

ACTIVITY: Windsurfing
CASE: GSAF 1983.07.12.b
DATE: Tuesday July 12, 1983

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Caloosahatchee River near Cape Coral, Florida, USA.

NAME: Sandy Komito
DESCRIPTION: She was a 39-year-old female from Fort Myers.

BACKGROUND
TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Few details. According to the press report, Komito used a diver's knife to stab the small shark when it made a second pass at her.

INJURY: She suffered three puncture wound on her left ankle.

TREATMENT: Three stitches were required to repair the injury.

SPECIES INVOLVED: According to the wind surfer, the incident involved a 42-inch hammerhead shark.

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2 Shark Attacks Reported

MIAMI (AP) - A 13-year-old Boca Raton boy was recovering from surgery at a Miami hospital Wednesday after he was attacked by a shark while he was snorkeling in the Bahamas.

Meanwhile, a Fort Myers woman hobbled out of a hospital there Tuesday afternoon after being treated for a shark bite she received while sailboarding in the Caloosahatchee River.

Sandy Komito, 39, was bitten in the left foot by what she described as a three-foot hammerhead shark. She said she used a diver's knife strapped to her body to stab the shark when it made a second pass at her.

She suffered three puncture wounds.

Small sharks are common in the Caloosahatchee River, which flows through Fort Myers, but they rarely bite people.

In the Bahamian attack, Eric Gijssendorfer said when he heard the cry "Shark" while snorkeling Tuesday, he thought someone was just trying to scare him. Then he felt a sharp grip on his right calf.

Eric was flown back to Miami by the Coast Guard for treatment at Parkway Memorial Hospital for surgery to repair cuts on his leg. A hospital spokesman said the operation was intended only to "minimize the damage."