

ACTIVITY: Scuba diving
CASE: [GSAF 2009.06.02.a](#)
DATE: Tuesday June 2, 2009
LOCATION: The accident took place in the southern Red Sea at Abili Gafar on St John's Reef, Egypt.

NAME: Luc, a diver from Belgium
BOAT: The live-aboard dive boat *Beau Rivage*.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, June 7, 2009

ENVIRONMENT: Abili Gafar (a.k.a. Habili Gafar) is a small domed pinnacle, with a ledge running around it at 20-35m deep before the reef plunges in to the depths of the Red Sea. Strong currents on the northern side attract pelagic species such as oceanic whitetip sharks..

NARRATIVE: The day after the fatal attack on Katrina Tipio (GSAF 2009.06.01) and at the same location, divers from the were finishing a dive, when a large oceanic whitetip shark was seen under the boat and made a few passes at the divers. Moments later the shark came to the surface and began harassing the divers. While the ship's crew were attempting to scare the shark away from the boarding ladder with broomsticks, the shark snapped at Luc, one of the divers on the ladder.

INJURY: He sustained a 3 cm laceration to his shoulder and a cut to the wetsuit.

FIRST AID: A doctor on board applied steri-strips and a compression dressing.

SPECIES: The incident involved an oceanic whitetip shark.

CASE INVESTIGATOR: Dr. Erich Ritter



The Beau Rivage



Nil