

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2008.11.09.b

DATE: November 9, 2008

LOCATION: North Haven, Gulf of St. Vincent, South Australia.

BOAT: a dinghy

OCCUPANT: male

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, November 13, 2008

ENVIRONMENT: North Haven is a north-western suburb of Adelaide, 20 km from the business district of the city.

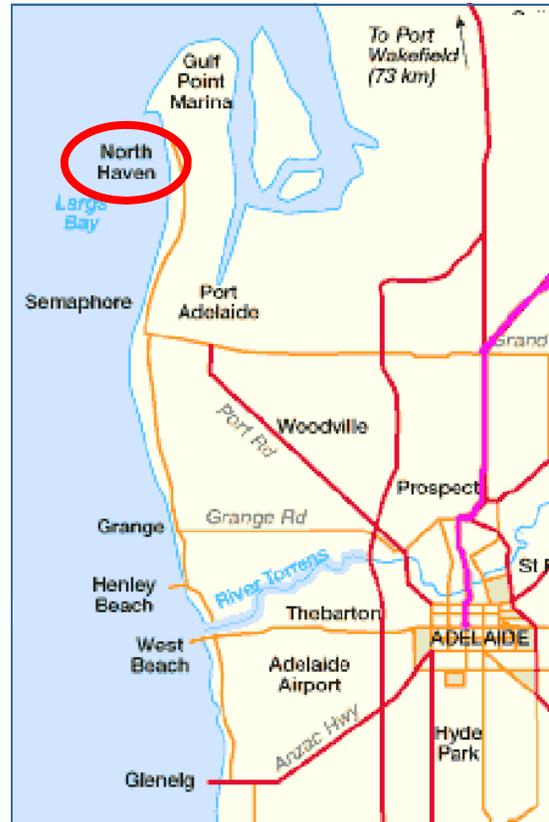
Shark numbers tend to increase between November and Christmas when sharks follow schools of fish up Gulf St Vincent. About noon on the same day, a shark of similar description was spotted about 4km from shore near Glenelg in the Gulf of St. Vincent.

NARRATIVE: The shark circled the dinghy and bit the hull and motor. The boat sustained only minor damage and the man returned to shore.

INJURY: The occupant was not injured.

SPECIES: The fisherman reported that the incident involved a bronze whaler shark about five metres in length.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Christofer Johansson, Global Shark Accident File.



Beware of sharks on snack attacks

HUGE sharks chasing fish in city waters and cruising off a holiday beach are posing a hazard to swimmers as warm weather draws sun lovers to the coasts.

Police this morning have renewed warnings to swimmers at the West Coast holiday spot of Streaky Bay, where a monster great white has been seen cruising close to shore.

Local police say the 5m shark has been seen in the waters in the vicinity of the Streaky Bay township and Little Islands for the past three weeks.

Today's warning follows a terrifying Gulf St Vincent incident yesterday, when a man in a dinghy was attacked by a shark while fishing off North Haven.

The fisherman phoned police about 3.45pm after a bronze whaler circled his dinghy and bit into the hull and motor.

The boat sustained only minor damage and the man returned to shore.

He was not injured.

About noon, a shark of similar description was spotted about 4km from shore near Glenelg.

Water police said shark sightings were common in deep water, and they only posed a significant risk to humans when 1km or closer to shore.

However, temperatures are expected to climb into the 30s across the state this week and the beach season is now well under way.

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