

ACTIVITY: Scuba diving

CASE: GSAF 1992.05.00

DATE: May 1992

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Caribbean Sea off Isla Mujeres, Mexico.

NAME: Nick Caloyianis

DESCRIPTION: He is an underwater filmmaker.

NARRATIVE: Marine biologist Greg Marshall was planning to attach a Crittercam, a video recorder and data logging system, to a shark. (The Crittercam is attached to a marine animal by small barb or suction cup. When its tape ends, the system is released and floats to the surface where a radio-tracking device in the system enables it to be recovered.) Local fishermen captured a shark but as Marshall stuck the barb into the shark's skin, it escaped. Unaware that the fisherman was attempting to recapture the shark, Nick dived into the water and followed the shark. Then the shark turned and bit him.

INJURY: He had major lacerations all over his right arm up to his elbow and deep lacerations down to the bone around his hand and fingers. Then a similar kind of classic shark bite on the leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: As the boat raced for shore a small military installation was contacted and an ambulance requested. As Nick was put into the back of the ambulance, one of the attendants shut the door on his leg, but he reached the hospital. From Cancun, he was flown to Miami where his injuries were treated. Four months later, Nick was back in the sea filming blue sharks off Block Island.



Nick Caloyianis



The shark as it swims toward Nick



Receiving first aid on the boat

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18 years ago, Nick Caloyianis was attacked by a shark while filming for Nat

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