

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 1985.07.21

DATE: Sunday July 21, 1985

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean in Shelter Cove, between Fort Bragg and Eureka in northwestern California, USA.

40°01'N, 124°01'W

BOAT: A 4.9-metre fiberglass boat with two outboard motors

OCCUPANT: Jack Siverling



NARRATIVE: Jack Siverling was bottom-fishing for lingcod about 1.5-km east-southeast of the whistle buoy at Shelter Cove when he hooked a fish. The fish abruptly veered off at a sharp angle relative to the boat before his 100-pound test line parted. Seconds later, the entire stern of his boat was catapulted out of the water. Siverling reported a large swirl astern of his vessel, followed shortly by a five- to six-metre white shark that swam past, about a metre below his hull.

INJURIES: No injury

DAMAGE TO BOAT: Unknown.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Ralph Collier