

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2010.08.08

DATE: Sunday August 8, 2010

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Tasman Sea in the bay at Crescent Head about 300m north of the Killick Creek, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Rick Carroll

DESCRIPTION: He is a 47-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At Port Macquarie, about 45 km south of Crescent Head, the air temperature ranged from 40°F to 62°F, dew point was 42°F and no rain fell, and the sea level pressure was 30.14 inches.

MOON PHASE: New Moon, August 10, 2010.

ENVIRONMENT: Crescent Head, which is located 446 km north of Sydney, does not have shark nets. Since 2007, there have been two other shark accidents at this location: GSAF 2007.06.05 and GSAF 2008.04.20.a. The sea was alive with schools of fish, dolphins and whales seen in the bays around Crescent Head on the day of the accident.

TIME: 08h00

NARRATIVE: The surfer was paddling his board with his left foot dangling in the water when he was bitten. He told police that he was able to twist his foot, get free and then return to shore.

INJURY: Some deep cuts and minor puncture wounds to his left foot.

TREATMENT: Paramedics took the surfer to Port Macquarie Base Hospital where he was treated and released.

SPECIES: Not identified

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