



ACTIVITY: Snorkeling

CASE: GSAF 2011.08.18

DATE: Thursday August 18, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Sea of Japan at Zheltukhin Island on the south coast of Peter the Great Bay, Primorye (Far East), Russia. The site is some 60 kilometers (37 miles) north-east of the Vityaz incident, which took place less than 24 hours earlier.

NAME: Valery Sidorovich

DESCRIPTION: He is a 16-year-old male. He was wearing a wetsuit, mask and swim fins.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Air temperature: 13°C, humidity 97.7%, sea level pressure 1008.28 mb; wind speed 9 km/h with gusts to 11.52 km/h.

MOON PHASE:

ENVIRONMENT: Scientists from the Far Eastern Department of the Russian Academy of

Sciences say that sharks may have appeared near the south coast of Primorye at the end of summer because of a typhoon and a warm current. Alexander Sokolovsky, a Candidate of Biological Sciences, said that sharks appear in the waters near Cape Gamov in the middle of August and in the beginning of September every year, when the water is the warmest there.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 metres

NARRATIVE: . Valery and his friends were vacationing on the island. He was diving for scallops when the shark grabbed his leg. A witness, Anna Matveeva, said he suddenly cried out and started waving his mask. "The shark attempted to drag him below the surface twice," she said.

FIRST AID: Fortunately there was a vacationing medical student on the island who provided first aid. Then Valery was taken by boat to the hospital.

INJURIES: Lacerations to hip and legs.

TREATMENT: He underwent surgery in Vladivostok.

SPECIES: Several white sharks were seen in the area during the past few years, including a two-metre white shark caught in 2007.

SOURCES: <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20110818/165886838.html>
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