

# Valley Soaring Association

## Glider Accident

Posted on [December 5, 2012](#) by [Peter PK](#)

Glider accident: Fatal.

Structural failure.

Location: see attached area map. Region is known for strong convective currents being located in the middle of the best of all soaring areas.

The crash site was in the open sea and both the open sea and the nearby island were named in honor of the dead pilot.

The pilot had apparently traveled over 150 miles, northerly from the launch site, indicating that soaring conditions were very good, but neither fatigue nor the weather were considered to be contributing factors.

Preliminary report is a failure of the bonding material that had been used during the construction, however it is likely that pilot error will be recorded as the primary cause of this accident. The pilot failed to comply with the limitations that were stated by the manufacturer. The pilot exceeded operating limitations of the aircraft.

Investigation also documents that the Manufacturer performed the necessary test flight before the second aircraft was delivered.

The human factors that were contributing factors to the accident was the apparent lack of self-discipline by the pilot and his desire to indulge himself. The pilot reportedly was soaring in a curious manner and was apparently giddy.

The following is the original report, as released by the government:

Daedalus fashioned two pairs of wings out of wax and feathers for himself and his son. Daedalus tried his wings first, but before taking off from the island, warned his son not to fly too close to the sun, nor too close to the sea, but to follow his path of flight. Overcome by the giddiness that flying lent him, Icarus soared through the sky curiously, but in the process he came too close to the sun, which melted the wax. Icarus kept flapping his wings but soon realized that he had no feathers left and that he was only flapping his bare arms, and so Icarus fell into the sea in the area which today bears his name, the Icarian Sea near Icaria, an island southwest of Samos

It is the place, in myth, into which Icarus made his fatal fall from the sky during his flight from Crete with his father Daedalus. It is either directly from this legend that it gets its name, or from the island of Icaria.

copied from: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Icarus>

The term Mediterranean derives from the Latin word mediterraneus, meaning "in the middle of earth" or "between lands".

Crash site was east of Greece, west of Turkey and north of Crete.



General location of the accident

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