



**ACTIVITY:** Surfing (or sailboarding)

**CASE:** GSAF 1991.01.00

**DATE:** January 1991

**LOCATION:** Pelican Banks near Gladstone, Queensland, Australia

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**NAME:** Tony Hodgson  
**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 22-year-old male from Gladstone.

**NARRATIVE:** No details

**INJURY:** Unknown. He survived.

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a two-metre shark

**SOURCE:** Courier-Mail, March 25, 1991, page 4



### SHARK-BITTEN TONY SAILS AWAY

By *PARTRIDGE D*

Source: *QNP*

Shark bitten Tony sails away WHAT are you doing for Easter? Chances are it won't be as challenging as the holiday Sunday facing Tony Hodgson, 22, of Gladstone.

Despite surviving a shark attack in January, the deckhand from the *Reef Adventurer II* will spend Sunday trying to steer a sailboard from Gladstone to Heron Island and back — a trip of 142km. Tony is making the record attempt in a bid to raise funds for the Queensland Cancer Fund, on behalf of Cassy Jones, the bubbly 14-year-old from Gladstone who died from cancer last year.

Tony has sought local sponsors to boost the Cancer Fund appeal. He has outlaid around \$6000 in providing equipment for the trip including two sailboards and three sails.

He has been training since January for his endurance ride with regular trips to the gym interspersed with swim training and a healthy diet.

Tony was grabbed by a shark in January as he rode his surfboard near Gladstone's Pelican Banks while training for his sailboarding marathon in aid of Cassy's wish.

Tony said images of *Jaws* kept running through his mind as he tried to get away from the shark believed to have been about 2m long.

This Sunday, he plans to keep the shark images far from his mind as he sets out on the board ride.