

ACCIDENT

Aircraft Type and Registration:	Ikarus C42 FB80, G-HEVR	
No & Type of Engines:	1 Rotax 912-UL piston engine	
Year of Manufacture:	2015 (Serial no: 1510-7422)	
Date & Time (UTC):	12 June 2018 at 1720 hrs	
Location:	Lydd Aiport, Kent	
Type of Flight:	Training	
Persons on Board:	Crew - 1	Passengers - None
Injuries:	Crew - None	Passengers - N/A
Nature of Damage:	Nose leg, propeller and wingtip damaged	
Commander's Licence:	Student	
Commander's Age:	55 years	
Commander's Flying Experience:	56 hours (of which 31 were on type) Last 90 days - 22 hours Last 28 days - 8 hours	
Information Source:	Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and comments by flying instructor	

The instructor reported that he carried out a dual training flight from Deanland to Lydd. The wind was almost directly down Runway 03 at Lydd. The student performed two good landings, one flapless and one with full flap, before being sent solo. This was the fourth occasion he had performed solo circuits.

The student completed two circuits uneventfully. On the third landing, the instructor observed the aircraft swinging sharply to the left and tipping up. The student stated that he had made power-off approaches and full-flap landings to simulate an engine failure situation. In his opinion, the approach and final landing went well, but unfortunately, as he attempted to retract the flaps from full to the takeoff setting, he believed he became slightly confused/disorientated and operated the wrong rudder pedal.

The C42 has a centrally-mounted stick, being effectively a right-hand sidestick for the left seat pilot. The flap control is also mounted centrally, just behind the top of the windscreen and utilises a latching arrangement, requiring careful manipulation to ensure the desired setting is achieved. Flap operation thus requires reaching across to the flap control with one hand whilst keeping the other on the stick.