

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Piper PA-28-161 Cherokee Warrior II, G-BSBA	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Lycoming O-320-D3G piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	1980 (Serial no: 28-8016041)	
Date & Time (UTC):	17 August 2017 at 1230 hrs	
Location:	Sandown Airfield, Isle of Wight	
Type of Flight:	Private	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - 2
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - None
Nature of Damage:	Right fuel tank, left wing leading edge and cowling. Damage to wooden post of barbed wire fence	
Commander's Licence:	Private Pilot's Licence	
Commander's Age:	60 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	108 hours (of which 108 were on type) Last 90 days - 4 hours Last 28 days - 3 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot	

The pilot and two passengers were flying from Fairoaks Airport to Sandown Airfield. The pilot reported that on the final approach for grass Runway 23, the aircraft was 'fairly high', but decided to continue with the approach with the intent of landing slightly 'further down the runway', which the pilot considered would help avoid 'chop' whilst overflying trees on the approach. The reported wind was from 240° at 15 kt. As the pilot flared the aircraft for touchdown, she realised that she had initiated the manoeuvre too early and that the aircraft was still several feet above the runway and at a low airspeed. The aircraft then descended and bounced, at which point the pilot applied engine power to attempt to go around. The aircraft did not climb and veered to the left, departing the left side of the runway. It did not respond to attempts to bring it back towards the runway. At this point the passenger in the right front seat, who was also a pilot, took control and manoeuvred the aircraft onto the adjacent taxiway where it was brought to a stop after striking a wire fence and wooden post.

Bulletin Correction

Prior to publication online final three sentences of this report were amended. The amendment was in order to provide clarification as to when the other aircraft occupant took control.