

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199302103**

**Cessna Aircraft Company
Skylane**

09 July 1993

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Occurrence Number: 199302103 **Occurrence Type:** Incident
Location: Devonport
State: TAS **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 09 July 1993
Time: 1245 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: None

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company
Aircraft Model: 182Q
Aircraft Registration: VH-CGH **Serial Number:** 18266015
Type of Operation: Instructional Other Training
Damage to Aircraft: Nil
Departure Point: Wynyard TAS
Departure Time:
Destination: Devonport TAS

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A number of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) aircraft, one at Devonport and two others inbound to Devonport, were unable to contact a Visual Flight Rules (VFR) aircraft, VH-CGH, which called seven miles inbound to Devonport. The weather was marginal with the cloud base at 600 feet. After two unsuccessful attempts to land, VH-CGH departed for Wynyard.

The pilot of VH-CGH had recently passed a biennial flight review. He had recently returned to flying after a considerable lapse. At the time of the incident he was having trouble with selection switches on the VHF radio. He had selected audio to headphones instead of the speaker such that he could transmit but not hear any replies from other aircraft.

There was no known breakdown in separation between aircraft.

Significant Factors

The following factors were considered relevant to the development of the incident:

1. The pilot was unfamiliar with the radio selection switches installed in the aircraft.
2. The pilot operated at Devonport in non visual meteorological weather conditions.