

**ACTIVITY:** Windsurfing

**CASE:** GSAF 1997.04.20

**DATE:** Sunday April 20, 1997

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Manguinhos, Ilha Feia, Búzios, Rio de Janeiro (state), Brazil.

**NAME:** João Pedro Portinari Leão

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 22-year-old student, a relative of the famed Brazilian painter Candido Portinari .

### BACKGROUND

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, April 22, 1997

**ENVIRONMENT:** Manguinhos is known as a good beach for windsurfing. From Manguinhos one sees Ilha Feia, about 10 kilometres offshore.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** Five kilometres

**TIME:** Early afternoon

**NARRATIVE:** He was windsurfing when he tried to make a maneuver and fell into the sea. A shark grabbed his left leg and shook it. He beat the shark and freed himself, then sailed at least 20 minutes to the beach. There he was helped by a tourist and taken to a clinic in Buzios.

**INJURY:** There was an arc of tooth marks in the windsurfer's left leg from his knee to his ankle.

**TREATMENT:** The wound was repaired with 250 sutures. Recovery was complete.

**SPECIES:** Initially, it was thought this incident involved a white shark about 2.5 metres in length. Otto Gadig agreed that a white shark was involved, but estimated the shark was 3,7 metres to 4,2 metres in length.

**SOURCES:** O Globo, April 22, 1997; Marcelo Szpilman (2004 ) Tubarões no Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, page139, pers. comm..Otto Otto Bismarck Fazzano Gadig, May 9, 1997



