

ACTIVITY: Scuba diving

CASE: GSAF 2011.06.12

DATE: Sunday June 12, 2011

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean near Jupiter Inlet, 85 miles (137km) north of Miami, Florida, USA.

NAME: Daniel Webb

DESCRIPTION: He is a 28-year-old dive instructor with Scuba Works in Jupiter Florida. He has logged more than 200 dives.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 13h53, Palm Beach recorded scattered clouds and 10 mile visibility. The air temperature was 90°F, dew point 71.1°F, humidity 54%, sea level pressure 29.94 inches and wind direction was East at 10.4 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 87% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, June 15, 2011.

DEPTH: The incident took place 70 feet below the surface.

TIME: 14h30

NARRATIVE: Webb was with a student when the shark approached. "(The shark) was just kind of darting all over the place ... real jumpy and weird. It was the weirdest thing and it circled once and it was almost circling us again, and then it just came right in at me," he said. "He just bit right down on my leg and, of course, the first thought is, 'I got bit by a shark!' It didn't want to let go of my leg and there was a brief struggle for a few seconds for my leg, which fortunately, I won."

INJURY: Lacerations to right calf.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Daniel's co-workers on the boat and lifeguards were able to get him to shore. Paramedics met the boat at the Seaport Marina in Jupiter. The diver was rushed to Jupiter Medical Center where plastic surgeon Dr. Daniel Kapp repaired his injury. "We were fortunate that we were able to take the small strips of skin that were surviving after the injury and we were actually able to sew them together," said Dr. Kapp.

SPECIES: The incident involved a "four-foot black tipped reef shark".

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