

**ACTIVITY:** Swimming

**CASE:** [GSAF 2009.07.22.a](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday July 22, 2009

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Intracoastal waters off the 7100 block of Boca Ciega Drive Boca, Pinellas County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Jenna James

**DESCRIPTION:** She is a 19-year-old female, a student at New York University.



*Jenna James*

**BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 14h53, St. Petersburg recorded clear skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 89.1°F, dew point 70°F, humidity 53%, sea level pressure 29.99 inches, and wind direction was SE at 4.6 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** New Moon, July 21, 2009

**TIME:** 15h00



**NARRATIVE:** Jenna James and her sister were swimming 10 or 12 yards away from a boat dock when she was injured.

**INJURY:** She sustained a laceration to the right lower leg. It was "quite a large gash from the knee to the lower part of the calf," said Ernie Hand of St. Pete Beach Fire Rescue. The injury was not life-threatening.



**TREATMENT:** She was treated by St. Pete Firefighters and transported to Bayfront Medical Center.

**SPECIES:** Not identified.

**SOURCED:** TC Palm, July 23, 2009

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