

Stuart Beach



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: [GSAF 1983.10.17.a](#)

DATE: Thursday October 17, 1983

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean south of Stuart Beach, Martin County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Aryon Kalein (or Klein)

DESCRIPTION: A 16-year-old male from Stuart.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: There were no large schools of baitfish in the area. "I didn't see but one fish jump the whole time," said Kalein.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 45 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet

NARRATIVE: "The shark struck my board; it hit sideways right across the skeg and I felt this bump," said Aryon Kalein. "I looked around, saw a big thing. It was kind of like a flash. I yelled 'Shark.' And then started paddling for shore. I just wanted to get out of there."

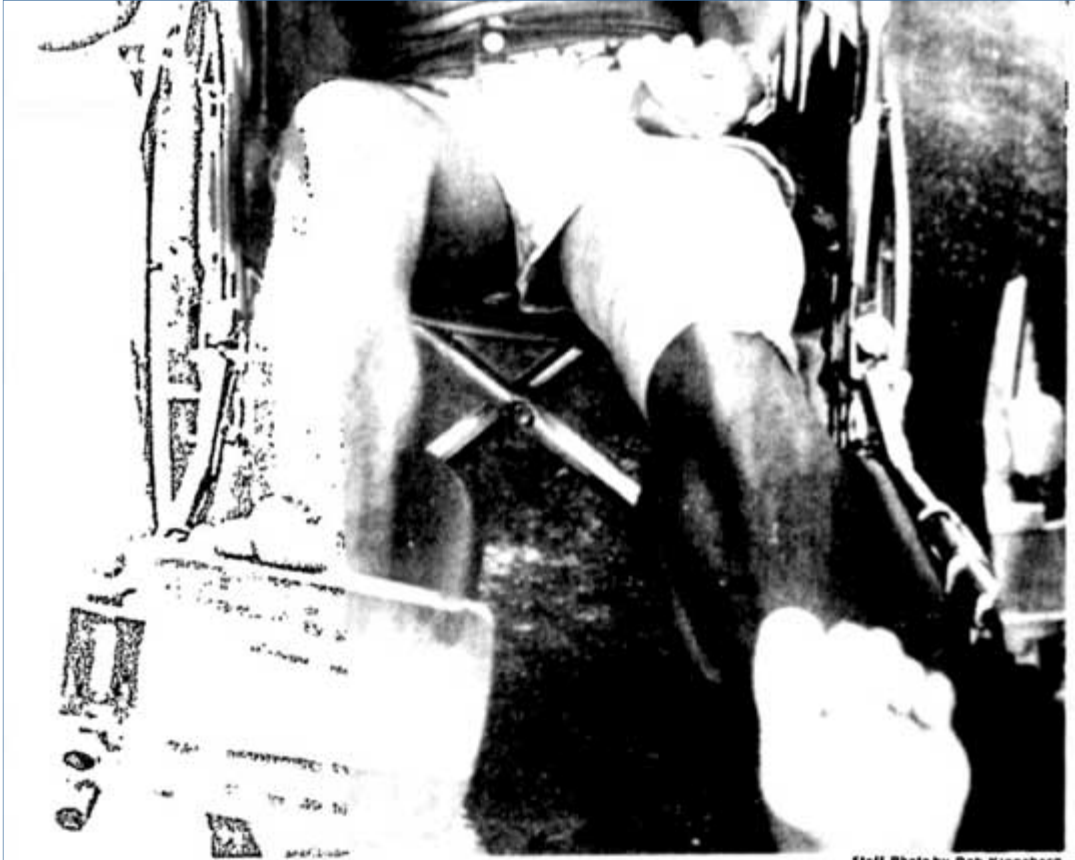
INJURY: Kalein said he realized he had been hit when he got ashore. "I saw six or eight puncture marks on my leg," he said.

DAMAGE TO SURFBOARD: "[The shark] made a little ding in the bottom of the board and some scratches," said the surfer.

TREATMENT: His mother, Tammy Kalein, is a registered nurse. She took her son to a hospital emergency room where he was treated and released.

SPECIES: The shark was thought to be about 1.5 metres [five feet] in length.

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Teenage Surfer Attacked by Shark

Aryon Klein, 16, of Stuart prepares to leave Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart yesterday after being treated for a shark bite. He was attacked while surfing about 45 yards from shore near Indian River Plantation on Hutchinson Island. "The shark was about 5-6 feet long," he said. "It was a flash — it just hit me

and it felt like something punched me real hard. He and his two companions then rode a wave to shore. "The shark bit while I was lying on the surfboard, waiting for a wave. The thing bit the board from the side and got both the board and my leg (thigh). I'm lucky he didn't take my leg off."

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