

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BRSJ	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1981	
Date & Time (UTC):	3 March 2012 at 1102 hrs	
Location:	Swansea Airport	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 1
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Extensive damage to aircraft	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	49 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	168 hours (of which 34 were on type) Last 90 days - 2 hours Last 28 days - 1 hour	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot took off from Runway 22 with a reported wind of 220° at 15 to 20 kt. He stated that he was not comfortable controlling the aircraft in the gusty conditions and so he elected to land back onto the runway from approximately 30 to 40 ft agl. The

landing resulted in the nosewheel collapsing and the aircraft slid to a halt on the runway. Both occupants were uninjured. The pilot attributed the accident to his misjudgement of the landing.