

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2008.09.28.a](#)

**DATE:** Sunday September 28, 2008

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Bethune Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** David Carr

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 40-year-old male from Deltona.

**BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, September 29, 2008

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 250 yards

**TIME:** 11h00



**NARRATIVE:** As David Carr jumped up onto his board, he yanked his foot out of the water and a shark nailed him. "He jumped — a fish out of water. There was this inertia, and he stuck to me like Velcro," Carr said. "He was shaking vigorously. [The shark] ran at [my foot] again and missed. He was just being a critter and was trying to catch the fish that got away. Or, like a cat with a thread and a ball." Carr said he was lucky the next "bump" turned into a decent wave to carry him in. "I felt a piece of my (right) foot was flapping," he said. "I was in indecision about getting up on the board, but I did."

**INJURY:** The surfer's right foot was bitten by the shark.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Carr called out to a fellow surfer that he had been bitten. The other surfer, who lived nearby, brought bandages to patch up Carr's foot enough for him to drive to Bert Fish Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach. Nine stitches were required to close the wound.

**SPECIES:** The shark was more than three feet in length.

**SOURCE:** News-Journal online, October 4, 2008, <http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/Headlines/frtHEAD02EASTBEACH100408.htm>

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