

**ACTIVITY:** Kayaking  
**CASE:** [GSAF 1989.03.04](#)  
**DATE:** Saturday March 4, 1989  
**LOCATION:** Roebuck Bay, Western Australia.

**NAME:** Kim Courtenay  
**DESCRIPTION:** Male

**INJURY:** The kayaker was not injured.

**DAMAGE TO KAYAK:** The shark “left a perfect bite mark on the kayak.”

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a tiger shark, 3.5 metres in length.

**SOURCE:** Kim Courtenay



from Theresa Courtenay [tcourtenay@westnet.com.au](mailto:tcourtenay@westnet.com.au)  
to report@sharkattackfile.net  
date Mon, Jan 5, 2009 at 4:58 AM  
subject listed attack details  
mailed-by srs.dmvnoc.com

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to provide you with some details of an attack listed on your Shark Attack Files which currently stakes there are limited details.

It is for an incident listed as taking place at Roebuck Bay near the town of Broome in Western Australia on March 4 1989, which is correct.

My name is Kim Courtenay and I was the person involved in the attack.

The attack was on a kayak I was paddling and I clearly identified the attacker as a tiger shark of around 3.5 metres.

I can forward you a copy of an article which outlines further details of the attack if you like. I was not injured. The shark left a perfect bite mark on the kayak which I still have.

Thank you for your efforts in maintaining this valuable information

Sincere Regards  
Kim Courtenay (Mr)

from Theresa Courtenay [tcourtenay@westnet.com.au](mailto:tcourtenay@westnet.com.au)  
to Marie Levine <[srilevine@gmail.com](mailto:srilevine@gmail.com)>  
date Tue, Jan 6, 2009 at 3:04 AM  
subject Re: listed attack details  
mailed-by westnet.com.au

Hi Marie,

Thank you very much for your response, Hopefully this weekend I'll dig out the article and take some photos for you of the bite mark. I'll also fill in the questionnaire which I was able to open OK thank you.

PS if it is any use to you a brief article outlining the attack appeared in the Dec 1999 issue of the American magazine Canoe & Kayak. It was on pgs 36 and 37 in a section titled Close Encounters of the Wild Kind.

Best wishes  
Kim