

ACTIVITY: Fishing

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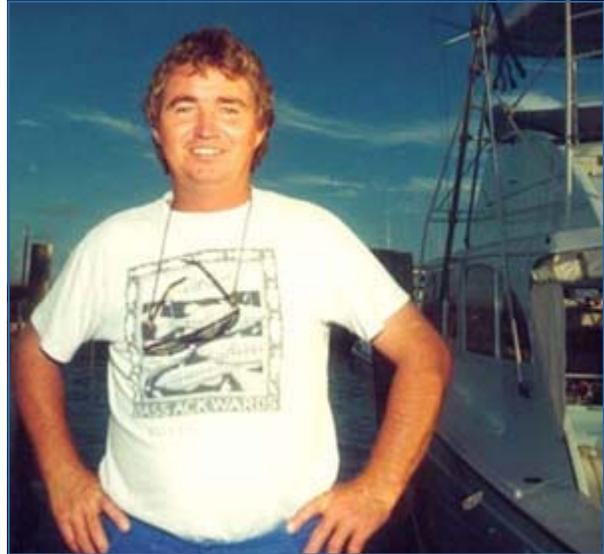
LOCATION: the incident took place in the Florida Keys, USA.

BOAT: A charter boat, the 48-foot Willis craft *GonFishin V* which docks at Holiday Isle, Islamorada.

OCCUPANTS: Captain Glen Miller and his family.

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Cobia and sharks often migrate together during March and April, according to Key West light-tackle guide Mike Weinhofer.



Captain Glen Miller

NARRATIVE: Captain Miller was with his family catching bait for an upcoming sailfish tournament. On the way back to the dock he spotted a school of about 15 cobia swimming above the shark. Miller's wife and daughters were watching the fish from the bow of the boat. "All of a sudden the shark did a U-turn and came under the boat and either rammed or bit the livewell," said Miller.

Miller called a few other captains to the location while he and his family caught six cobia and released one. The other boats also managed to hook into some cobia but there were no more encounters with the shark.

INJURY: No injury to occupants.

DAMAGE: The shark removed a 10- by 12-inch chunk from the boat's transom-mounted livewell. "When [the shark] went across the surface, I could see what looked like a piece of fiberglass in his mouth," said Miller. However, there was no danger of *GonFishin V* ever sinking as the boat's hull was never compromised.

SPECIES: Miller identified the shark as a bull shark about 10 feet in length. He believed the shark hit because it felt its territory was being invaded by the boat.

SOURCES: <http://www.sportfishingmag.com/news/news/shark-puts-bite-on-charterboat-51268.html>

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