

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: **GSAF 2004.04.22**

DATE: April 22, 2004

LOCATION. The incident took place off Motunui, 23 kilometres northeast of New Plymouth, North Island, New Zealand.

BOAT: 5.5 m boat *Live'N Hope*

OCCUPANTS: Gary and Michelle Dodunski and Shane Goble from Taranaki.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, April 20, 2004



NARRATIVE: "We saw this big fin heading towards us, and then the shark started to circle," Mr Dodunski said. "Every now and again it would stop and look at us." The anglers had caught fish, but when they tried to pull them in, trouble struck. "Gary tried to get his fish aboard, but the shark just accelerated in and ate it," said Mr. Goble. "Then it grabbed Michelle's fish, but spat it out. When I tried to lift my fish aboard, the shark launched itself out of the water and on to the side of the boat, so its snout was right between us."

INJURY: No injury to occupants, but the boat had deep scratches on its side from the teeth of the shark's lower jaw.

SPECIES: 5.5 metre white shark

SOURCES: <http://www.nzherald.co.nz/storydisplay.cfm?storyID=3562222&thesection=news&thesubsection=general>
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