

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing

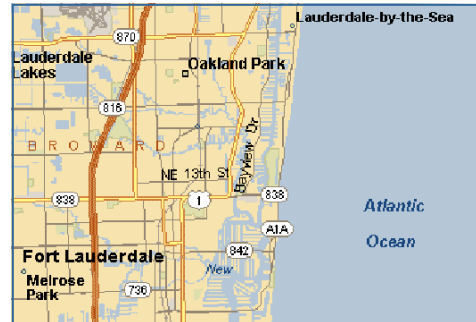
CASE: GSAF 2005.02.13

DATE: Sunday February 13, 2005

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA.

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: He was a male, and was wearing Akona Kevlar gloves.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, February 15, 2005

NARRATIVE: While he was “getting ready to lift bag a hogfish, a shark came from behind, grabbed the fish and bit his hand,” reported John Herrera.

INJURY: The diver’s hand was bitten. It did not appear the shark broken any bones or damaged tendons. Herrera notes, “The shark sliced through his Akona Kevlar gloves like they were nothing. Still, I’m sure they helped and I’m glad the shark did not bite down harder.”

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The diver’s hand was cleaned and dressed on board the boat. The boat ran inshore and the diver was taken to the emergency room where his wound was repaired with about 30 stitches.

SPECIES INVOLVED: A Caribbean reef shark, about six feet in length.

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