

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: **GSAF 2009.11.16**

DATE: Monday November 16, 2009

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Jupiter Island, Martin County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Steven Burdelski

DESCRIPTION: He is a 22-year-old male from Hobe Sound and a Jupiter Island Beach Club lifeguard.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 09h53, West Palm Beach recorded overcast skies and visibility of 10 miles. The air temperature was 70°F, dew point 60.1°F, humidity 71%, sea level pressure 30.00 inches, and wind direction was NW at 10.4 mph.

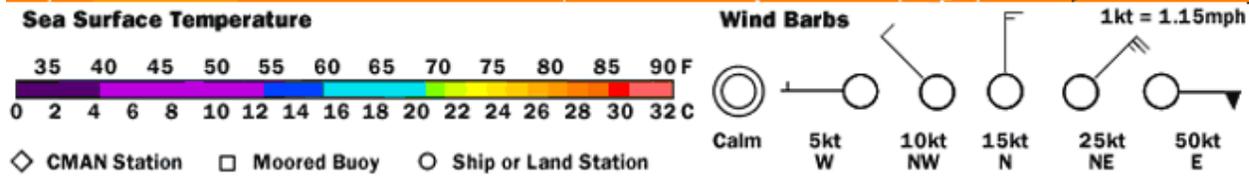
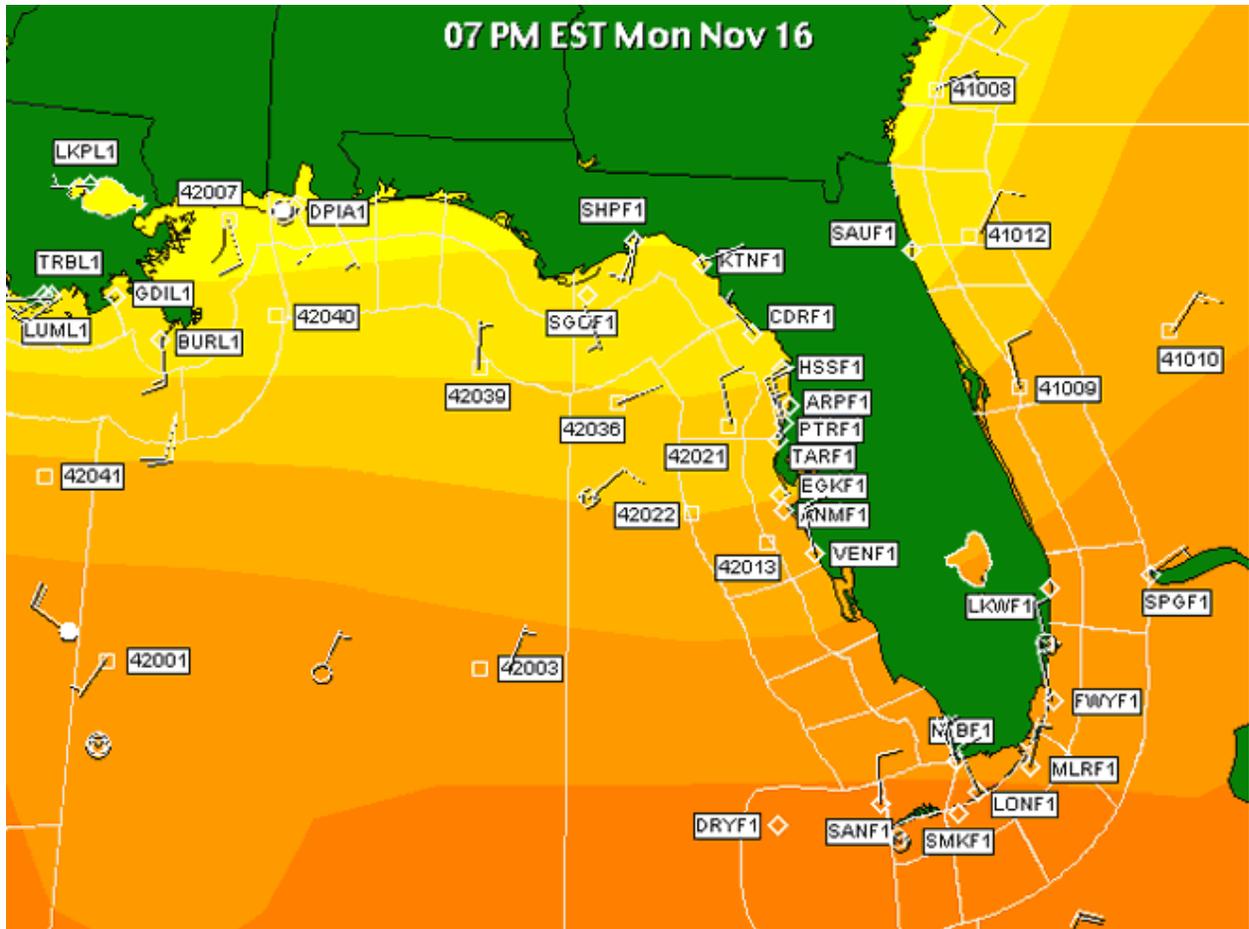
MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 0% of the Moon is Illuminated

TIME: 09h30

NARRATIVE: He was surfing before starting his shift when he was bitten by a shark.

INJURY: His foot was bitten.

TREATMENT: He was transported by ambulance to Jupiter Medical Center.



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Lifeguard Bitten By Shark Off Jupiter Island
22-Year-Old Shark Bite Victim Surfing On Time Off

JUPITER ISLAND, Fla. -- A 22-year-old Jupiter Island Beach Club lifeguard who was surfing on his time off was bitten by a shark Monday morning.

Martin County fire-rescue crews were called to a shark bite at the club at about 9:30 a.m. The victim, who was bitten on the foot, was taken by ambulance to Jupiter Medical Center. He was listed in stable condition, but his injuries are not considered life-threatening. It is the second shark attack in the area in four days.

Melissa Hardcastle, 27, was also bitten on the foot by a shark while surfing off Jupiter on Friday afternoon.

SOURCE: ABC 25 wpbf.com, November 16, 2009, <http://www.wpbf.com/news/21628166/detail.html>

Second Shark Attack in Three Days

A shark bites a surfer and it's the second attack in our area in just three days.

The latest victim is a surfer who went one-on-one with the creature off Jupiter Island. It happened around 9:30 this morning near the Jupiter Island Club.

An off-duty lifeguard who works at the Club, Steven Burdelski, 22, of Hobe Sound, was out in the ocean, doing some surfing prior to starting his shift.

It's the first time a shark has bitten somebody at the club.

"We were all standing inside and we heard, one of the, the head of the lifeguards came in and said that one of the lifeguards had been swimming and was bitten by a shark," said Alan Pruitt, who works at the Jupiter Island Club in the spa.

The victim was rushed to Jupiter Medical Center, with what was described as a minor injury to his foot.

Earlier today, he was listed in stable condition. At the family's request, the hospital is not releasing any further information. Reached by phone in his hospital room, Burdelski and his father declined to comment.

Friday afternoon, Melissa Hardcastle, 27, of Palm Beach Gardens was bitten by a shark while surfing near Carlin Park in Jupiter. She was treated at Jupiter Medical Center for a bite wound to her foot and was released from the hospital Saturday.

SOURCE: Al Pefley Channel 12 News, November 16, 2009, <http://www.cbs12.com/news/-4722581--.html>