

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-38-112 Tomahawk, G-BJUR	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-235-L2C piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1979 (Serial no: 38-79A0915)	
Date & Time (UTC):	6 October 2012 at 1545 hrs	
Location:	Skegness Airfield, Lincolnshire	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Damage to left wing	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	43 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	112 hours (of which all were on type) Last 90 days - 8 hours Last 28 days - 7 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot was flying from his home airfield to Skegness, where he had landed on several previous occasions. The weather was fine, with calm conditions at Skegness. Runway 21, which has a grass surface and is 799 m long and 23 m wide, was in use. There had been heavy rain the night before and the surface was damp. After touchdown, the aircraft encountered a bump in the airstrip which caused the aircraft to deviate to the left. The pilot regained directional control but the aircraft had departed the prepared surface and was,

by this time, travelling parallel to it in longer, wet grass with a fence line to its left. Considering the surface conditions, the pilot elected to let the aircraft run to a stop rather than attempt braking or a turn back towards the runway. At the end of the fence line, the aircraft's left wing tip collided with a steel gate post, causing the aircraft to yaw to the left and come to a stop. The aircraft sustained damage to the left wing but the pilot was uninjured.