

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2008.09.01

DATE: Monday September 1, 2008

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

NAME: Joe McGauley

DESCRIPTION: He is a 52-year-old male. He is 5'2" and weighs 190 lbs. He was wearing black baggies and a surf shirt. He was wearing a surfboard leash.

BOARD: He was using a 9'6" white CP surfboard with a single black fin.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: It was a sunny day with a light breeze, and the air temperature was about 90°F, estimated. At 09h47, Daytona Beach recorded scattered clouds and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 84.2°F, dew point 77°F, humidity 79%, sea level pressure 29.98 inches and wind direction was ESE at 11.5 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 4% of the moon was illuminated.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was clear with two-foot surf.

DISTANCE FROM JETTY: 200 yards

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 feet

DEPTH OF WATER: Ankle-deep

TIME: 10h00

NARRATIVE: Joe McGauley was alongside his board, when shark approached from seaward and swam between the surfer and his board. "The shark only bumped me, then turned out to sea," he said.

INJURY: The shark bumped the surfer's lateral right ankle, but he was not injured.

SPECIES: "A sand shark or a blacktip shark about four feet in length," said the surfer.

SOURCE: Joe McGauley

