

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2010.07.23

DATE: Friday July 23, 2010

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Sixth or Seventh Avenue South in Jacksonville Beach, Duval County, Florida.

NAME: Clayton Schulz

DESCRIPTION: He is a 20-year-old male from Stuart, Florida, and a freshman baseball player at the University of North Florida.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 16h52, Mayport recorded scattered clouds and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 89.1°F, dew point 72°F, humidity 57%, sea level pressure 30.07 inches, and wind direction was SE at 13.8 mph.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, July 25, 2010

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 100 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Four to five feet

TIME: 16h30

NARRATIVE: "I was hopping back on my board and the shark came up and grabbed my foot and shook it around a little it and let go," said Schulz. "I popped right up and got on my board and lifted my foot out of the water. ... It was torn up real good."

He said another surfer helped him get to shore, where lifeguards got him to an ambulance.



Clayton Schulz

INJURY: Left foot bitten. Tendons on dorsum of foot were torn.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Schulz was transported to Baptist Medical Center-Beaches. Then he was transferred to Shands Jacksonville Hospital where doctors put more than 400 stitches in his left foot to repair the damage.

SPECIES: The surfer didn't see what bit him, but believed it was a shark.

SOURCES: Rich Jones, WOKV, July 26, 2010; Steve Patterson, Florida Times-Union, July 24, 2010; Phil Gray, Chillicothe Gazette, June 19, 2011

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