



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Preliminary Report

Location:	Knoxville, TN	Accident Number:	CEN19LA175
Date & Time:	06/18/2019, 0855 EDT	Registration:	N354AR
Aircraft:	FLIGHTSTAR FC11	Injuries:	1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Personal		

On June 19, 2019, about 0855 eastern daylight time, a Flightstar FC11 experimental light sport aircraft, N354AR, sustained substantial damage during a forced landing in water after a loss of engine power near Knoxville, Tennessee. The private pilot sustained minor injuries. The airplane was registered to the pilot and the local flight was being conducted under the provisions of 14 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and a flight plan was not filed. The flight originated about 0750 from the Sky Ranch Airport (TN98), Knoxville, Tennessee.

After an uneventful local flight, the pilot reported that the engine lost power and he executed a forced landing into the Tennessee River, in close proximity to the Knoxville Downtown Airport (DKX). The pilot exited the aircraft and swam to shore. The aircraft stayed submerged in the water for over 24-hours before its recovery by local authorities. After the accident, the pilot reported that he believed that the engine had some sort of electrical problem.

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	FLIGHTSTAR	Registration:	N354AR
Model/Series:	FC11	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Amateur Built:	No		
Operator:	Odendaal Martin J	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	TYS, 979 ft msl	Observation Time:	0853 EDT
Distance from Accident Site:	10 Nautical Miles	Temperature/Dew Point:	24° C / 22° C
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Scattered / 11000 ft agl	Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:	4 knots / , 70°
Lowest Ceiling:	Overcast / 25000 ft agl	Visibility:	10 Miles
Altimeter Setting:	29.89 inches Hg	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Departure Point:	Knoxville, TN (TN98)	Destination:	Knoxville, TN

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	35.963889, -83.873611 (est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Alexander Lemishko
Additional Participating Persons:	Rocky Davidson; FAA FSDO; Nashville, TN
Note:	The NTSB did not travel to the scene of this accident.