

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2003.09.19

**DATE:** Friday September 19, 2003

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Ponce de Leon Inlet (2800 North Ocean Beach), New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA  
29.1°N, 81.0°W

**NAME:** David R. Cales

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer is a 19-year-old male from Edgewater. He was wearing blue and white board shorts.

#### **BACKGROUND**

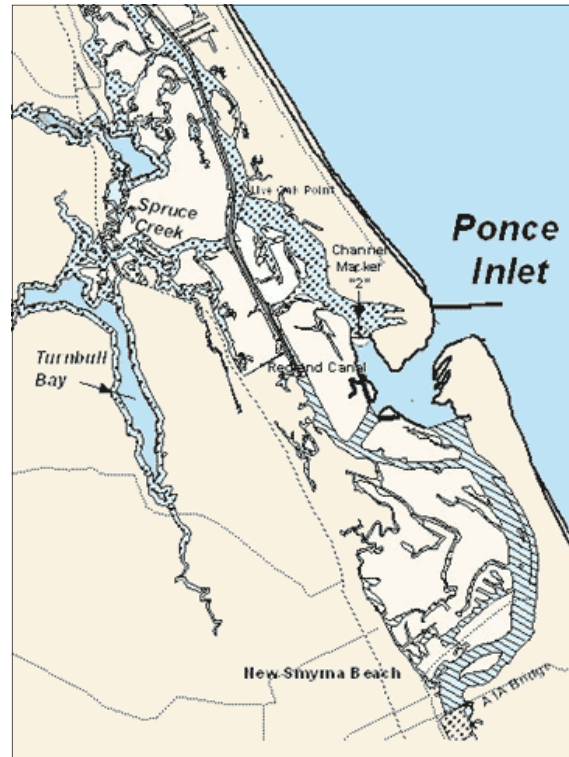
**MOON PHASE:** Last Quarter

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The water was murky.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Baitfish were in the area and there was fishing activity at the rock jetty 200 to 300 yards from the incident site.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Three to four feet

**TIME:** 16h30



**NARRATIVE:** The surfer had ridden a wave to shore and remounted his board to paddle back out when he felt pain in his left heel. Initially he thought he must have stepped on a rock but then he saw the injuries.

**INJURY:** There were several lacerations on the left heel. Each laceration was one- to two-inches-long and 1/8- to 1/4-inch-deep.

**TREATMENT:** The injuries required suturing. The was treated at Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Unknown. The surfer never saw a shark.

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Captain Scott Petersohn, GSAF