

October 27, 2022, ComancheZOOM

Topic: Rescuing a damaged PA24-250 from Block Island

A Piper Comanche (N7883P), owned by Tom Marino of Brimfield MA, was damaged on landing at Block Island. Because of a prop strike and other damages, it could not be flown off the island. New England Aero Services, of Danielson CT, was hired by the insurance company to remove it via a trailer on the ferry.



This Zoom describes the operation: the landing at BID, the removal by box trailer on the ferry, and the beginning of the repairs at Danielson CT (KLZD).

Tom describes the event. He landed his Comanche on a relatively short runway, coming in fast and landing long. When faced with running of the end he chose to turn to the right into a grassy area and overran a runway marker sign. The insurance adjuster, seeing a prop strike, belly skin damage, and a wrinkle in the skin above the firewall, determined that the aircraft should be totaled for salvage. Tom asked for and got a second opinion. It was determined that the needed repairs seemed feasible.

Northeast Aero was hired to remove the Comanche from the island, and eventually to make the repairs. A PowerPoint presentation shows the steps taken and the beginning of the repairs. A number of interesting approaches were employed.

There was further discussion of Tom's dealing with the insurance and about ways that could have been used to get a ferry permit to fly the Comanche back for repair.

A future Wings credit Zoom will dive deeper into things to consider when dealing with short field landings and tailwinds, and will start off with Tom's piloting experience in this event.

There are many quality comments in the Chat text. To hear/see the recordings click on a link from the list below.

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