

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2003.10.05.c](#)

**DATE:** Sunday October 5, 2003

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near the South Jetty of Ponce de Leon Inlet (2000 block North Ocean Beach), New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA  
29.1°N, 81.0°W

**NAME:** Rick Eckstein

**DESCRIPTION:** The surfer is a 30-year-old male from Sanford. He was wearing blue swim baggies with white stripes.

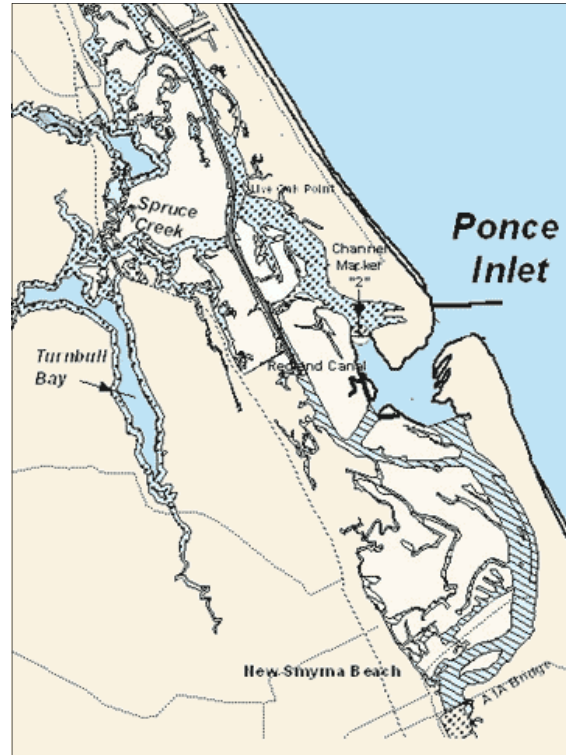
#### **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 78% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. Full Moon October 10, 2003.

**SEA CONDITIONS:** The sea was rough and lifeguards made dozens of rescues, but there were no serious injuries

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Four feet

**TIME:** 13h50



**NARRATIVE:** Rick Eckstein was surfing and fell off his board. He took a step and inadvertently trod on the shark. The shark responded by biting the surfer.

**INJURY:** There were two shallow half-inch-long lacerations on the surfer's left ankle. The injury was considered minor.

**FIRST AID:** Captain Rob Horster of the Volusia County Beach Patrol reported that Eckstein refused medical attention.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified.

**NOTE:** This is considered a provoked incident; the surfer stepped on the shark.

**CASE INVESTIGATOR:** Captain Scott Petersohn