

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: **GSFAF 2004.07.19.R**

DATE: Reported July 19, 2004

("It happened on the weekend.")

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean off Trigg Surf Beach, Perth, Western Australia.

BOAT & OCCUPANTS: The boat is owned by Mike Taylor of Perth who had his nine-year-old son, Jack, and another man on board.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, July 17, 2004

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Seven kilometres

NARRATIVE: They were fishing for whiting when the shark approached their vessel, "He put his head out of the water a couple of times just to have a good look at us, which was quite interesting," said Taylor. Then the shark nudged the boat's motor and severed its anchor rope.

INJURY: No injury to occupants.

SPECIES INVOLVED: The incident involved a four-metre white shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*.

SOURCES: Channel 9

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