

ACTIVITY: Clamming
CASE: GSAF 1966.06.22

DATE: Wednesday June 22, 1966

LOCATION: The incident took place in Reeds Bay, Brigantine, Atlantic County, New Jersey, USA.

NAME: Harry HiksdaI

DESCRIPTION: He was a 15-year-old male from Venice Park, a student.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was clear and the air temperature was 82°F.

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, June 25, 1966

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear and the temperature was 60°F.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: One foot

TIME: 16h00

NARRATIVE: HiksdaI and a companion were clamming when they speared a large fish. They were headed for shore with the fish, dragging it through the shallows, when it slashed the boy's leg.

INJURY: Three lacerations on right leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: HiksdaI's companion brought him to Fisherman's Wharf on Brigantine Boulevard. From there he was taken by ambulance with a police escort to Atlantic City Hospital.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Unknown. Sandbar sharks are common in the area in late summer. Local authorities speculated that the water was too cold for sharks. Next day, at 07h30 four clammers spotted a seven-foot, 200-pound pregnant sandbar shark, chased her onto a sandbar and killed her with an anchor and the oars from their 14-foot boat. As the shark died, she gave birth to 12 pups.



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