

**ACTIVITY:** Scuba diving

**CASE:** [GSAF 2011.10.19](#)

**DATE:** Wednesday October 19, 2011

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in Port Phillip Bay off Elwood Beach, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

*37°52'73"S, 144°58'88"E*

**NAME:** Andrew Houston

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 49- or 50-year-old male from Malvern East.



### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 16h00, Melbourne airport recorded clear skies. The air temperature was 82.4°F, dew point 48.2°F, humidity 30%, sea level pressure 30.18inches, and wind direction was North at 21.9 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 61% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, October 20, 2011.

**TIME:** 16h00



*Andrew Houston*

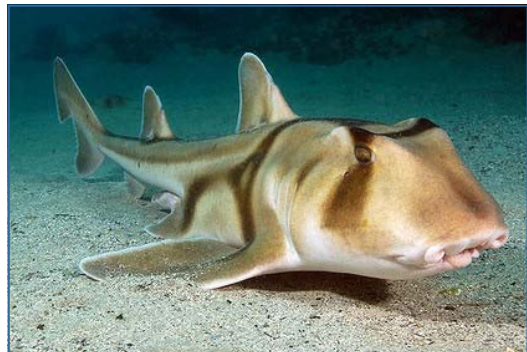
**NARRATIVE:** Houston was swimming to shore when the small shark attached itself to his leg. It took him 10 minutes to swim to shore, where he battled for another 10 minutes to dislodge the shark. The shark eventually gave in and Mr Houston threw it back in the water.



*The shark that bit Mr. Houston*

**INJURY:** There was a small bruise on his right calf.

**FIRST AID / TREATMENT:** Advanced life support paramedics from Caulfield were called to his aid near the corner of Marine Parade and Glen Huntly Road just before 4.30pm. "As we assessed him we found that there wasn't any damage to his wetsuit but he did have a small bruise to his calf," said Paramedic Jim Coates.



*Port Jackson sharks are a common sight in the bay.*

**SPECIES:** The incident involved a Port Jackson shark about one metre in length.

**SOURCES:** Herald Sun, October 19, 2011, <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/more-news/man-bitten-by-shark-at-elwood-beach/story-fn7x8me2-1226170943972>

The Age, October 20, 2011, <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/shark-attack-shock-just-a-case-of-fish-n-nips-20111020-1m8oe.html>