

ACTIVITY: Swimming

CASE: GSAF 2011.08.11

DATE: Thursday August 11, 2011

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Beaufort Inlet, Beaufort County, North Carolina, USA.

NAME: Don L. White

DESCRIPTION: He is a 54-year-old male from Lexington, South Carolina.

SUPPORT BOAT: The 27-foot Sea Jewel owned by Jay Harris of Morehead City.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 14h56, Beaufort recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 91°F, dew point 73°F, humidity 55%, sea level pressure 29.83 inches, and wind direction was South at 8.1 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 95% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, August 13, 2011.

ENVIRONMENT: After the accident, his family spotted four to six sharks in the water, ranging in size from six to 10 feet in length.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 7 to 13 miles

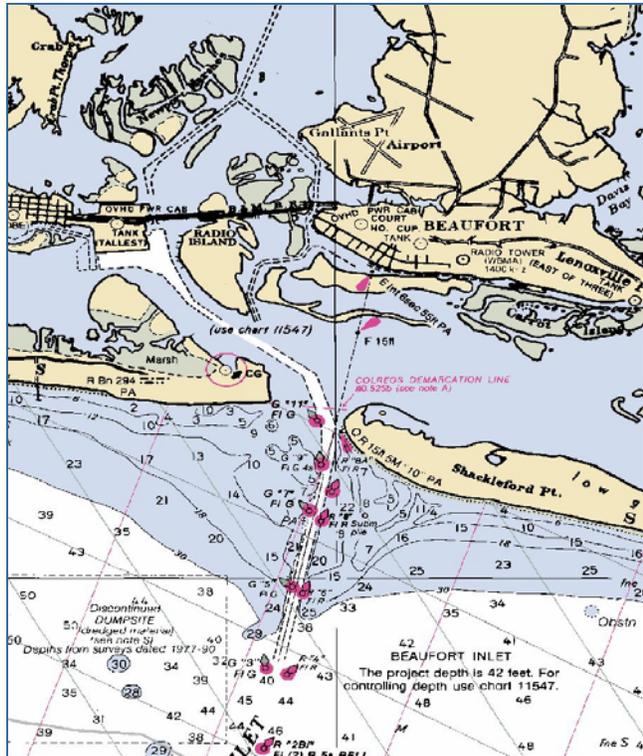
TIME: 14h20

NARRATIVE: Don White, his two sons Donny and Buck, nephews Kyle and Matt, cousin Trey and a family friend, Cameron Steel, along with boat captain Jay Harris, spent the day fishing. To cool off, they jumped into the water. Don was in the water less than a minute when he was bitten by a shark, and yelled at the rest to get out of the water. When his family was safely aboard the boat, he swam to the boarding ladder.

INJURY: White sustained a 12-inch laceration to his lower right leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: On the boat, his leg was elevated and T-shirts and a belt were used to fashion a tourniquet. It took 45 minutes for the boat to reach shore. Then he was transported by EMS to Carteret General Hospital where he was treated and released. White said that he felt no pain when the shark bit him.

SPECIES: White's family told EMS the accident involved a bull shark, about eight feet in length.



Don White

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Tooth fragment recovered from Don White's leg

