

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2005.09.02.b

DATE: Friday September 2, 2005

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Ponce Inlet, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

29.1°N, 81.0°W

NAME: Frances P. Grause

DESCRIPTION: He is a 62-year-old male from Oakhill, Florida. He was wearing black baggies and a silver-colored wrist watch.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 10h54, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and six-mile visibility. The air temperature was 86°F [30°C], dew point 78.8°F [26°C], humidity 79%, sea level pressure 30.01 inches [1016.1 hPa], and wind direction was North at 12.7 mph [20.4 km/h].

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 2% of the moon's visible disk illuminated. New Moon, September 3, 2005.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was murky.

ENVIRONMENT: There was fishing activity on the jetty approximately a quarter mile to the north of the incident site.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE:

DEPTH OF WATER: Three to four feet

TIME: 11h10

NARRATIVE: Frances Grause had been surfing, kicked out of a wave and was standing beside his surfboard when he was bitten. The shark clamped on his foot and shook it. Grause kicked the shark with his other foot and it released him.

INJURY: The surfer sustained a series of jagged lacerations/punctures extending about three and a half to four inches in length on his right foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Grause wrapped a rashguard around his foot and went to his vehicle. A beachgoer waved down the Volusia County Beach Patrol who provided first aid, elevating his leg, applying direct pressure to the wound with trauma pads, and dressing the injury. Grause and his wife drove to Bert Fish Medical Center for additional medical care.

SPECIES INVOLVED: Not identified.

SOURCE: Captain Scott Petersohn, Global Shark Accident File

