

ACTIVITY: Surf fishing / Wade fishing
CASE: [GSAF 1990.08.19.a](#)
DATE: Sunday August 19, 1990
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Gulf of Mexico near Port Aransas, Texas, USA.

NAME: Jimmy Allen
DESCRIPTION: He is an 18-year-old male from Aransas Pass.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 1% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, August 20, 1990.

ENVIRONMENT: Tourism officials said no unusual shark activity had been reported.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Seven feet

TIME: 13h20

NARRATIVE: Jimmy Allen was fishing for speckled trout between two sandbars. "I felt his skin rub against my leg before he attacked me, so I guess I made him mad," said Allen. "I felt the teeth, so then I knew what was going on. By then, I was getting out of there." Allen said he'll fish from a boat from now on.

INJURY: The fisherman sustained "sort of like razor blade cuts" on a five-inch area of his right calf. No stitches were required.

SOURCE: The Dallas Morning News, August 22, 1990; Galveston Daily News, Wednesday Morning, August 22, 1990, page 12A

NOTE: An unidentified surfer ([GSAF 1990.08.19.b](#)) was bitten by a shark the same day off Mustang Island (near Corpus Christi). He suffered minor cuts on his foot and did not require hospitalization according to J.P. Luby, a Nueces County commissioner whose precinct includes Mustang Island,



Man bitten by shark vows to stay in boat

AP and staff reports

ARANSAS PASS — One of two men bitten by sharks in the Gulf of Mexico last weekend says he'll fish from a boat from now on.

Jimmy Allen, 18, of Aransas Pass and an unidentified surfer were bitten off of Mustang Island, but authorities said neither victim was seriously injured and there is no cause for alarm.

Allen said a shark bit him in about seven feet of water between two sandbars where he was fishing for speckled trout about 1:30 p.m. Sunday near Port Aransas.

"I felt his skin rub against my leg before he attacked me, so I guess I made him mad," Allen said Tuesday. "I felt the teeth, so then I knew what was going on. By then, I was getting out of there."

He didn't see the shark, but said he recognized the texture of shark skin from his experience shark fishing.

Allen said he swam for shore, about 50 yards away.

"When I got back to the beach, I didn't know I was cut, until I saw the blood," Allen said.

He described his injuries as

"sort of like razor blade cuts" on a five-inch area of his right calf. They did not require stitches, but he said he plans to have a tetanus shot.

Allen said he doesn't intend to wade-fish any more.

"I'll probably go out there in a little boat," Allen said.

J.P. Luby, a Nueces County commissioner whose precinct includes Mustang Island, told the San Antonio Express-News that an unidentified surfer suffered minor cuts on his foot and did not require hospitalization.

Lt. Vic Maceo with the Galveston County Sheriff's Beach Patrol said the last shark attack near Galveston Island was in the 1950s.

Tourism officials said no unusual reports of shark activity have been reported.

"It's like there's rattlesnakes when you go out hunting," said Lannette Nolte, manager of the Port Aransas Tourist Bureau. "The thing about it, everybody knows there's sharks in the water, and there are other things in the water. The chances are so remote that you will be bitten by a shark that we don't put out any warning."