

ACTIVITY: Fishing
CASE: [GSAF 1950.07.27.R](#)
DATE: Reported July 27, 1950
LOCATION: Streaky Bay, South Australia.

OCCUPANTS: Mr. T. Horsell and Mr. L. R. le Cornu
BOAT: A 40-foot fishing cutter owned by Mr. Horsell

NARRATIVE: See press clipping

INJURY: No injury to occupants.

SPECIES: The incident involved a 17-foot white shark.

SOURCES: The Mercury (Hobart), July 27, 1950; The Daily News (Perth), August 1, 1950, page 9

17ft. SHARK LEAVES HIS TEETH

ADELAIDE, Tues: When a 40ft. fishing cutter was dry-docked in Streaky Bay, three snapped-off shark teeth were found embedded in the planking.

This followed an attack by a 17ft. pointer shark on Mr. T. Horsell's fishing cutter. The shark was caught.

South Australian Fishermen's Co-operative secretary L. R. le Cornu said he was with Mr. Horsell in the cutter when the shark attacked.

"It first charged the stern, then disappeared for several minutes. When it returned it had a circle of red anti-fouling paint off the cutter on the end of its nose," he said.

"The shark then charged the port rigging. It slithered from the rigging to the bow, with its head out of the water, snapping at the cutter."

Mr. le Cornu said the shark, on the third attack, snapped at a man on board. Its head came parallel to the bulwarks, more than 3ft. above the level of the sea. Its jaws were wide open.

The shark was later hooked, and played with game tackle for 70min. before being brought alongside.

Mr. Horsell later found the anti-fouling paint stripped to the planking in several places, and teeth embedded in the wood.