

ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

CASE: [GSAF 2008.12.27.a](#)

DATE: Saturday December 27, 2008

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Port Kennedy beach, 30km south of Perth, Western Australia.

NAME: Brian Guest

DESCRIPTION: He was a 51-year old male, a banker and father of three.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: AT 07h00, Fremantle recorded clear skies. The air temperature was 59°F, dew point 53.6°F, humidity 82%, sea level pressure 29.95 inches, and wind direction was- SSW at 9.2 mph.

MOON PHASE: New Moon, December 27, 2008

SEA CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 30 to 50 metres

DEPTH OF WATER:

TIME: Just after 07h00

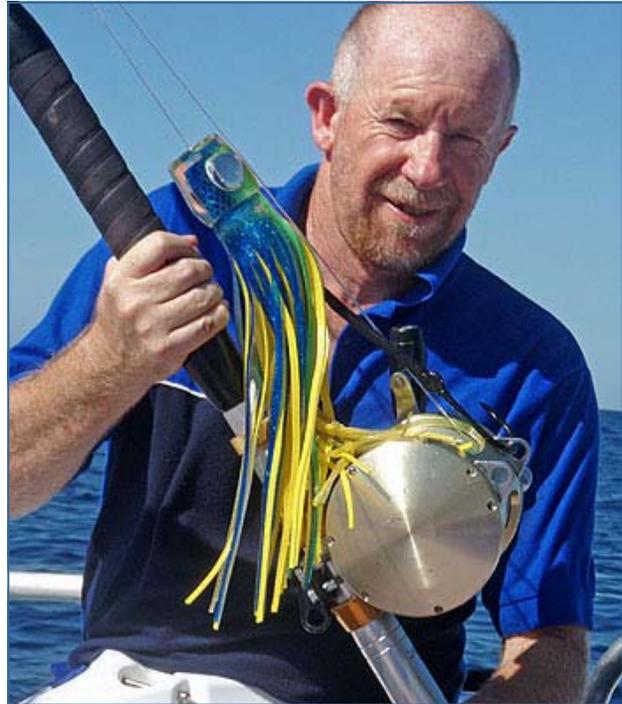
NARRATIVE: Guest and his 24-year-old son, Daniel, were snorkeling for crabs. Daniel was swimming 20 feet from his father when the shark struck. Although he did not witness the attack, he realized his father was in trouble when he saw the water turn red with blood. He swam quickly to the beach, shouting for help.

Rescuers later reported they had found parts of a wetsuit believed to belong to the missing man, as warnings went out to beachgoers to stay out of the water.

INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: The attack was thought to involve a white shark, four to five metres in length.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Terry Peake, Global Shark Accident File



'It goes with the territory': Shark victim Brian Guest

A YEAR ago, Brian Guest watched a white pointer swimming in the shallows off the beach where a shark killed him yesterday.

Asked by friends why he kept going back in the water, Mr Guest shrugged his shoulders and said: "It goes with the territory."

Now his family has pleaded for the great white shark that took him not to be hunted and killed.

Mr Guest, a 51-year-old banker and father of three, had been snorkelling with his son, Daniel, about 30m off Port Kennedy beach, south of Perth, when he was attacked.

They were looking for crabs, and Daniel was a couple of metres away when the 5m shark struck.

A witness said he saw the shark rolling and splashing in the water before Daniel Guest got back to the beach.

Police spokesman Mark Valentine said witnesses had seen "something pretty violent" happening and blood in the water.

A relative of Mr Guest told *The Sunday Telegraph*: "He was doing something he loved. It was a freak accident, and we're in their territory. "He was a man of the sea. It was his passion."

Luke Tubbs, 18, was at his home overlooking the beach. "A guy came to my house yelling that there had been a shark attack," Mr Tubbs said. "He said it was a big shark about 4-5 metres long. The guy said he saw the shark roll over in the water and there was big splash. He then saw a man come out of the water and sit on the beach."

Mr Tubbs said he called police before running to the beach, where Daniel Guest was sitting, shaking. "He was white and couldn't speak. I asked him if he was all right, but he was too shaken to answer."

Three aircraft, 10 boats and police divers searched the area until mid-afternoon.

Family members, including Mr Guest's wife, Charmaine, stayed on the beach huddled for comfort.

SOURCE: Nick Taylor, Sunday Telegraph, December 28, 2008
<http://www.news.com.au/dailytelegraph/story/0,22049,24848740-5001021,00.html>