

ACTIVITY: Surf fishing

CASE: GSAF 1953.09.03.R

DATE: Reported September 3, 1953

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Rockaway Beach, New York, USA.

NAME: Alan Stevenson, Jr.

DESCRIPTION: He was a 15-year-old male.

NARRATIVE: Alan was surf fishing for striped bass when he hooked the shark. When he attempted to grab the shark by its tail, it bit his leg.

INJURY: Lacerations to right lower leg.

SPECIES: The accident was said to involve an 80-pound sand shark.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident.

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BOY ANGLER BITTEN BY SHARK



ALAN STEVENSON JR., 15, who was bitten by an 80-pound sand shark off Rockaway Beach, N. Y., shows his bandaged leg to his worried mother. While surf casting, Alan thought he had hooked a big striped bass, but when he tried to grab the "big one" by the tail, he realized his mistake. The shark sank its teeth into the lad's leg. Alan's father rushed to his son's aid and killed the big shark. (International)