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# **Loss of Control - Inflight (LOC-I)**

**Accident Investigation  
Preliminary Report and  
Public Notice**

**Ozone Rush 6 Paraglider  
Pyramid Hill, Hong Kong**

**26 December 2022**

**01-2023**

## 1. General Details

### 1.1. Occurrence details

Date and time:	26 December 2022 at 1401 hours (Note)
Occurrence category:	Accident
Primary occurrence type:	Loss of Control - Inflight (LOC-I)
Location:	Pyramid Hill, Hong Kong
Position:	22° 23' 37.6" N, 114° 15' 13.8" E

### 1.2. Pilot details

Licence details:	United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (USHPA) Novice Pilot Paragliding Rating (P-2)
	Hong Kong Paragliding Association (HKPA) Club Pilot Paragliding Rating (HKPA 2)
Flying experience:	Approximately 100 hours

### 1.3. Aircraft details

Manufacturer and model:	Ozone Rush 6 Paraglider	
Serial number:	RU6S.X.21D.063	
Year of Manufacture:	2022	
Type of Operation:	Private	
Departure:	Ngong Ping, Ma On Shan, Hong Kong	
Destination:	Ngong Ping, Ma On Shan, Hong Kong	
Persons on board:	Crew – 1	Passengers – 0
Fatalities:	0	
Injuries:	1	
Aircraft damage:	Nil.	

Note: All times are in Hong Kong Local Time, which is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) plus eight hours.

## **2. Synopsis**

- (1) At about 1351 hours on 26 December 2022, a paraglider pilot using an Ozone Bush 6 paraglider took off from Ngong Ping, a paragliding activity area in Ma On Shan, and planned to top land at the take-off site.
- (2) At about 1401 hours, the pilot was found descending rapidly and became stranded at a bush area in the southeast of Pyramid Hill.
- (3) The pilot was seriously injured and was conveyed to a hospital for treatment by a Government Flying Service helicopter.

## **3. Order of Investigation**

- (1) On receipt of the Aircraft Accident / Incident Reporting Form from the HKPA on 11 January 2023, AAIA validated the required information by interviewing the pilot and examining the paragliding equipment on 17 February 2023.
- (2) The Chief Inspector classified this occurrence as an accident and ordered an investigation into its circumstances and contributing factors, in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B).

## **4. Investigation Progress and Completion**

- (1) The investigation team also retrieved the flight data from the pilot's variometer and collected the weather information from the Hong Kong Observatory.
- (2) The investigation team is conducting detailed analysis of the data and information collected in order to determine the circumstances and causes of this accident in conjunction with identifying areas that need further investigation and/or lines of investigation to pursue.
- (3) The anticipated duration of this investigation is up to twelve months.

## 5. Preliminary Report

- (1) This preliminary report is published to communicate the information obtained during the initial phase of the ongoing investigation.
- (2) The purpose is to provide a brief update on how the investigation is progressing as well as a preliminary description of the sequence of events and if necessary disseminate safety issues identified at this early stage of the investigation.
- (3) During the further course of the investigation, should any safety recommendations be necessary, they will be promulgated immediately.
- (4) The information contained in this preliminary report is released in accordance with Cap. 448B, and is derived from the initial investigation of the occurrence.
- (5) Readers are cautioned that new evidence will become available, as the investigation progresses that will enhance AAIA's understanding of the accident. As such, no analysis or findings are included in this report.

## 6. Public Notice

This Report also serves as a public notice under Section 10(1) of Cap. 448B. Any person who wishes to make representation as to the circumstances or causes of the accident should do so by letter, facsimile, telephone, or email to the Chief Inspector (Address: Air Accident Investigation Authority, Level G & 2, Facility Building, 1 Tung Fai Road, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong; Telephone: (+852) 2910 6133; Facsimile: (+852) 2910 6049 or Email: [rwhlam@tlb.gov.hk](mailto:rwhlam@tlb.gov.hk)) within 14 days of this notice.

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