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Crash of a Cessna 208B Grand Caravan off Placencia

Date & Time:	Nov 17, 2017 at 0855 LT
Type of aircraft:	Cessna 208B Grand Caravan
Operator:	
Registration:	V3-HGX
Flight Phase:	Takeoff (climb)
Flight Type:	Charter/Taxi (Non Scheduled Revenue Flight)
Survivors:	Yes
Site:	Lake, Sea, Ocean, River
Schedule:	Placencia – Punta Gorda
MSN:	208B-1162
YOM:	2005
Location:	Placencia, Stann Creek
Country:	Belize
Region:	Central America
Crew on board:	1
Crew fatalities:	
Pax on board:	10
Pax fatalities:	
Other fatalities:	
Total fatalities:	0
Circumstances:	A Tropic Air flight carrying Acting Prime Minister Patrick Faber and Immigration Minister Godwin Hulse plunged into the Caribbean Sea in Placencia shortly before nine o'clock. Reports are that upon taking off from the Placencia Airstrip, the left landing wheel made contact with a passing vehicle that had managed to bypass the barriers. The impact caused the aircraft to nose dive into the nearby water in front of the airstrip. While all passengers on board the plane and inside the

vehicle were rescued, the airplane was damaged beyond repair.

Crash of a Cessna 208 Caravan in Belize City

Date & Time:	Sep 7, 2008 at 0940 LT
Type of aircraft:	Cessna 208 Caravan
Operator:	
Registration:	V3-HFQ
Flight Phase:	Flight
Flight Type:	Scheduled Revenue Flight
Survivors:	Yes
Site:	Lake, Sea, Ocean, River
Schedule:	Belize City-Belize City
MSN:	208-0575
YOM:	1996
Location:	Belize City-Philip S. W. Goldson, Belize
Country:	Belize
Region:	Central America
Crew on board:	1
Crew fatalities:	
Pax on board:	4
Pax fatalities:	
Other fatalities:	
Total fatalities:	0
Circumstances:	The aircraft was performing a flight from Belize City-Municipal airport to Belize City-Philip S.W. Goldson International airport with 4 US citizens and one pilot on board. En route, engine failed and the pilot tried to make an emergency landing on a beach. Eventually, the aircraft came to rest in 2 feet of water, broken in two pieces. All five occupants were injured.

Crash of a Cessna 207 Skywagon in High Bluff

Date & Time:	Nov 7, 2006 at 0715 LT
Type of aircraft:	Cessna 207 Skywagon/Stationair
Operator:	
Registration:	V3-HDT


Flight Phase:	Flight
Flight Type:	Scheduled Revenue Flight
Survivors:	Yes
Site:	Lake, Sea, Ocean, River
Schedule:	Orange Walk-Corozal
MSN:	207-0716
YOM:	1981
Location:	High Bluff, Belize
Country:	Belize
Region:	Central America
Crew on board:	1
Crew fatalities:	
Pax on board:	5
Pax fatalities:	
Other fatalities:	
Total fatalities:	0
Circumstances:	The aircraft left Orange Walk airport at 0700LT for a 30 miles flight to Corozal, North Belize. After 15 minutes, pilot encountered engine problems and decided to ditch the aircraft 4 miles south of High Bluff. The aircraft sunk by 5 feet of water and all 6 occupants were rescued by a boat crew. The engine was recently overhauled.

Crash of a Cessna 208 Caravan in Belize City

Date & Time:	Mar 9, 2005 at 1720 LT
Type of aircraft:	Cessna 208 Caravan
Operator:	 TROPIC AIR
Registration:	V3-HFW
Flight Phase:	Takeoff (climb)
Flight Type:	Scheduled Revenue Flight
Survivors:	Yes
Site:	Lake, Sea, Ocean, River
Schedule:	Belize City-San Pedro
MSN:	208-0791
YOM:	1999
Flight number:	PM2110
Location:	Belize City-Philip S. W. Goldson, Belize
Country:	Belize
Region:	Central America
Crew on board:	1

Crew on board: 1
Crew fatalities:
Pax on board: 13
Pax fatalities:
Other fatalities:
Total fatalities: 0
Circumstances: The single engine aircraft crashed into the sea shortly after takeoff. There was a sudden change in weather conditions and a thunderstorm was approaching the airport at the time of the accident.

Crash of a Cessna 208 Caravan in Punta Gorda

Date & Time: Mar 20, 2004 at 1159 LT
Type of aircraft: [Cessna 208 Caravan](#)
Operator: 
Registration: V3-HGB
Flight Phase: [Takeoff \(climb\)](#)
Flight Type: [Positioning](#)
Survivors: [Yes](#)
Site: [Lake, Sea, Ocean, River](#)
Schedule: Punta Gorda - Placencia
MSN: 208-0871
YOM: 2000
Location: [Punta Gorda, Toledo](#)
Country: [Belize](#)
Region: [Central America](#)
Crew on board: 1
Crew fatalities:
Pax on board: 0
Pax fatalities:
Other fatalities:
Total fatalities: 0
Circumstances: Five minutes after takeoff from Punta Gorda, while flying at 1,500 feet, the pilot informed ATC about engine problem. He tried to return to the airport but eventually ditched the aircraft 2 miles off shore.

Crash of a Cessna 402B off San Pedro: 8 killed

Date & Time: Apr 1, 1991 at 1510 LT

Type of aircraft: Cessna 402

Operator:  TROPIC AIR

Registration: N402BL

Flight Phase: Landing (descent or approach)

Flight Type: Scheduled Revenue Flight

Survivors: No

Site: Lake, Sea, Ocean, River

Schedule: Belize City - San Pedro

MSN: 402B-0827

YOM: 1975

Location: San Pedro, Belize

Country: Belize

Region: Central America

Crew on board: 1

Crew fatalities:

Pax on board: 7

Pax fatalities:

Other fatalities:

Total fatalities: 8

Aircraft flight hours: 4202

Circumstances: On approach to San Pedro Airport runway 06, the aircraft was number 2 for landing. A Cessna 207, V3-HER was ahead and had broadcast its intention to land. A Tropic Air Twin Otter, call sign Tango Alfa, on the ground, requested that N402BL go around to allow Tango Alfa to takeoff because the ramp was full. N402BL acknowledged and was seen making a left turn with wheels down. No further communication was heard from N402BL. The aircraft was seen flying very low with wheels down and flaps down in a southerly direction and as it crossed the shoreline south of the airstrip the aircraft made a sharp left turn and crashed into the sea about 200 yards from the beach at approximately 1500 hours. The aircraft struck nose first then righted itself and sank in water about five feet deep. There was no fire. Boats in the vicinity reached the accident site within a few minutes and reported that all eight occupants were dead inside the aircraft.

Probable cause: There is no evidence which permits the investigation to determine with certainty the actual cause of the accident. It is considered a reasonable deduction that:

- The pilot was unfit for flight due to fatigue,
- He stalled the aircraft while flying very low down wind with landing gear down,
- The aircraft was much too low to recover from the stall.

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