

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming / snorkeling

**CASE:** GSAF 2003.10.24

**DATE:** Friday October 24, 2003

**LOCATION:** Honolua Bay, a popular swimming area and state marine sanctuary in Hawaii.

**NAME:** Don Keener

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 56-year-old male from Kula, Maui.



**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, October 25, 2003

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

**ENVIRONMENT:** There was an unconfirmed report that a reef shark was seen in the vicinity earlier in the day.

**DEPTH OF WATER AT INCIDENT SITE:** "Knee-deep"

**TIME:** 12h20

**NARRATIVE:** Keener had just plunged into the water when his arm was bitten. "It happened so fast," he said. "Nobody saw anything." Keener, his arm bleeding, was helped ashore by a friend.

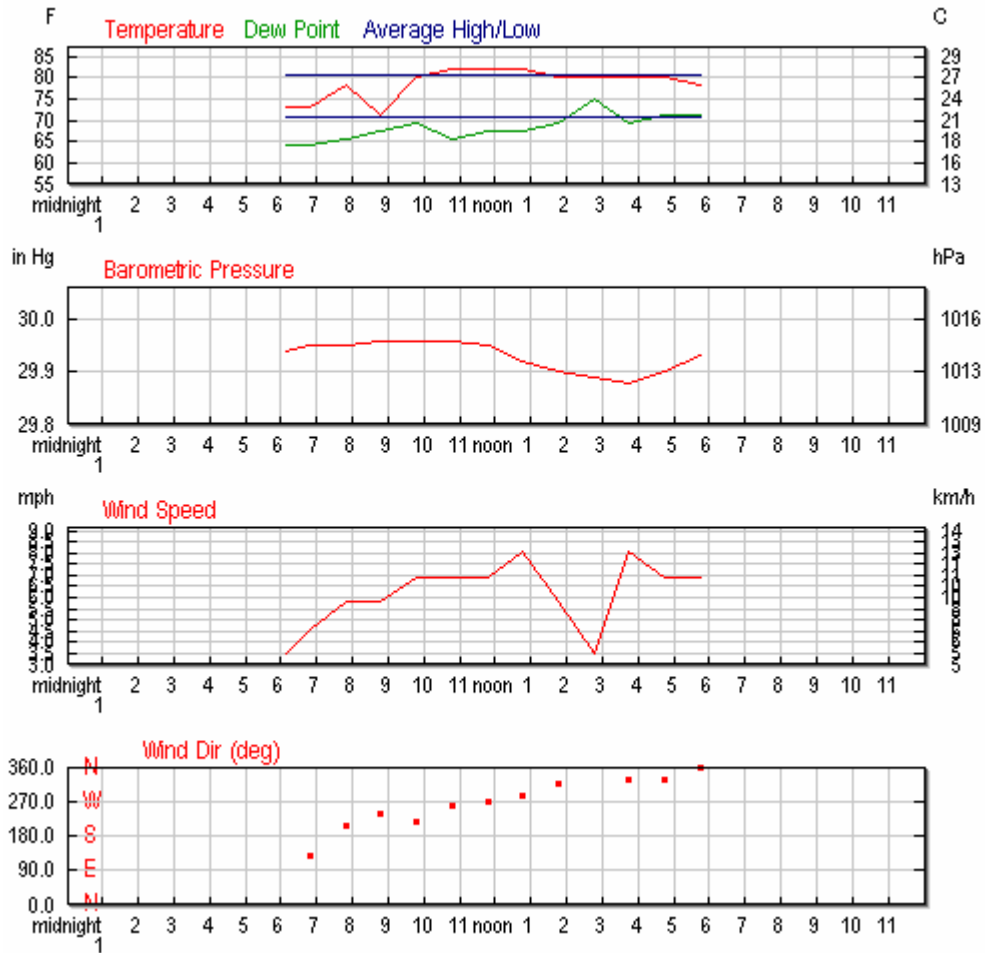
**INJURY:** Teeth marks to the left forearm and a six-inch laceration which exposed tissue and bone.

**FIRST AID:** A pair of vacationing Canadian emergency medical technicians wrapped his arm with a sarong and towel, and he was driven to Napili to meet paramedics.

**TREATMENT:** Keener's injury was treated at Maui Memorial Medical Center emergency room, where 40 sutures were need to repair the wound.

**SPECIES INVOLVED:** Not identified. Shark involvement was unconfirmed. A paramedic and the emergency room physician suspect the bite could have been made by a barracuda.

**SOURCE:** Timothy Hurley, Advertiser Maui County Bureau



*Weather at Lahaina on October 24, 2003*