

Class C Mishap Summary

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From May 16, 2007 to September 19, 2007, the Navy and Marine Corps had 20 Class C Mishaps involving 21 aircraft. The cost of these incidents was \$1,605,607.

Some of the incidents during the quarter included several TFOAs, a passenger falling in an aircraft, aircraft damage while towing, SE damage while moving, and drop-tank while dropping.

The TFOAs often involve poor maintenance and inspection techniques. We need to tighten up our game in those areas. Loose gear coming off aircraft in flight is a danger to the aircraft, aircrew and people on the ground. Crunches continue to be a problem. We must follow all the rules about towing aircraft and equipment. If the sea state is

high or the deck is slick, we need to identify those problems, set controls, and move the aircraft when safe. Dropped drop-tanks have been a problem that has plagued maintainers in the past, and, after a period of inactivity, it appears that the problem has reared its ugly head, again. Fortunately, no one was injured, but we need to check the tanks to make sure they are empty—the thump test doesn't work. Open the cap, look inside, and use a dip check. Those simple steps are the only way to make sure tanks with fuel aren't dropped.

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Survey Schedule

October 2007 NAS Oceana NAS Norfolk NAS Jacksonville NAS Mayport	November 2007 NAS Jacksonville NAS Mayport Blue Angels
December 2007 NAS Atlanta	January 2008 MCAS Yuma NAS North Island

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