



## N384TA Preliminary Occurrence Report

Release date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

<b>Location</b>	<b>Accident number</b>
North Bimini Seaplane Base, Bimini, Bahamas	OCC-2024/0032
<b>Occurrence Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Registration</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 2:55 pm local (1855 UTC)	N384TA
<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>
Cessna 208B	208B5300
<b>Flight Conducted Under</b>	<b>Occurrence Category</b>
Visual Flight Rules	Serious Incident

### Information:

### Narrative:

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at approximately 2:55 pm local (1855 UTC), an amphibious Cessna 208B aircraft with United States registration N384TA, operated by Tropic Ocean Airways, was involved in an occurrence while taking off from the North Bimini Seaplane Base, Bimini, Bahamas.

The commercial flight was operating as Tropic Ocean Airways Flight 1146, with a final destination of Fort Lauderdale International Airport (KFLA), Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA. There were a total of eight (8) passengers and two (2) crewmembers on board.

According to the pilot in command, during takeoff from the North Bimini Seaplane Base, the appropriate power setting was not applied to allow for rotation prior to the aircraft floats coming into contact with an exposed embankment.

After the collision with the embankment, the pilot aborted the takeoff and returned to the seaplane base. There were no injuries reported in relation to the occurrence. Damages were observed to the floats.

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*Fig.1: Photo of aircraft during recovery efforts*

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*Fig.2: Photo of exposed embankment*

*This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.*



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## Aircraft and Owner / Operator Information:

<b>Aircraft Manufacturer</b> Cessna	<b>Registration</b> N384TA
<b>Model / Series</b> C208B	<b>Aircraft Category</b> Normal
<b>Registered Owner</b> Four Tango Alpha LLC	<b>Air Carrier</b> <b>Operating Certificate</b> Yes

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan:

<b>Conditions at Accident site</b> Visual Meteorological Conditions	<b>Condition of Light</b> Day
<b>Observation facility</b> Grand Bahama Int'l Airport (MYGF), Grand Bahama, Bahamas	<b>Observation Time</b> 1800 UTC
<b>Distance from Site</b> 57 nautical miles	<b>Temp /Dewpoint</b> 27°C/23°C
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition</b> FEW020	<b>Wind Direction/Speed</b> 090/04 knots
<b>Lowest Ceiling</b> BKN060	<b>Visibility</b> >6 statute miles
<b>Altimeter Setting</b> 30.00 in. Hg	<b>Type of flight Plan Filed</b> Visual Flight Rules
<b>Departure Point</b> North Bimini Seaplane Base, Bimini, Bahamas	<b>Destination</b> Fort Lauderdale Int'l Airport, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA



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### Wreckage and Impact Information:

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<b>Crew Injuries</b>	<b>Aircraft Damage</b>
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None

Floats

<b>Passenger Injuries</b>	<b>Aircraft Fire</b>
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None

None

<b>Ground Injuries</b>	<b>Aircraft Explosion</b>
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None

None

<b>Total Injuries</b>	<b>Latitude, Longitude</b>
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None



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### Administrative Information:

#### Investigator in Charge

Kendall Dorsett Jr.

#### Accredited Representative

Ralph Hicks – National  
Transportation Safety Board  
(USA)

#### Additional Information

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