



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

Location:	Lake Havasu City, AZ	Accident Number:	WPR12CA151
Date & Time:	04/01/2012, 1000 MST	Registration:	N32LB
Aircraft:	LAKE LA-4-200	Injuries:	2 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

Analysis

The pilot stated that he was performing a water landing in a cove with gusty wind conditions. The airplane touched down twice and, on the third touchdown, veered violently to the left. He believed that he either “chined and waterlooped” or that the left sponson contacted the water first. Both sponsons and the left wing tip were substantially damaged. Additionally, the left side of the airplane’s nose and left fuselage at the pilot entry station were wrinkled and bent.

Flight Events

Landing-flare/touchdown - Loss of control on ground

Probable Cause

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:
The pilot did not maintain directional control during a water touchdown.

Findings

Aircraft-Aircraft oper/perf/capability-Performance/control parameters-Directional control-Not attained/maintained - C

Personnel issues-Task performance-Use of equip/info-Aircraft control-Pilot - C

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Airline Transport; Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	32
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Multi-engine Sea; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea	Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane; Helicopter
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Glider; Helicopter	Instructor Rating(s):	Airplane Single-engine; Glider; Helicopter
Flight Time:	2500 hours (Total, all aircraft), 43 hours (Total, this make and model), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Manufacturer:	LAKE	Registration:	N32LB
Model/Series:	LA-4-200	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Operator:	Sheble Aviation	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
Air Carrier Operating Certificate:	None	Engine Model/Series:	IO-360 SER
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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Observation Facility, Elevation:	EED, 983 ft msl	Weather Information Source:	Weather Observation Facility
Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Lowest Ceiling:	None
Condition of Light:	Day	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	8 knots, 290°
Temperature:	14° C / -4° C	Visibility	10 Miles
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:	Fort Mohave, AZ (A20)	Destination:	Fort Mohave, AZ (A20)

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	2 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	James F Struhsaker	Adopted Date:	05/15/2012
Note:	This accident report documents the factual circumstances of this accident as described to the NTSB.		
Investigation Docket:	http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/dockList.cfm?mKey=83270		

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