

## Short Investigation Bulletin

**DATE:** 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
**REPORT #** OCC-2023/0026  
**AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION:** C6-LAS  
**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

<b>Date and Time of Occurrence:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2023; 1:10 pm (1710 UTC)		
<b>Location</b>	San Andros Airport (MYAN), Andros, Bahamas		
<b>Persons on Board</b>	<b>Crew</b>	1	<b>Passengers</b> 0
<b>Injuries:</b>	<b>Crew</b>	0	<b>Passengers</b> 0
<b>Commanders License:</b>	Commercial Pilot		
<b>Occurrence category:</b>	Accident		
<b>Occurrence type:</b>	Other		
<b>Investigation status:</b>	Completed		

### Aircraft Details

<b>Aircraft Type and Registration:</b>	Piper PA-23-250; C6-LAS
<b>Aircraft Serial #:</b>	27-4215
<b>Number and Type of Engine(s)</b>	Two (2); Lycoming IO-540-C4B5
<b>Type of operation:</b>	Commercial
<b>Information Source:</b>	Occurrence Report Notification
<b>Nature of Damage:</b>	Flaps, undercarriage, propellers

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On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at approximately 1:10 pm local time (1710 UTC), a Piper PA-23-250 with Bahamas registration C6-LAS was involved in an occurrence while landing at the San Andros Airport (MYAN), Andros, Bahamas.

The aircraft previously departed from the Lynden Pindling International Airport (MYNN), Nassau, Bahamas with one (1) person on board. The flight was conducted under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).

According to the pilot in command of the aircraft, the flight was uneventful up and until the point of landing. Prior to the landing, the pilot in command did not verify or confirm that the landing gear was in the down and locked position, as would be indicated by an illuminated three green light safe gear indication in the cockpit instrument panel.

The pilot proceeded to land the aircraft without the benefit of its landing gear which led to the underside of the aircraft fuselage coming into contact with the runway surface this resulting in damages to the flaps, propellers and undercarriage.

There were no reported injuries in relation to this occurrence. The weather at the time of the accident was Visual Meteorological Conditions (VMC) and not a factor.

There were no safety recommendations issued in relation to this occurrence.



*Fig. 1: Post accident photo of Piper PA-23-250 C6-LAS*

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