

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1994.05.31.b

DATE: Tuesday May 31, 1994

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the North Jetty at Ponce Inlet, Volusia County, USA.

NAME: Steve Pollack

DESCRIPTION: He is a 24-year-old male, from Wilbur. He is 6'2" tall and weighs 225-pounds.

SURFBOARD: He was trying out a new \$425 surfboard.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 57% of the Moon's visible disk was illuminated. Last Quarter, June 1, 1994.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky. Strong onshore winds and rough seas reduced underwater visibility

TIME: 10h30

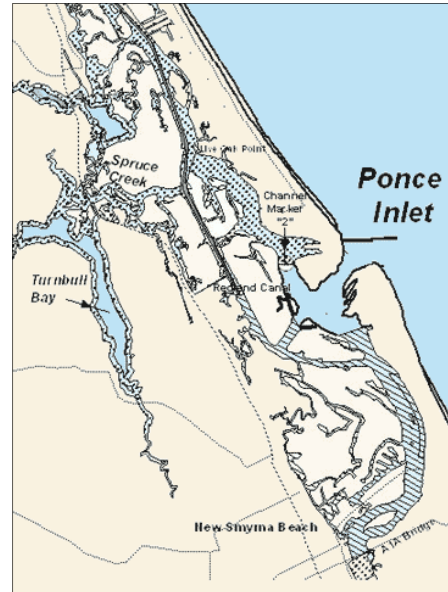
NARRATIVE: Steve Pollack was just getting ready to stand up on his board when the shark yanked his ankle leash, slamming the man face-down on his surfboard, causing a bloody nose and swollen lip. Unaware that his foot was injured and unsure about what happened, the surfer picked up his surfboard and waded to shore.

INJURY: There were two deep lacerations to the dorsum of his right foot.

TREATMENT: The surfer's injuries were treated at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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Daytona surfers bitten by sharks

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Two surfers were bitten on the feet by sharks within an hour Tuesday about eight miles apart.

Alex Reeber, 28, knew he was in trouble when he fell off his surfboard and felt a tug on his right foot off Daytona Beach.

"He pulled away from it, jumped up on his surfboard, and a four-foot spinner shark jumped up right in front of him," said Joe Wooden, lifeguard captain with the Volusia County Beach Department.

Reeber had severe cuts on the outside and bottom of his foot, Wooden said.

In the second incident off Wilbur-by-the-Sea, Steven Pollak, 24, also was injured on his right foot but

didn't see anything in the water with him.

Doctors at Halifax Regional Medical Center concluded the injury was caused by a shark, Wooden said. Both men were released after treatment at the hospital.

The latest attacks bring the number of shark bites to eight so far this year in Florida. Volusia County leads with four, two have been reported near Cocoa, and one each was reported in Miami Beach and Jacksonville.

"This is a typical occurrence," Wooden said. "As the water temperature warms up, we have schooling fish that make their way into the warmer, shallower waters with sharks feeding among those fish. And at the same time we have beach patrons that are eagerly waiting for those water temperatures to rise."

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