

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** GSAF 2008.07.09

**DATE:** Wednesday July 9, 2008

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the 9400 block of the beach at Emerald Isle, Carteret County, North Carolina, USA.

**NAME:** Baileigh Foster

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 14-year-old female from Sneads Ferry.



### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 19h54, Cherry Point recorded mostly cloudy skies and visibility of 10 miles [16.1 km]. The air temperature was 79°F [26.1°C], dew point 73°F [22.8°C], humidity 82%, sea level pressure 29.98 inches [1015.1 hPa], and wind direction was SSW at 12.7 mph [20.4 km/h].

**MOON PHASE:** First Quarter, July 10, 2008

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Waist-deep

**TIME:** 19h30

**NARRATIVE:** Baileigh was visiting family members vacationing at a beach home in Emerald Isle when she went swimming. The shark just came up and bit her, and let go immediately. She says there was no pulling from the animal. Baileigh says that the bite lasted about 10 seconds. Her encounter with what is believed to be a shark hasn't scared her away from the ocean, though she's no longer likely to swim after dark, a time she's learned when sharks are most active.

**INJURY:** The girl was bitten on the right foot and may have sustained damage to ligaments and tendons. Photographs taken at the hospital show deep puncture wounds and lacerations to the dorsum of the right foot.

**TREATMENT:** She was taken to Carteret General Hospital where she underwent surgery on Wednesday night. Surgeon Thomas Bates repaired a severed tendon, a fracture and other damage that will keep her off her feet for at least a week. She is expected to make a full recovery.

**SPECIES:** Not identified

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