

ACTIVITY: Walking

CASE: GSAF 2013.07.30

DATE: Tuesday July 30, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at the beach in front of Palms Hotel at the Isle of Palms, Isle of Palms, Charleston County, South Carolina, USA.

32°47'47"N, 79°45'54"W



NAME: Ty Bretz

DESCRIPTION: He is a 43-year-old male from Simpsonville, SC. He is 5'11", weighs 170 lbs, and was wearing a blue bathing suit / no shirt. He was not wearing any jewelry and had no injuries before the incident.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was overcast and the air temperature was 82°F.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, 41% of the Moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea was greenish, with little to zero visibility. The estimated sea surface temperature was 82°F. Mean high tide took place at 07h02, and mean low tide at Isle of Palms occurred at 13h14.

ENVIRONMENT: There was fishing activity in the area, as well as two or three 150-foot-deep channels within a quarter-mile of the incident site that drained inland rivers/marsh.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 15-25 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Three or four feet

TIME: 10h30

NARRATIVE: There were about 100 people on the beach, and approximately 30 people in the water swimming and body surfing. Seven people were within 10 feet of him. He was walking in the water with his two daughters. He had been in the water for 10 minutes and was facing seaward, when the shark approached from the sea and bit his foot.

INJURY: He sustained a three- to four-inch laceration to his right foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: First aid was administered by EMTs from the Isle of Palms at the Palms Hotel, then he was transported by ambulance to the East Cooper Medical Center in Mt Pleasant, SC. His surgeon was Dr. Cart Debrux.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was about four feet in length. No tooth fragments were seen on x-ray.

SOURCES: Al Brenneka, Shark Attack Survivors, Sharon and Ty Bretz.

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