

ACTIVITY: Standing / surfing

CASE: **GSF 2007.11.06**

DATE: Tuesday November 6, 2007

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off the 2600 block of North Ocean Avenue (south of the New Smyrna Beach jetty), Volusia County, Florida, USA.
29°N, 81°W

NAME: Joseph Timothy Fox

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male from Deltona, a local firefighter. He is 6' tall, weighs 182 pounds and was wearing green plaid shorts and a black watch.

SURFBOARD: White

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 11h15, New Smyrna Beach recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 73°F dew point 41°F, humidity 33%, sea level pressure 30.14 inches [1020.5 hPa [and wind direction was WNW at 5.8 mph [9.3 km/h].

MOON PHASE: New Moon, November 9, 2007

SEA CONDITIONS: The sea temperature was 71°, and the current was heading South. The sea was clear and calm; surfing conditions were only fair with waves two to three feet in height and semi-choppy. The incident took place near low tide (Mean low tide at Sunglow Pier, Daytona Beach Shores took place at 12h49. The tide in New Smyrna Beach varies by minutes.)

ENVIRONMENT: There was no fishing activity in the vicinity

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 50 yards

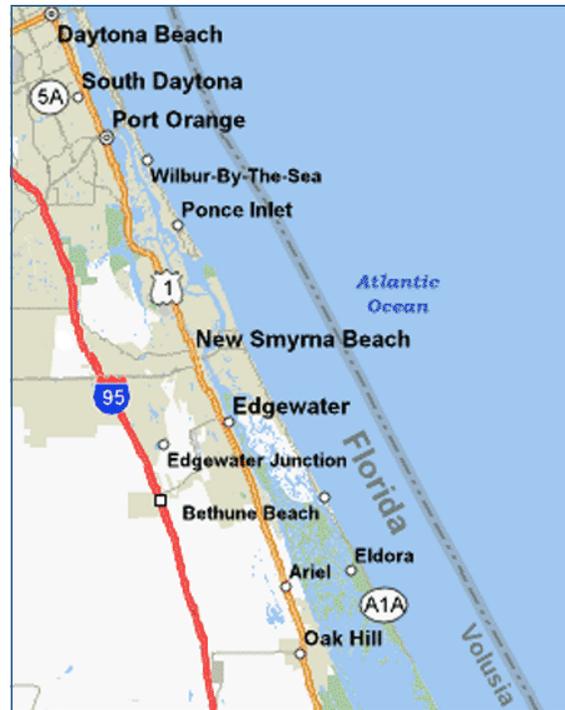
DEPTH OF WATER: Four feet

TIME: 11h15

NARRATIVE: Joseph Fox had been surfing for approximately 30 minutes. Some 50 to 100 people were in his general vicinity; eight people were within 10 to 50 feet of him and of those three were within 10 feet. He was standing in the water next to his board when the shark struck his leg. The fish made a single strike, swam to the surface, then left the immediate area.

INJURY: The surfer sustained five to six small lacerations to the lateral right lower leg and three to four small lacerations to the right knee.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The Beach Patrol said Fox walked to a toll booth and asked the location of the nearest hospital. Then he drove to Bert Fish Medical Center [401 Palmetto Street, New Smyrna Beach] where he was treated and then released.



SPECIES: The surfer reported that the shark had dark-colored fin tips and was four to five feet in length.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Captain Scott Petersohn