

**ACTIVITY:** Scavenged human remains

**CASE:** [GSAF 2010.08.29](#)

**DATE:** The man perished on August 29, 2010. The shark containing his remains was caught early morning on Saturday September 4, 2010

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean, 38 miles south of Nassau, Bahamas, and the shark was hooked at a depth of about 1,000 feet.

**NAME:** Judson Newton

**DESCRIPTION:** He was a 43-year-old male.

**NARRATIVE:** A 12-foot male tiger shark was caught which contained the partial remains of 43-year-old Judson Newton. On August 29<sup>th</sup>, Newton and a friend, Franklin Roosevelt Brown, were last seen swimming towards the shore at Jaws Beach in southwest New Providence when the 20-foot boat they were on with three other friends developed engine trouble. It is probable that both men drowned and Newton's remains were scavenged by the shark.

**SOURCES:** Eileen Carron and Paco Nunez

#### Man eaten by killer shark

JUST AS the deep sea fisherman was about to cut the hook from the shark's wide open mouth and let him go, out jumped a human foot.

"Everything was intact from the knee down," said Bahamian investment banker Humphrey Simmons, "it was mangled, but there was still flesh on the bone."

That ended a day of fishing for Mr Simmons and his two companions who spent most of the morning trying to get away from sharks.

By the time the unusually heavy Tiger shark was landed at the Defence Force's Coral Harbour base and his distended body cut open, the body of a man, minus his head, was found. The leg that the shark had regurgitated was the man's left leg. Inside was his severed right leg, two severed arms and a torso in two sections.

Obviously, as Mr Simmons' 10-year-old daughter observed, this shark had its prey all to himself. There was no sign that another shark had fought over the body. It is believed that the man had drowned before the shark swallowed him.

Mr Simmons, of Cable Beach, a banker with Xanthos Investment, and his two deep sea fishing companions — Keith Ferguson and Stanley Bernard — left Marshall Road, South Beach before 6am Saturday in Mr Simmons 30-foot Pursuit, "Azulardo." "We went 35 miles south of Nassau and started fishing about 7.45am," said Mr Simmons. "After about 45 minutes we pulled up a fish,



*THE RBDF's Enduring Friendship vessel EF-28 brings the 12-foot Tiger shark into the Coral Harbour Base after fishermen observed it regurgitating human remains.*

and a shark took it. "We left the area and went two miles further south and let out the lines again. Keith pulled up his line and before reaching the surface the shark had broken the line."

The weather was calm with winds about 4mph blowing from the southwest. "I always watch that before I go out," Mr Simmons laughed.

Trying to get rid of the sharks, Mr Simmons moved again, this time about two to three miles further south. By then they were about 38 miles from Nassau.

"While pulling up my line," he said, "I noticed that it was extra heavy. I called "Boy" (Stanley Bernard) and asked him to go get the shot gun."

By then the men were fishing in water about 1,000 feet deep. They had decided against landing the shark because there was too much tension on the line.

"I then thought about what might have been going through that shark's mind," said Mr Simmons. "Usually when you catch a shark on the line, and are pulling him up, when he sees sunlight, he heads back down, and either cuts the line or breaks it. "While pulling him up there was also a grouper on the line, and he was trying to get the grouper, but I had both on my line. He came up with his mouth wide open, but he couldn't get the grouper because it was also on my line."

As the shark neared the surface, Mr Bernard shot him several times in the head. "We tied the rope around his tail fin, and pulled him towards the boat. We were going to cut the hook out of his mouth and let him go when he regurgitated a human foot — intact from the knee down. It was now about 10am."

The men then tried to get BASRA and the Defence Force, but could raise neither — "it was probably because they were out of range for our VHF radio," Mr Simmons commented. They decided to take the left leg and the shark to Nassau. "There was so much stink coming from the shark's belly and the belly was so huge that we thought that there might be more bodies inside," said Mr Simmons. At about 10.30am the men headed for Nassau, dragging the heavy shark behind. About a half hour later they saw a Defence Force boat and flagged it down.

The Defence Force's Enduring Friendship vessel EF-28 pulled up alongside them, heard their story and took the shark on board. It was then about 11.30am when they followed the Defence Force boat to Nassau, arriving at about 12.30pm at the Coral Harbour base. The shark's body was offloaded, cut open and inside was the remains of a headless man.

Mr Simmons said he was a "black man, of heavy build and heavy structure. He had neither clothes nor any identifying marks." Police are now awaiting DNA results to tell them if the remains belong to one of three men who are still missing at sea.

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force said still reported missing are 62-year-old Frank Brown, Sr, and 47-year-old Delton Newton, who disappeared after their boat experienced engine trouble in waters off Clifton Pier last week. A man who disappeared from a boat in Acklins last week has also not yet been found.

However, Mr Simmons said that Mr Frank Brown Jr stopped at his home, looked at the photographs of the body parts and confirmed that they were not those of his father.

**SOURCE:** Eileen Carron, The Tribune, Monday, September 6, 2010,  
[http://www.tribune242.com/news/09062010\\_SHARK\\_news\\_pg42010-09-06T08-58-59](http://www.tribune242.com/news/09062010_SHARK_news_pg42010-09-06T08-58-59)

### Man found inside shark is identified

POLICE have identified the man found inside the belly of a 12ft Tiger Shark caught in the Bahamas by his fingerprints.

Initial tests indicate missing boater Judson Newton was eaten by the shark, confirmed Assistant Commissioner Hulan Hanna.

However police are awaiting the results of further DNA tests to confirm his identity. Up to press time it was still unknown if Mr Newton was alive or dead when he was eaten.

Mr Newton and his friend Franklin Roosevelt Brown were both reported missing after a boating trip with three others off Jaws Beach in southwest New Providence on August 29. The boaters reported they had engine trouble on board the 20ft white century boat and the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) assisted a search for the men after they were reported missing at around 8pm.

RBDF officers found the boat off the southwest coast with three men onboard and were told the two others had gone overboard in an effort to pull the boat to shore and never returned.

On September 5, an investment banker out deep sea fishing with two friends, caught the shark in waters about 38 miles south of New Providence. He said a left leg popped out of the shark as they hauled it on to their vessel. When the beast was cut open at the Defence Force's Coral Harbour base, RBDF officers also found the man's right leg, two severed arms and a torso in two sections. It was immediately suspected that the remains were from one of the missing boaters but police were awaiting DNA tests before they could provide a positive identity.

Initial reports suggests the boaters may have drowned.

Yesterday ACP Hanna said police had no evidence to suggest foul play.

Meanwhile, friends of the men are still coming to grips with Mr Newton's death, and fear Mr Brown may have suffered a similar fate.

Mr Newton, known affectionately as Scabbo, was a "friendly person" who was employed on a fishing boat, according Richard Hall.

Mr Hall, an employee of Nassau Flight Services, is a long-time co-worker of Mr Brown, the other missing boater, and an acquaintance of Mr Newton's.

"Mr Brown was a nice outgoing, kind-hearted person. Never a person who would let anything worry him. Fishing was one of his hobbies," remembered Mr Hall.

Mr Brown, has been a maintenance manager at Nassau Flight Services for more than 30 years. "We miss him," added Mr Hall.

**SOURCE:** The Tribune, Wednesday, September 15, 2010, [http://www.tribune242.com/news/09152010\\_sharkmanupdate\\_news\\_pg1](http://www.tribune242.com/news/09152010_sharkmanupdate_news_pg1)

### Man found in the belly of a shark

It could have been a scene of the movie *Jaws*, as authorities found the remains of a missing boater in the stomach of a large shark. The sad irony is that the shark attack took place off of the very beach a "Jaws" sequel was filmed at. Aptly named "Jaws Beach," the Bahamas location was used in the 1987 *Jaws* movie sequel.

It is unclear whether or not the victim was alive when he was eaten, but his body was found torn apart within the shark's stomach.

Authorities identified the remains of 43-year-old Judson Newton from finger prints and are awaiting DNA results for the final identification. Assistant Police Commissioner Hulan Hanna said the DNA results would absolutely identify the victim of this gruesome attack.

On August 29th, Newton had gone out in boat with friends off the coast of Jaws Beach on New Providence Island (Bahamas Islands). The boat developed engine problems early on, while fairly close to the shore. Newton, a powerful swimmer, decided to head to the beach rather than wait for a rescue boat. He and another individual dove overboard, leaving three of his friends to wait for help. When rescuers arrived on the scene, the three men on board the boat said that Newton and a friend had swum to shore. Rescuers searched the immediate area, but found neither man. A more extensive search yielded no clues as to the men's whereabouts.

Almost a week later, a local investment banker caught a 12-foot tiger shark while deep sea fishing. As he and the boat's crew brought the shark on deck, a human leg popped out of the shark's mouth, stunning all on the fishing boat. The shark and human remains were brought into port where members of the island's defense force cut the shark open. What they found horrified the seasoned professionals, used to sharks and their varied prey. Inside of the shark's stomach were found a right leg, two severed arms and a torn apart torso.

Newton was a seasoned mariner, having spent a good portion of his life working on boats. Samuel Woodside, a good friend of the deceased, was shocked when he heard the news. "To me, he was always a strong swimmer," Woodside said. "I don't know what happened."

Newton was single and had no children. He is survived by his mother and brother. His family has been notified and is awaiting DNA testing to confirm their son's identity.

The beach where the attack took place was used in the 1987 movie "Jaws the Revenge. While tiger sharks are a known predator in the region, they tend to shy away from human contact. However, with an influx of tourists and sport fishermen to the area, contact between shark and human is becoming more commonplace with disastrous results.

**SOURCE:** Hugh Patterson, Examiner.com, September 15th, 2010 , <http://www.examiner.com/headlines-in-san-francisco/man-found-the-belly-of-a-shark>

### Missing man found inside shark

An investment banker deep-sea fishing in the Bahamas two weeks ago hooked a 12-foot-long tiger shark. As he pulled the beast onto his boat, a human leg popped out of its mouth.

Using DNA tests, Bahamian officials have determined that the leg – and other body parts still inside the shark – belonged to a missing sailor.

Judson Newton, 43, went missing on August 29. He and some friends were fishing off Jaws Beach, so-called because one of the movie's sequels was filmed there.

The engine of the boat failed. Three of the people on board decided to wait for help, but Newton and another man tried to swim to shore. Neither man was seen again. Authorities surmised they had both drowned.

One of Newton's friends, Samuel Woodside, told AP that he doubted that outcome.

"To me, he was always a strong swimmer. I don't know what happened," Woodside said. It's not clear if Newton was already dead when the shark consumed him. But much of his body was found inside the animal - including his other leg, both arms and his torso.

**SOURCE:** Cathal Kelly, The Toronto Star, September 16, 2010, <http://www.thestar.com/news/world/article/862004--missing-man-found-inside-shark>