

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 2009.12.26](#)
DATE: Saturday December 26, 2009
LOCATION: Avoca Beach, New South Wales, Australia

NAME: John Sojoski
DESCRIPTION: He is a 55-year-old male, a surfboard manufacturer.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 63% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, December 25, 2009.
TIME: 11h00

NARRATIVE: John Sojoski and his 12-year-old granddaughter, Summer, were alongside the rock pool when he stepped on the shark. "I stepped on it originally, but then when I stepped off it, it latched on straight away and it was the weirdest sensation. It was like a vice squeezing and squeezing," said Mr. Sojoski. "Then it started shaking my leg and moving it off the ground." He managed to kick the shark away and sent Summer inshore on a wave without telling her what had happened.

INJURY: Lacerations to lower left leg.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: He was treated at the scene and then transported to Gosford Hospital.

SPECIES: The man did not see the shark.

SOURCES: Sasha Tohme, The Coast News, Saturday, December 26, 2009, <http://www.thecoastnews.com.au/central-coast/469-avoca-beach-shark-attack.html>

Emma Herd, December 29, 2009, Express Advocate, <http://express-advocate-gosford.whereilive.com.au/news/story/man-tells-of-shark-bite-horror-at-avoca-beach/>

NOTE: This was a provoked incident; the shark slashed out at the man's leg after he stepped on it.



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