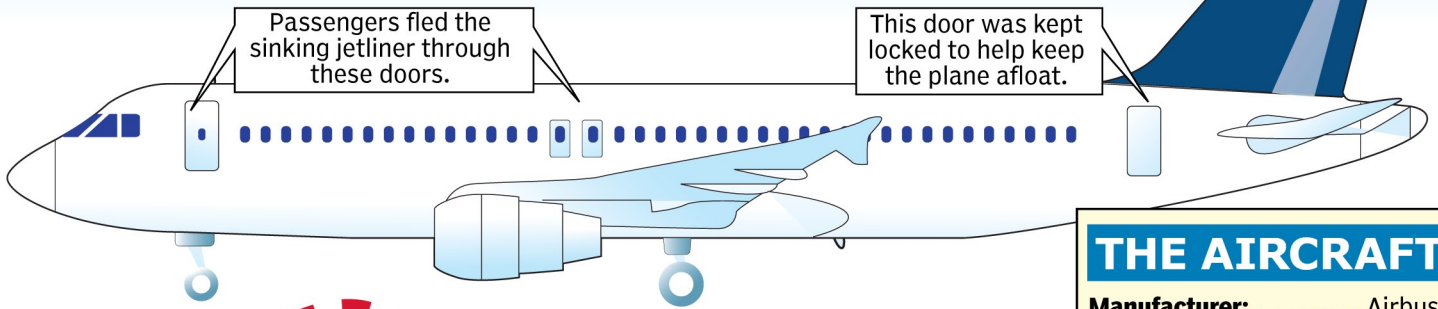


# DRAMA OF FLT. 1549



## THE AIRCRAFT

**Manufacturer:** ..... Airbus  
**Built:** ..... 1999  
**Model:** ..... A320-214  
**Seats:** ..... 182  
**Engines:** ..... 2  
**Length:** ..... 123 feet, 3 inches  
**Height:** ..... 38 feet, 7 inches  
**Wingspan:** .. 111 feet, 10 inches  
**Range:** ..... 3,060 nautical miles  
**Engine:** CFM 56 series made by CFM International, joint venture of GE Aviation and France's Safran.

## FLIGHT PATH

Jetliner misses George Washington Bridge by 1,000 ft.

At 3,200 feet, pilot reports losing power after hitting geese.

3:26 p.m. Flight 1549 carrying 146 passengers and 5 crew takes off from LaGuardia Airport on Runway 4.

## SAFETY FEATURES

- Like most jetliners, the A320 has inflatable slides at the doors that can be detached and used as life rafts.
- A320 also has a "ditch button" that closes various valves, and seals up the fuselage, helping to make it float in a water landing.

N.J.  
 Manhattan

Bronx

Queens

## SCENE OF CRASH

3:33 p.m. Pilot ditches plane in Hudson River near W. 48th St.

Arthur's Landing, Weehawken, N.J.

Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum

Lincoln Tunnel

West Side Highway

Pier 92

Pier 88

Pier 86

W. 46th St.

W. 42nd St.

W. 34th St.

LaGuardia Airport

Approx. 1.5 miles

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

**Air temperature:** ..... 20°  
**Wind chill factor:** ..... 11°  
**Water temperature:** ..... 42°

Plane eventually floats down to Battery Park City

55 - 65 ft. deep

## INTENDED ROUTE

Charlotte/Douglas Intl. Airport

North Carolina

New York

N.J.