

**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** **GSFAF 2009.10.02**

**DATE:** Friday October 2, 2009

**LOCATION:** Mewstone Rock, Wembury, Devon, United Kingdom.

**NAME:** Unknown

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 39-year-old local man.

**BOAT:** He was on an 18-foot Shetland day-fishing boat, the *Betty Boop*.



**BACKGROUND**

**TIME:** 12h50

**NARRATIVE:** He was fishing with two other men. They were two miles south of Mewstone Rock when he caught and landed the shark, and was injured.

**INJURY:** The shark's spine punctured his right forearm.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:**

Plymouth lifeboat attended the scene, bandaged the injured man's arm and took him off the boat. The Plymouth coastguard team got him ashore at the lifeboat station at Millbay and he was taken to Derriford Hospital by ambulance.



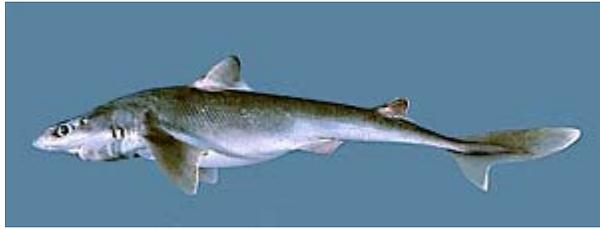
**SPECIES:** A spur dog\*

**SOURCE:** This is Cornwall, Friday, October 2, 2009, <http://www.thisiscornwall.co.uk/Man-hospital-shark-attack-Plymouth/story-11447237-detail/story.html>

The Herald, October 2, 2009, <http://www.thisisplymouth.co.uk/news/Man-hospital-shark-attack-Plymouth/article-1388751-detail/article.html>

**NOTE:** This is a provoked incident; it involved a hooked shark.

\*Spurdogs are dogfish sharks that often congregate in large schools. They vary in color, from chocolate-colored to gray, but all are countershaded (having a lighter-colored belly).



Most spurdogs are bottom dwellers, living in moderate to deep waters (except the Shortspine and Longnose spurdogs which are also found in very shallow water).

Spurdogs have a short snout, a circular body cross-section, have the mouth at the front of the face, and have no anal fin. They bear live young. The Blacktailed spurdog has a dangerous spine on its second dorsal fin.

Classification: Order Squaliformes (Dogfish Sharks); Family Squallidae; Genus *Squalus*; Species *asper* (the Roughskin spurdog), *blainvillei* (the Longnose spurdog), *melanurus* (the Blacktailed spurdog), *japonicus* (the Japanese spurdog), *megalops* (the Shortnose spurdog or Spiky Jack), *mitsukurii* (the Shortspine spurdog), and *rancureli* (the Cyrano spurdog).

