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Unknown	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	PAIL,160 ft msl	Observation Time:	11:48 Local
Distance from Accident Site:	14 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	1°C /1°C
Lowest Cloud Condition:		Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots / , 100°
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 4800 ft AGL	Visibility:	10 miles
Altimeter Setting:	30.13 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Port Alsworth, AK (PTA)	Destination:	Nondalton, AK (5NN)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	1 Fatal	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:		Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Fatal	Latitude, Longitude:	59.988,-154.80216

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Ward, Mark
Additional Participating Persons:	Arthur E. Racicot; FAA; Anchorage, AK
Investigation Class:	Class 3
Note:	