

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2007.08.20

DATE: Monday August 20, 2007

LOCATION: The incident took place at Delaware Seashore State Park, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, USA.

38.7°N, 75.1°W

NAME: Unknown

BACKGROUND

TIME: According to Coast Guard petty officer Charles Wakeling, the call to assist in a shark bite incident came at 19h45 [7:45 p.m] to the Indian River Inlet station.

NARRATIVE: The man was fishing alone in the inlet when he caught the shark. When he tried to pick the shark up by the tail, it bit him.



INJURY: The man was bitten on his forearm. "It was pretty good," Wakeling said about the size of the shark bite, adding that he figured the man probably needed stitches.

FIRST AID: Wakeling said he was one of the first to respond to the call. He said he and other guardsmen applied direct pressure and elevated the man's injured arm to control the bleeding, and then bandaged the wound. Wakeling said that Delaware Seashore State Park rangers, Rehoboth Beach Fire Company, and Sussex County paramedics responded after the Coast Guard.

TREATMENT: The fisherman was taken to Beebe Hospital in Lewes for further treatment.

SPECIES: The incident involved a sand tiger shark, about three feet in length.

NOTE: This is a provoked incident; the shark had been hooked and grabbed before biting the fisherman.

SOURCE: Delaware Coast Press, August 24, 2007;

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