

ACTIVITY: Conducting shark research
CASE: [GSAF 2007.06.30.b](#)
DATE: Saturday June 30, 2007
LOCATION: Off Key West Florida, Monroe County, USA.

NAME: Samuel Gruber
DESCRIPTION: Dr. Samuel H. Gruber is a shark biologist. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, he moved to South Florida and received his BA in zoology from the University of Miami and an MS and Ph.D. in Marine Science.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, June 30, 2007

NARRATIVE: Dr. Gruber was trying to remove a hook from a shark when the shark bit him. "A cute 6' lemon shark had my hand in her mouth for about 2 minutes," he said. "We both stared at each other and I stared her down. She gently let go and that was that. Actually I knew the probability was that she would let go so I didn't move a muscle! Hand all better!" His hand was freed from the shark's jaws using a boat paddle as a pry bar.



Doc Gruber

INJURY: Lacerations to left hand and thumb.

TREATMENT: The injury was sutured at Key West Hospital.

SPECIES: The accident involved a 72" subadult female lemon shark.

SOURCE: SharkAttackSurvivors.com,
http://sharkattacksurvivors.com/index_files/gruber_shark_attack.html