

ACTIVITY: Boogie boarding

CASE: [GSAF 2010.08.18](#)

DATE: Wednesday August 18, 2010

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean just north of Crescent Beach, St. Johns County, Florida, USA.



Crescent Beach, looking north

NAME: Seth Shorten

DESCRIPTION: He is a 10-year-old male from Gainesville, a scout from Alachua County he was camping in the area when the accident took place.

BACKGROUND

Air temperature at 08h00 was 79°F, dew point 76°F, humidity 90%, 52% cloud cover, chance of thunderstorm. Wind direction was South at 2 mph, becoming onshore 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 69% of the Moon was illuminated

SEA CONDITIONS: Water temperature was in the lower 80s, surf averages two feet.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: Shortly before 09h00

NARRATIVE: “I was sitting there floating around and I didn't see a shark, not even his fin. He came up and bit my foot,” said Seth Shorten. “It was pretty scary cause it didn't feel real. I was sort of daydreaming in water and it just comes up and bites me. I told everyone I was screaming get out of the water ‘shark, shark’. I yelled get out of the water cause I thought it'd go for more of a meal to taste something else than just a foot,” said Shorten.



Seth Shorten in hospital after he was bitten by the shark

INJURY: Minor injuries to ankle and foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The child's father flagged down an officer to tell him about the bite. Paramedics treated what was described as a superficial wound, and the boy's father drove him to Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine.

SPECIES: Not identified, but a shark tooth was found in the wound on the boy's heel. Shorten says he's going to frame the shark's tooth, but not before he finds out what kind of shark it came from.

SOURCES: News 4 JAX, Wednesday, August 18, 2010, <http://www.news4jax.com/news/24673056/detail.html>

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