

ACTIVITY: Sea Disaster

CASE: [GSAF 2005.05.02.R](#)

DATE: Reported May 2, 2005

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean between Sullivan Island, South Carolina, and Cape Fear, North Carolina, USA.

BOAT: A 14-foot Sunfish (sailboat)

OCCUPANTS: 15-year-old Troy Driscoll and 18-year-old Josh Long

NARRATIVE: Swept out to sea by blustery weather in their small craft, the teens were adrift with no food or water. When they tried to cool off in the sea, sharks chased them back onto the boat. After six days and more than 100 miles from Sullivan Island where they had put off, they were rescued by a fishing boat, *Renegade*, some seven miles off Cape Fear, North Carolina.

INJURY: Although the teens encountered sharks, they were never injured by them. When rescued, they were sunburned, exhausted and dehydrated and said they never wanted to see the Sunfish again.

SOURCE: The Gaffney Ledger, May 2, 2005

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