



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2013.12.10

DATE: Tuesday December 10, 2013

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the Cocoa Beach Pier at Cocoa Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Bobby Baughman

DESCRIPTION: He is a 30-year-old male from Brevard County.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 14h58, Cocoa Beach recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 85.6°F, dew point 61°F, humidity 43%, sea level pressure 30.11 inches (falling), and wind direction was WSW at 8.1 mph.

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, December 10, 2013.

DEPTH OF WATER: Shallow

TIME: 14h30



NARRATIVE: Bobby Baughman had been testing a new surfboard. When he finished riding a wave, he hopped off the board and dived underwater to let the next wave pass over him. As he kicked off the seafloor, he felt the shark clamp on his foot. "It just locked down really hard like a crab would, but it had my whole foot," he said. The shark started shaking his foot so he reached down and dug his fingers into the fish's face. "I know they're real sensitive up around their nose and stuff," he said. "When I squeezed down on him, he gave one final shake and let go."

Baughman scrambled away, hopped on his board and rode the next wave in on his belly.

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After the incident, Brevard County Ocean Rescue closed the beach for 30 minutes and later reopened under a high advisory for the presence of sharks.

INJURY: The crescent shaped bite on dorsum of the surfer's right foot extended from his toes almost to his ankle, severing four tendons.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The injury was bandaged at the scene. The surfer was admitted to Health First Cape Canaveral Hospital and scheduled for surgery next day. The injury was repaired 20 stitches to the dorsum of his foot, 10 in the sole. Surgical dressings prevented his return to surfing until April, 2013.

SPECIES: Baughman, who also works on a fishing boat, believed the incident involved a bull shark or lemon shark four to six feet in length weighing between 80 and 125 pounds.

SOURCES: Orlando Sentinel
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