

ACTIVITY: Body surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.05.13.b

DATE: Friday May 13, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Mickler's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Bob Brown

DESCRIPTION: He is an 86-year-old male, a World War II veteran.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 15h53 Jacksonville Craig recorded partly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 93.9°F, dew point 59°F, humidity 31%, sea level pressure 29.81 inches and wind direction was Variable at 5.8 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 80% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, May 17, 2011.

SEA CONDITION: The water was murky.

TIME: 15h30



Bob Brown

NARRATIVE: "I touched the bottom, and bang – something hit my foot good and hard," said Bob Brown.

Mr. Brown said he tried to grab the shark, but the water was too murky. "The water was all red, so I immediately looked and blood was spurting out," he said. "It had severed the artery and blood was spurting like crazy. So I immediately decided it's not good to have all this blood out here. I'd better get to shore."

INJURY: Lacerations to left foot and ankle. He was transported to Baptist Medical Center Beaches, then transferred to Baptist Medical Center downtown. Mr. Brown said doctors found a tooth fragment in the wound before they closed it with 50 stitches. He said he didn't want the tooth after having seen plenty of sharks on trips to all the oceans of the world and taken a global voyage in a sailboat.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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