



**ACTIVITY:** jumping waves

**CASE:** [GSAF 2011.09.24.a](#)

**DATE:** Saturday September 24, 2011

**LOCATION:** The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off 55th Avenue, North. Ocean Boulevard in North Myrtle Beach.

**NAME:** Isaac O'Hara

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a five-year-old male from Walkersville, Maryland. He was wearing swim trunks decorated with images of sharks.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** At 09h53, North Myrtle Beach recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 79°F, dew point 73.9°F, humidity 84%, sea level pressure 29.97 inches and wind direction was North at 3.5 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 11% of the Moon is visible. New Moon, September 27, 2011.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** 100 yards

**TIME:** 10h00

**NARRATIVE:** "We had gone out around 9:30 a.m. to jump waves for a while," said Tom Gilbert, Isaac's granddad. "We were heading back when Isaac started yelling and said his leg hurt. He looked to the right and saw some fins headed back into the ocean."



**INJURY:** Tom Gilbert said the wound looked to be 4 inches long and 1½ inch to 2 inches deep. “You can see the perfect bite on his upper thigh around his knee on his left leg and upper thigh above his knee,” said Isaac’s mother, Erin O’Hara.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** His grandfather took a T-shirt and placed it on the wound to stop the bleeding. Isaac was taken by ambulance to Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, where he underwent a two-hour surgery to repair the injury.

**SOURCES:** Facebook & Charlotte Observer,  
<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/09/26/2642165/boy-5-bitten-by-shark-at-n-myrtle.html#ixzz1Zk4yqHXB>