

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 2004.05.22.c](#)
DATE: Saturday May 22, 2004
LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida, USA.
29.8°N, 81.3°W



NAME: Unknown
DESCRIPTION: He is a nine-year-old male.

BACKGROUND:
MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 10% of the moon was illuminated. New Moon, May 19, 2004; First Quarter, May 27, 2004.

ENVIRONMENT: Lifeguards in St. Johns County believe bait fish are moving in closer to shore and that is attracting sharks closer to land. They are also warning if the water is murky when the chances are higher that the sharks can mistake a foot for a fish.

NARRATIVE: The boy was swimming when he was allegedly bitten by a shark.

INJURY: His ankle was injured

TREATMENT: The injury consisted of a single puncture, which is inconsistent with a shark bite.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified

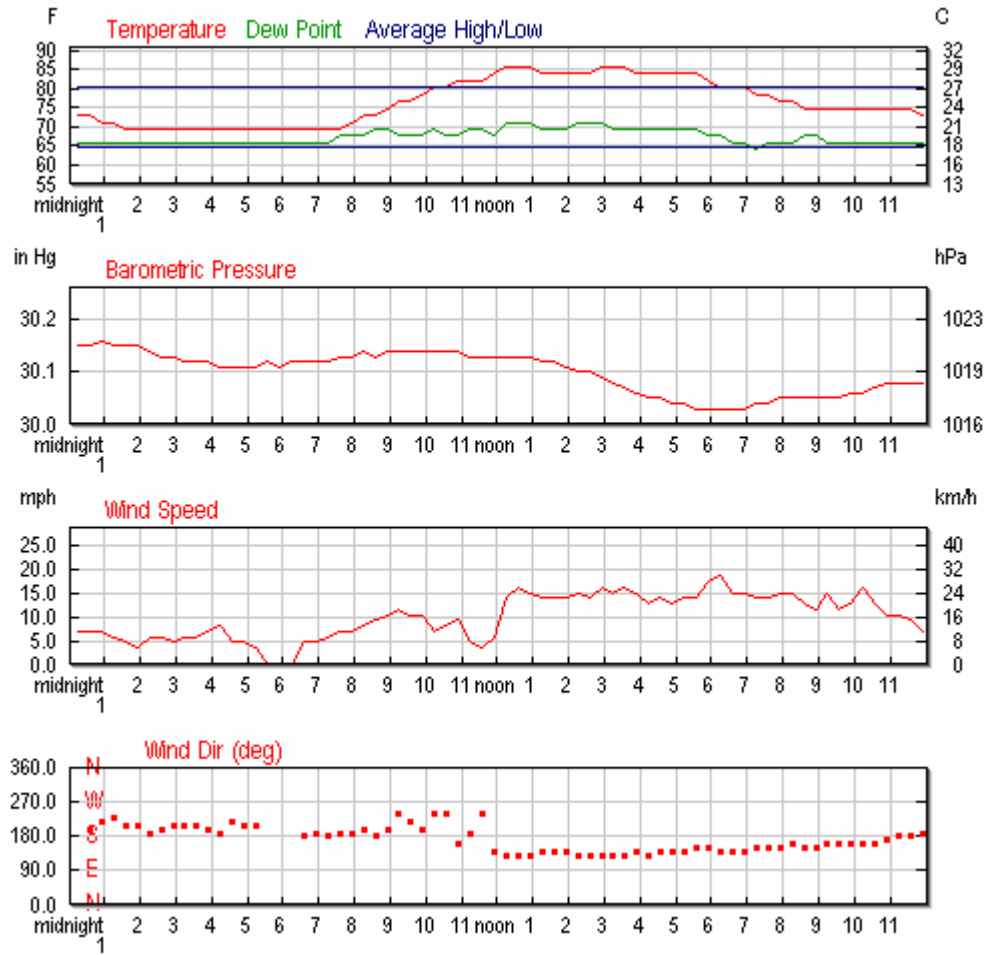
SOURCE: First Coast News

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Tom Jerome, Shark Research Institute

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Purple flags flown at Florida beaches warn swimmers that hazardous marine life may be in the area.



Weather at St. Augustine, Florida, on May 22, 2004