

ACTIVITY: Drift fishing

CASE: **GSAF 1988.02.12**

DATE: Friday February 12, 1988

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean 18 kilometres west of Bunbury, south of Perth, Western Australia.

BOAT: A 5.5-metre fiberglass boat

OCCUPANTS: Steven Piggott, Kelvin Martin and Brendan Martin

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Third Quarter, February 11, 1988

NARRATIVE: Steven Piggott had hooked a mako shark. Suddenly, the shark leapt into the air and landed in the boat, knocking Kelvin and Steve into the water. Brenden climbed into the bow to avoid the thrashing shark, and where he was soon joined by Kelvin and Steve, anxious to avoid any other sharks in the water. The shark thrashed around on the deck while the three men radioed for help. They waited for 90 minutes while the shark destroyed the inside of the boat, almost capsizing it in the process. By the time the sea-rescue squad arrived to tow them back to shore, the shark was dead.

INJURY: No injury to occupants

SPECIES INVOLVED: A three-metre, 200-kilogram mako shark.

NOTE: This is a provoked incident; it involved a hooked shark.

SOURCE: Alan Sharpe, page 135