

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 1998.11.02.a

DATE: Monday November 2, 1998

LOCATION: The accident took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Boa Viagem beach, four miles from Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.

NAME: Claudio Roberto Florencio de Freitas

DESCRIPTION: He was a 22-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 96% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: There were signs posted on the beach warning people of sharks in the water.

TIME: 15h30

NARRATIVE: No details.

INJURY: Fatal. The surfer's left forearm was severed.

DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT: Unknown.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The surfer was rushed unconscious by friends to the hospital where he later died, said an official at the Hospital da Restauracao in Recife.

SPECIES INVOLVED: It was thought that a white shark was involved in this accident.

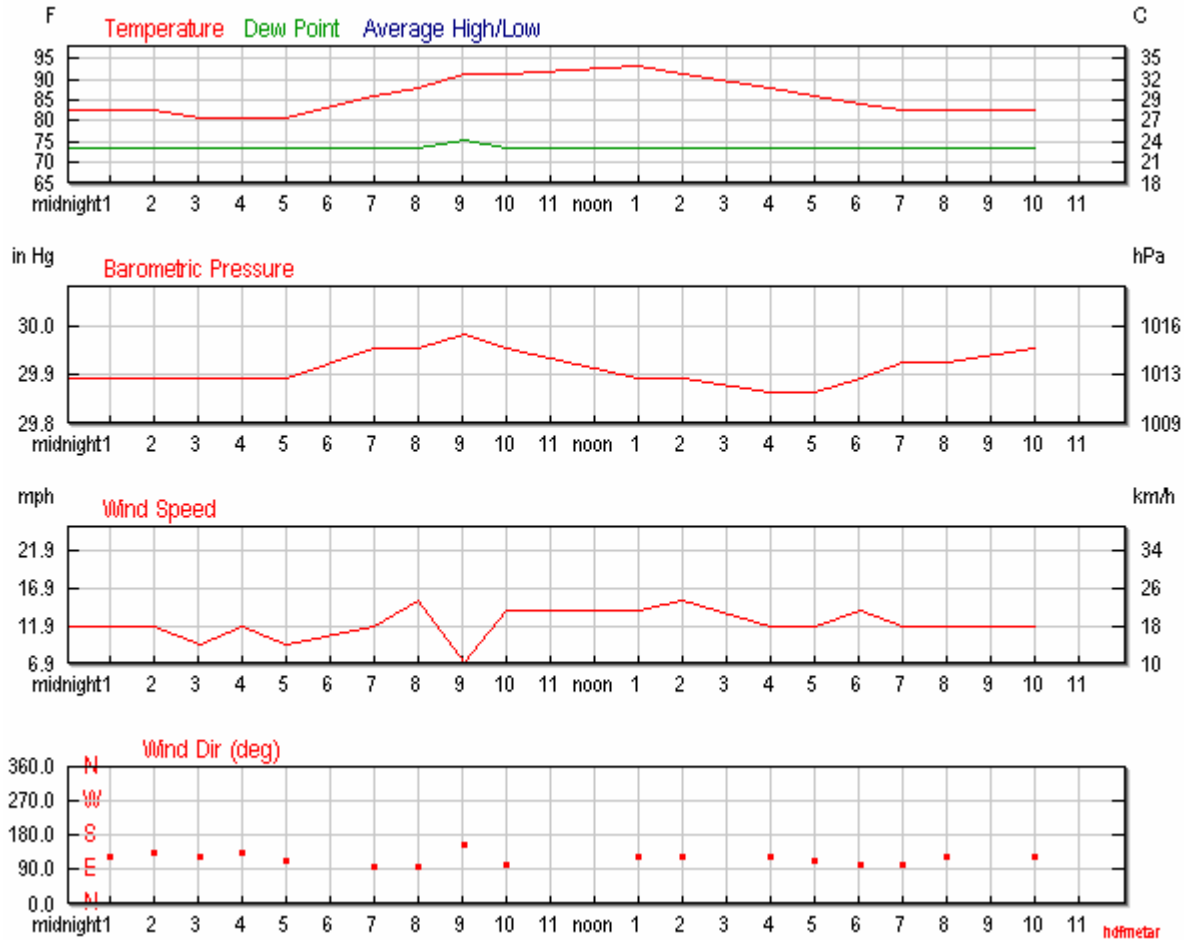
NOTE: According to press reports, nine surfers have been fatally injured by sharks in the past six years in the state of Pernambuco.

SOURCE: Reuters

CASE INVESTIGATORS: Alfred Xuereb; Paulo Mariano Lopes, Global Shark Accident File



*Boa Viagem beach. The dark area is a line of reefs (in Portuguese, 'recifes') which rim the shore. As the tide goes out, natural swimming pools are formed.
Photo: Pernambuco Tourism Authority*



Weather at Recife on November 2, 1998

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Jinqatel minn kelb il-baħar

● Żaġżuġħ Braziljan, Claudio Roberto Florencio de Freitas, inqatel minn kelb il-baħar waqt li kien qed jipprattika l-isport favorit tiegħu, il-windsurfing, viċin ix-xtajta ta' Praia da Boa Viagem. Din ix-xtajta tinsab sitt kilometri bogħod minn Recife, il-belt kapitali ta' l-istat ta' Pernambuco. L-awtoritajiet sostnew li l-vittma nġora twissijiet li f'din ix-xtajta kien hemm għadd ta' klieb il-baħar. - (Reuters)

"Killed by a Shark"

"Brazilian youth, Claudio Roberto Florencio de Freitas, killed by a shark while he was practicing his favorite sport, windsurfing, very close the bay of Praia da Boa Viagem. This bay is six kilometres from Recife, the capital city of the state of Pernambuco. The authorities said that the victim ignored the notice warning of many sharks in this popular bay."

Translation by Alfred Xuereb, Malta

Tubarão faz nova vítima na Praia de Boa Viagem

Cláudio Roberto Florêncio de Freitas, surfista, 22 anos, morreu de hemorragia, ontem à tarde, ao dar entrada no Hospital da Restauração. Segundo o médico Alexandre Guedes, chefe de plantão do hospital, o rapaz foi vítima de ataque de tubarão. O ataque aconteceu na Praia de Boa Viagem, nas proximidades do 2º Jardim. O surfista teve o antebraço esquerdo decepado ea coxa esquerda dilacerada com a provável mordida. "Pelo ferimento, seria muito difícil salvá-lo", disse o médico. "Até porque ele demorou para chegar aqui, acrescentou. A vítima chegou ao HR às 16h30 eo acidente teria ocorrido cerca de uma hora antes.

Cláudio Roberto, morador do bairro dos Torrões, é a vigésima nona vítima de ataque de tubarão, desde 92, nas praias pernambucanas, sendo o nono fatal. Com este caso, sobe para quatro o número de ataques neste ano. Das nove vítimas fatais, três eram surfistas.

ESPECIALISTA - O engenheiro de pesca Fábio Hazim, especialista em tubarões, confirmou que o ataque fora mesmo de tubarão. "Até pelas características da mordida e de ter acontecido numa fase de lua cheia, num feriado", explicou, referindo-se ao fato de haver uma maior quantidade de pessoas na praia nos finais de semana e feriados.

O especialista disse ainda que estudará o caso esta semana, até poder assegurar o comprimento ea espécie do tubarão que atacou Cláudio Roberto. Mas adianta que a maior incidência dos ataques realizados até agora no litoral pernambucano foi da espécie cabeça-chata No local onde a vítima estava, o 2º Jardim da praia de Boa Viagem, há placas informando que o surfista deve respeitar os limites da natureza e não ultrapassar a barreira de arrecifes.

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Shark made a new victim in Boa Viagem Beach

Cláudio Roberto Florencio de Freitas, surfer, 22, died of hemorrhage, yesterday afternoon, to be delivered to the Hospital of the Restoration. According to Dr Alexandre Guedes, watch leader of the hospital, the boy was the victim of shark attack. The attack happened at Boa Viagem beach, near the Garden 2. The surfer had severed his left arm and left thigh lacerated with the likely bite. "For the injury, would be very difficult to save him," said the doctor.. "Even as it took to get here, he said. The victim came to HR at 16:30 and the accident had occurred about an hour before.

Claudio Roberto, who lives in the neighborhood of Torrõe, is the twenty-ninth victim of shark attack, from 92, the beaches of Pernambuco, and the ninth fatal. In this case brings to four the number of attacks this year. Of the nine fatalities, three were surfers.

SPECIALIST - The engineer fishing Fábio Hazim, an expert on sharks, confirmed that the attack was the same shark. "Until the characteristics of the bite and it happened at a full moon on a holiday," he said, referring to the fact be a greater number of people on the beach on weekends and holidays. The specialist said he would study the case this week, until it can ensure the length and species of shark that attacked Cláudio Roberto. But added that the highest incidence of attacks carried out so far on the coast of Pernambuco was kind of flat-head.

In the place where the victim was the 2nd Garden Boa Viagem beach, there are signs stating that the surfer must respect the limits of nature and not go beyond the barrier reef.

SOURCE: November 3, 1998, JC, http://www2.uol.com.br/JC/sites/tubarao/materia_tabela_ataques.htm

Shark Kills Surfer, Chews Off Arm

Report of November 9, 1998

(11-09-98) RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - A surfer who ignored warning signs posted on a Brazilian beach bled to death after a shark chewed off his forearm, hospital officials said Tuesday.

The surfer, Claudio Roberto Florencio de Freitas, 22, was rushed unconscious by six friends to a hospital where he later died from massive blood loss, said an official at the Hospital da Restauracao in Recife, capital of Pernambuco state.

The bone of his left arm was exposed and the forearm missing, she said. The attack happened late Monday on the Praia da Boa Viagem beach, four miles from Recife in northern Brazil.

Pernambuco is one of Brazil's most notorious states for shark attacks, which have claimed the lives of nine surfers in the last six years.

Surfista morre após ataque na Praia de Boa Viagem

Na tarde do dia 2 de novembro de 1998, o estudante C.R.F.F, de 22 anos, surfava na companhia de seis amigos na Praia de Boa Viagem, Recife (PE), quando foi atacado por um tubarão. Segundo as testemunhas, o feroz ataque demorou menos de um minuto. O antebraço esquerdo foi decepado e a coxa e a perna direita foram dilaceradas. O surfista foi resgatado pelos amigos, mas chegou ao hospital em estado terminal. Morreu devido à grande hemorragia.

SOURCE: Marcelo Szpilman, page 140