

ACTIVITY: Pulling shark from the water
CASE: [GSAF 1967.08.27](#)
DATE: Sunday August 27, 1967
LOCATION: The accident took place in the Pacific Ocean at Ventura, California, USA.

NAME: Jim Beatty
DESCRIPTION: He was a 24-year-old male, a lifeguard.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, August 27, 1967

TIME: 14h30

NARRATIVE: See press clipping

INJURY: Left shoulder nipped.

SPECIES: A blue shark, five feet in length.

NOTE: This was a provoked incident.

SOURCE: Ventura County Ad-Visor, Thursday August 31, 1967, page 2

Shark Bites Lifeguard

VENTURA — A Ventura lifeguard was nipped on the left shoulder as he attempted to wrestle a five-foot blue shark from the surf onto the beach Sunday afternoon.

Jim Beatty, 24, of 2573 Coleman St., was treated in the emergency room of General Hospital where five stitches were taken to close the wound.

Beatty, a guard at the tower directly in front of the Pierpont Inn at San Jon Road, dashed into the surf about 2:30 p.m. when he spotted the shark among the swimmers.

Wrestling the shark, Beatty was attempting to pull it from the water and onto the beach where he planned to kill it. Others helped when he was bitten and the fish was beached and killed.

Beatty was released after treatment of the wound.