

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** **GSAF 1986.07.26**

**DATE:** Saturday July 26, 1986

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Indian Ocean off Rottneest Island, 300 kilometres west of Perth, Western Australia, Australia.

**BOAT:** A 5.4-metre boat .

**OCCUPANTS:** Ivan Anderton and a mate.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Third Quarter, July 28, 1986

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** Three kilometres

**NARRATIVE:** The men were fishing when a huge shark passed beneath their boat. The shark circled, its dorsal fin breaking the surface. "The next minute it came at the boat and bit the motor, lifting the stern about half a metre out of the water. We didn't even bother to lift the anchor, we just took off," said Anderton.

**INJURY:** No injury to boat occupants.

**DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT:** A tooth fragment of the shark was found in the boat's motor.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** The incident involved a white shark. Anderton said that the shark was about six metres in length.

**SOURCE:** Alan Sharpe, page 118

