

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

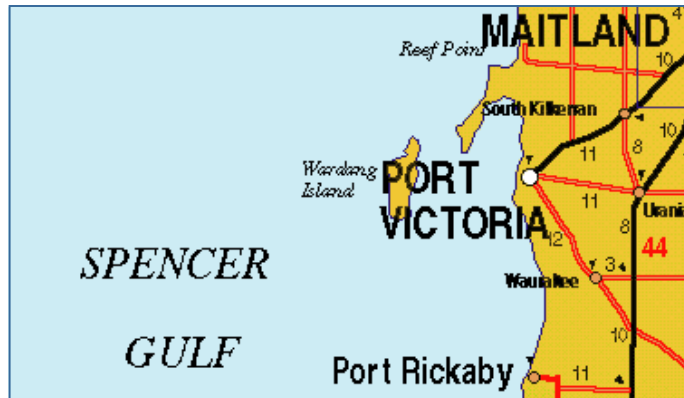
**CASE:** GSAF 2000.12.11

**DATE:** Monday December 11, 2000

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in Spencer Gulf off Port Victoria, Yorke Peninsula, South Australia.

**NAME:** Harry Ulbrich and another fisherman.

**BOAT:** A 3.5-metre [11-foot] fiberglass boat.



### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Full Moon, December 11, 2000

**ENVIRONMENT:** This incident follows three, possibly four, fatal attacks on the coast in the last three months.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** Three kilometers (two miles)

**NARRATIVE:** The two men were fishing for whiting when a large white shark decided it wanted their catch and began harassing them. The shark tried to snatch a bag of fish as the two fishermen pulled it in at the stern. It was a narrow escape, said fisherman Harry Ulbrich. "I tell you what, my mate was lucky; he grabbed the bag and the shark just missed him." Next the shark nudged the side of the boat, flicking it with its tail. Again the shark returned, this time rising beneath the boat and balancing it on its back. The fisherman raised their anchor, fled the area and reported the incident to authorities.

**INJURY:** No injury to occupants.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** The incident involved a 4.5 metre [14'] white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*.

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