



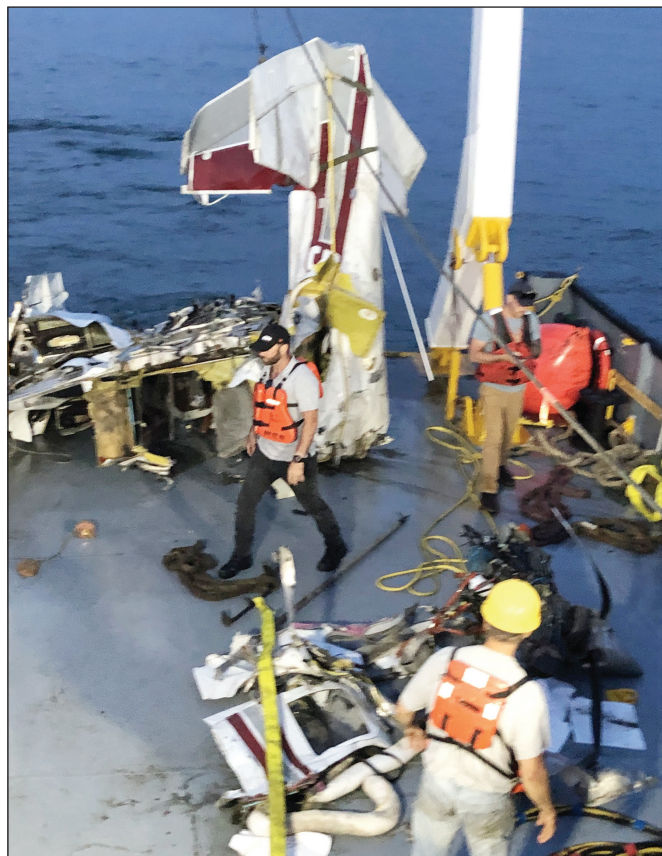
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Small plane crashes into ocean near Point



Provided by Sea Tow

The body of pilot Lawrence Klimek was found inside the cockpit of the Mooney M20J that was recovered from the ocean by Sea Tow Cape May with the help of North Star Marine.

Searchers find pilot's body strapped into seat

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SOUTH CAPE MAY MEADOWS — Beachgoers were stunned to see a small plane skimming along the top of the ocean a few hundred yards offshore May 29 before it rose and then nosedived into the ocean at 11:14 a.m. near the World War II bunker.

The body of the pilot, Lawrence Klimek, 58, of Howell, the only person aboard the rented Mooney M20J single-engine plane, was recovered by divers. Recovery of the pilot was undertaken by New Jersey State Police with recovery of the plane by Sea Tow and North Star Marine.

The cause of the crash is being investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board. According to the FAA, Klimek took off from Trenton-Robbinsville Airport at about 8 a.m. May 29. Witness Carol Lindsey



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A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crew and boats from multiple agencies were used in the search for the plane after it crashed into the ocean Wednesday, May 29, near Cape May Point.

was sitting on the beach and saw the plane fly over the jetty at Cape May's cove. She said the plane was flying

very low at eye level from the beach and skimmed the water. Witness Rob Lindsey said

the plane touched the water and then rose.

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Shelf cloud forms during storms



Werner Tedesco/Special to the STAR AND WAVE

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CAPE MAY — Ominous clouds were part of three nights of severe weather May

28-30 in southern New Jersey as the result of a frontal boundary.

Photographer Werner Tedesco captured an image of a shelf cloud over Cape May

Point on May 29. According to the National Weather Service, shelf clouds are often associated with squall lines, and many times they are reported as wall clouds, funnel clouds

or rotation. The main threat with any squall line is severe damaging winds associated with the shelf cloud, although

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Firefighter dies during Escape the Cape event

NORTH CAPE MAY — Off-duty Philadelphia firefighter Dennis McDaniels, 36, died June 2 while competing in the Escape the Cape Triathlon.

According to Delaware River and Bay Authority spokesman James Salmon, at 9:06 a.m., McDaniels needed medical attention during the Olympic swim portion of the three-part race. He had nearly completed the initial swimming portion of the triathlon when he was found unresponsive

and in apparent cardiac arrest by an event volunteer stationed near the course.

McDaniels was taken from the water to the beach in Lower Township near David Douglass Memorial Park, where emergency medical service personnel administered CPR, attempting to resuscitate him. He was then transported to Cape Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead by attending

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Racers jump from the deck of the Cape May-Lewes Ferry vessel MV Delaware to start the Escape the Cape Triathlon. This year a Philadelphia firefighter died of cardiac arrest.

Pump failure floods homes near Roseann

Clearwater Drive residents complain of water damage

By **JACK FICHTER**
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NORTH CAPE MAY — Clearwater Drive residents experienced flooding from the Roseann Drive road and stormwater reconstruction project over Memorial Day weekend.

At a Lower Township Council meeting Monday, Councilman David Perry called flooding in the project area inexcusable. He said Phase Two of the Roseann Avenue project should be completed in the next several weeks.

Clearwater Drive resident Paul Reagan said he has experienced two floods at his home. He said pumps used on the project failed and several cars and 10 homes were damaged by water during the weekend.

"The damage I had just fixed got flooded again," Reagan said.

Township Manager Jim Ridgway said Roseann Avenue drainage affected Clearwater Drive and Suzanne Avenue. He said pumps were not working in the middle of the night.

"As far as the most recent flood, I'm embar-

rassed for that," Ridgway said.

He said the construction contractor had promised to keep personnel on site during bad weather around the clock. Ridgway said he was receiving phone calls at home and the Department of Public Works was being notified as water rose.

Clearwater Drive resident Steven Foster, who lives next to the project, said in talking with neighbors, he discovered no one knew the extent of the Roseann Avenue project.

Peggy Cunningham, also of Clearwater Drive, said she has experienced four to five floods. She said she called police Sunday night of Memorial Day weekend as she saw the water rising near her home.

Cunningham said the police dispatcher told her the township was unable to contact the contractor, Agate Construction.

"That's a disgrace," she said, noting flood water flowed into her swimming pool. "They are not doing their job and you guys are not on their case."

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