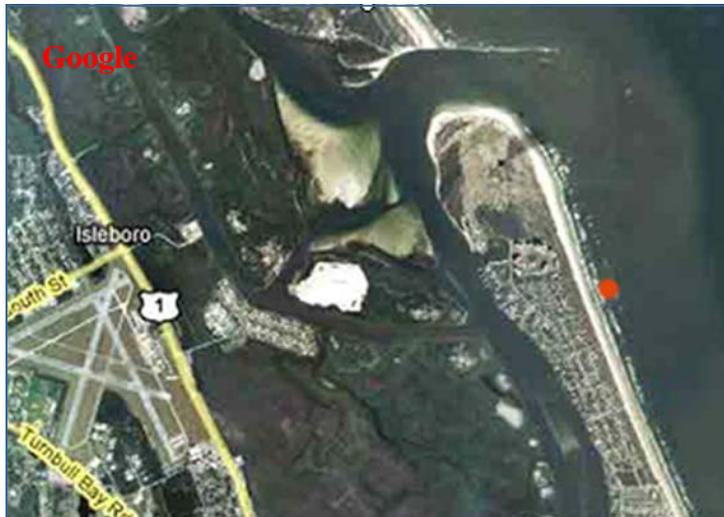


ACTIVITY: Walking

CASE: GSAF 2008.03.23

DATE: Sunday March 23, 2008

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean south of Ponce de Leon Inlet jetty between Beachway Ramp and the South Jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.



NAME: Not identified

DESCRIPTION: He is a 13-year-old male, approximately 50 inches tall and weighs about 60 pounds. He was wearing multi-colored swim trunks and had no jewelry.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The Volusia County Beach Patrol recorded air temperature of 72°F. At 10h52 New Smyrna Beach recorded overcast skies and visibility of seven miles [11.3 km]. The air temperature was 68°F [20°C], dew point 64.4°F [18°C], humidity 88%, sea level pressure 30.00 inches [1015.8 hPa], and wind direction was NNE at 5.8 mph [9.3 km/h], but by 12h47 the sky had cleared and the temperature was 71.6°F [22°C], humidity had dropped to 66%, dew point 57.2°F [14°C], sea level pressure 30.01 inches [1016.1 hPa] and wind direction was NE at 16.1 mph [25.9 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, March 21, 2008,

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea temperature was 70°F with a moderate chop and tide was outgoing (mean high water at 10h13). The water was murky and visibility was nil.

ENVIRONMENT: Gradually sloping hard-packed sand. No shoals of baitfish were observed. However, people were surf fishing within a half-mile of the incident site.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 25 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Two feet

TIME: 11h30

NARRATIVE: Several people were within a quarter-mile of the boy, and one person was within 10 feet of him when the incident took place. He was walking out of the water after surfing when he was bitten. The shark made a single strike and swam away.

INJURY: The boy sustained three small lacerations to his right foot and three small punctures. The wounds did not appear to require suturing.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The boy went home and his mother phoned the Beach Patrol to report the incident. (The mother's oldest daughter is a Beach Patrol employee).

SPECIES: The boy saw the shark and described it as 2.5 feet in length, grey and a "typical juvenile sandbar type".

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn

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