

ACTIVITY: Body boarding
CASE: [GSAF 2003.04.23.b](#)
DATE: April 23, 2003

LOCATION: The incident took place in the South Atlantic Ocean at Pau Amarelo Beach, Paulista District (17 km from Recife), Pernambuco, Brazil.

NAME: Tiago Augusto da Silva Machado
DESCRIPTION: He is a 17-year-old male from São Paulo, a student.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: It was a windy, rainy day. At 17h00, Recife recorded scattered clouds and visibility of 6.2 miles [10 km]. The air temperature was 84.2°F [29°C], dew point 69.8°F [21°C], humidity 62%, sea level pressure 29.86 inches [1011 hPa], and wind direction was SSE at 11.5 mph [18.5 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 49% of the moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was muddy.

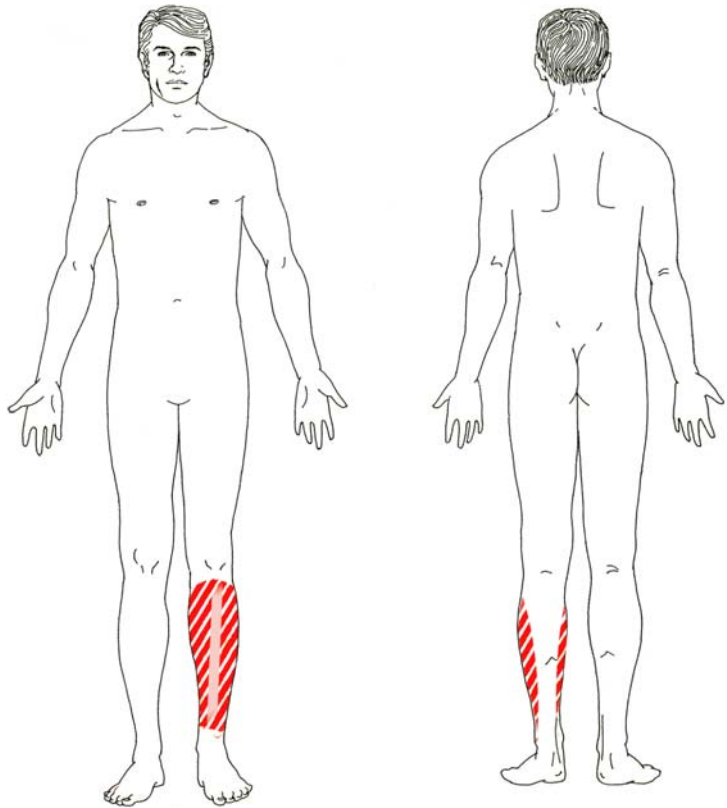
DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 600 metres

DEPTH OF WATER: Two metres

TIME: 17h00 [5 p.m.]

NARRATIVE: Tiago Augusto Silva Machado was surfing with 20-year-old Rafael de Oliveira and another friend when he was bitten by the shark. When the shark bit him, he attempted to push it away and sustained defense wounds.

INJURY: The surfer's hand, lower left leg and foot were severely lacerated. His tibia was broken or fractured.

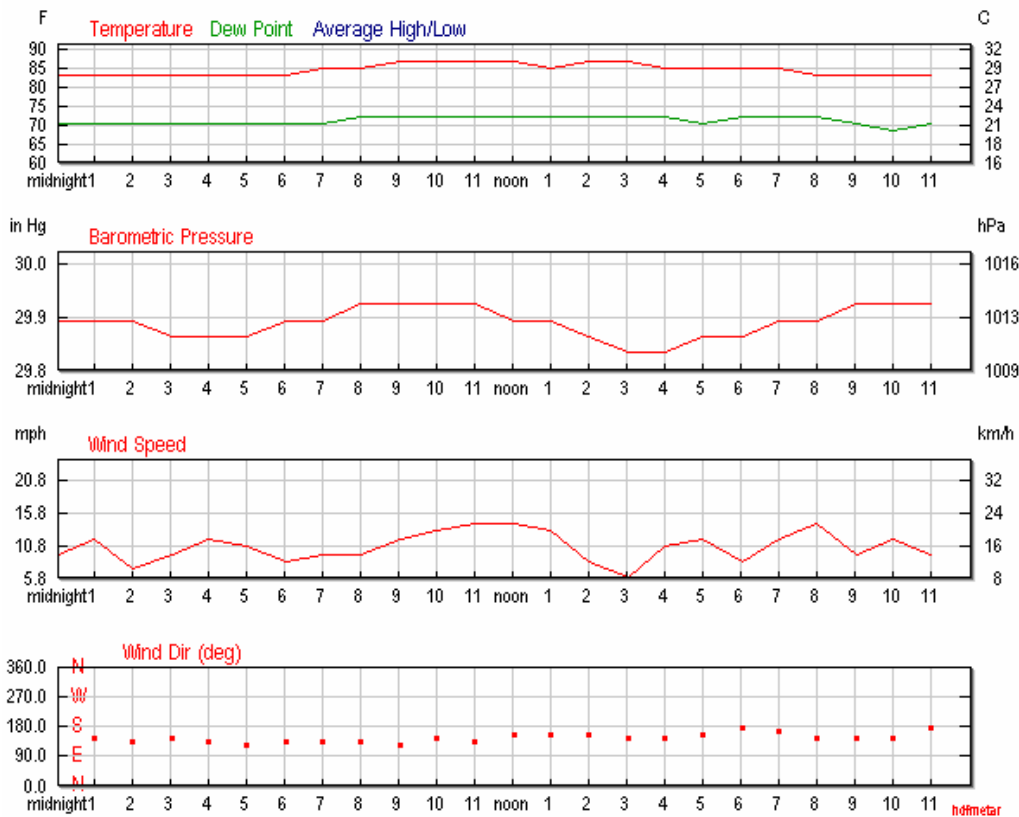


FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Captain Valdy Oliveira of the Fire Department rendered first aid. (All lifeguards are members of the Fire Department.) Firemen transported him to Hospital da Restauração where his left leg was surgically amputated below the knee.

SPECIES INVOLVED: It was believed that the incident involved either a bull shark or a tiger shark about two metres in length. According to Fire Captain Valdy Oliveira, the arc of the bite was 40 centimetres.

SOURCES: N. Souza da Silva; Jornal do Commercio, April 24, 2003.

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Weather at Recife, Brazil, on April 23, 2003

