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15. January 2009 US Airways Airbus A320-200 N106US
Hudson River, west of Manhattan, New York City, USA

preliminary as of 17-01-2009

DATE:	15.01.2009	Local Time:	15:03		
Location:	Hudson River, near Lincoln Tunnel, Manhattan	4-Letter Code:	-	Country:	USA
Operator:	US Airways (US, USA) [www.usairways.com]	Operational Base:	Charlotte-Intl Airport, NC, USA		
Type:	Airbus A320-214	Registration:	N106US	Constr.No.:	1044
Age:	9 y + 5 m				
Operation:	DSP	Flight No.:	US 1549	From:	New York-LGA
To:	Charlotte		Via:	-	
Occupants:	150 pax + 5 crew		Fatalities:	0 pax + 0 crew + 0 other	
Survivors:	150 pax + 5 crew		Damage To Aircraft:	damaged beyond repair	

Details:
The A320 was in the early climb-out phase out of La Guardia runway 04, when it encountered multiple birdstrikes (gees) causing both engines to suffer a dramatic power loss. The aircraft's flight profile peaked at about 3.200 feet over Northern Bronx when the flight began to lose altitude. In an apparent attempt to return to the airport the pilots failed to maintain sufficient altitude. The pilots then elected to ditch the aircraft in the Hudson River west of Manhattan where flight 1549 impacted water after about 5 minutes flying time. Despite the left engine detached during water landing, the aircraft's hull remained intact so that all on board were able to evacuate via the overwings exits where rescue boats and passenger ferries gathered to pick them up. The A320 drifted with the river current by approximately 2 kilometers before it was moored ashore at Battery Park City.

Photo(s): (Reuters/Brendan McDermid/P. Kanagie)



STATISTICAL INFORMATION

20th hull loss for US Airways

20th hull loss of an Airbus A320

1st Airliner ditching in the Hudson River

TYPE STATISTICS: Airbus A320

Total aircraft built:	2048
No. of hull losses:	20
No. of fatalities:	631 (incl. actual case)
Fatalities per loss:	31,6
Fatalities per aircraft:	0,3
Last hull loss:	27.11.2008 (7 fatalities)
Worst hull loss:	17.07.2007 (199 fatalities)

Operator Statistics: US Airways

Founded (begin of ops):	1938 (under different name)
No. of hull losses:	20
No. of fatalities:	400
Last hull loss:	22.09.2000 (0 fatalities)
Worst hull loss:	08.09.1994 (132 fatalities)
No. of aircraft:	353 (now 352)
Average fleet age:	12,0 years



ACCIDENT AIRCRAFT HISTORY

Airbus A320-214, N106US, c/n 1044

first flight:	Airbus Ind.	15.06.1999	F-WWII
delivered to:	US Airways	02.08.1999	N106US

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