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Short Investigation Bulletin

DATE: 9th February, 2021
REPORT # AO-20-000278
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION: N62DJ
INVESTIGATION STATUS: Completed

Summary

Occurrence Bulletins are concise reports that detail the facts surrounding an aviation occurrence, as received in the initial notification and any follow-up enquiries. They provide an opportunity to share safety messages in the absence of a full investigation.

Released as required, the Bulletin provides a summary of the less-complex factual investigation reports conducted by the AAIA. The results, based on information supplied by organizations or individuals involved in the occurrence, detail the facts behind the event, as well as any safety actions undertaken. When applicable, the Bulletin also highlights important Safety Messages for the broader aviation community, drawing on earlier AAIA investigations and research.

General Details

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| Date and Time of Occurrence: | 4 th October, 2020; 1:25 PM | | | |
| Location | Grand Bahama International Airport, Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas | | | |
| Persons on Board | Crew | 1 | Passengers | 1 |
| Injuries: | Crew | 0 | Passengers | 0 |
| Commanders License: | Private Pilot | | | |
| Occurrence category: | Incident | | | |
| Occurrence type: | System Component Failure – Power plant | | | |
| Investigation status: | Final Report Complete | | | |

Aircraft Details

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| Aircraft Type and Registration: | Piper 32-300; N62DJ |
| Year of Manufacture & Serial #: | 32-7640062 |
| Number and Type of Engine(s) | One; Lycoming |
| Type of operation: | Private |
| Information Source: | Field Investigation |
| Nature of Damage: | None |

Occurrence Summary

On the 4th October, 2020 at approximately 1:25 PM, a Piper Cherokee Six (PA32-300) aircraft, United States registration N62DJ, operated by Zig Zag Inc., was involved in an occurrence while in flight.

The private flight, with a total of two persons (1 flight crew, 1 passenger) departed Palm Beach International Airport (KPBI), Palm Beach, Florida, USA with destination Leonard M. Thompson International Airport (MYAM) Marsh Harbor, Abaco, Bahamas. The pilot reported that while enroute to MYAM, he observed that the engine of the aircraft was malfunctioning. As a precautionary measure, the pilot made the decision to divert to the Grand Bahama International Airport (MYGF) Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas where he landed without further incident.

There were no safety recommendations issues as a result of this investigation.



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