

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2013.06.25.c](#)

**DATE:** Tuesday June 25, 2013

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off Pedro Point at Pacifica State Beach, San Mateo County, California, USA.

**NAME:** Micah Flanaburg

**BOAT:** A 17-foot plastic sit-on-top white kayak.



*Pacifica State Beach*

### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** The skies were overcast throughout the morning, with periods of light rain. At 14h56, San Francisco recorded mostly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 71.6 °F, dew point 61°F, humidity 70%, sea level pressure was 29.98 inches and wind direction was South at 11.5 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 90% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon on June 23, 2013.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Pacifica State Beach is a 0.75 mile long crescent-shaped beach located at the mouth of the San Pedro Valley in downtown Pacifica off State Route 1.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE** 100 yards off Pedro Point.

**TIME:** 15h30 (Police said the call came in at 16h55)



*Micah Flanaburg*

**NARRATIVE:** Flanaburg was kayaking with friends and his father-in-law, Ross Webber, outside the area frequented by surfers and swimmers, when his kayak was grabbed by the shark. "I had my paddle on my lap, and my fishing pole and a bottle of home brew. The next thing I know, every single thing I had went flying in the air, it hit me so hard," said Flansburg. Webber, who was about 10 feet away, said. "He was riding like a bull and keeping his balance and I was like, 'Go for it! Don't fall in the water!'" The shark shook the kayak for about 10 seconds, then briefly circled around the kayak before swimming away.



**INJURY:** No injury, but there were scratches from the shark's teeth on the kayak.

**SPECIES:** It was thought the incident involved a juvenile white shark, 10 to 12 feet in length.

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Ralph Collier