

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.12.11

DATE: Sunday December 11, 2011

LOCATION: Back Beach at Angourie, New South Wales, Australia.

NAME: Steve King

DESCRIPTION: He is a 51-year-old male and he was wearing a wetsuit.

SURFBOARD: A 6'6" Cal-Liddle yellow surfboard with four white fins.



Back Beach, Angourie

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 05h00, Evans Head recorded an air temperature of 64°F, dew point 63°F, humidity 95%, sea level pressure 29.69 inches, and wind direction WNW at 2.3 mph.

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, December 11, 2011

SEA CONDITIONS: A one-and-a-half-metre swell was running.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 150 metres

TIME: 05h45

NARRATIVE: "My mate had just caught a wave in. When the next set came through I started paddling down the face of the wave. As I went to stand up, I got hit from behind on the right-hand side. The force of the bang launched me forward through the air where I started cart-wheeling as I came down closer to the water. For a brief second I thought a dolphin had hit me then I quickly realised dolphins don't do that sort of thing. As I turned around to grab the board I saw something brown swirling underneath it. The next minute the yellow chunk bitten from the board was then spat back out from under the water."

King paddled and caught the next wave to shore.

INJURY: Five shallow lacerations to his right thigh.

SPECIES: Department of Primary Industries shark biologist Dr. Vic Peddemors determined that a white shark between 2.4m and 2.6m in length was involved in this incident.

SOURCES: New South Wales Police, December 11, 2011, http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/news/latest_releases?sq_content_src=%2BdXJsPWh0dHBzJTnBJTJGJTJGd3d3LmViaXoucG9saWNILm5zdy5nb3YuYXUIMkZtZWRpYSUyRjIwNDlyLm5h0bWwmYWxsPTE%3D

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Angourie surfer Steve King with the surfboard the shark took a bite out of while surfing at back beach Angourie on Sunday morning.



*Puncture marks in King's wetsuit
Photos by Debrah Novak, Daily Examiner*



The Cal-Liddle 6'6" board with the piece missing. Photo by Debrah Novak, Daily Examiner



Steve King's custom board after an altercation with a shark at Angouries' Back Beach



Mr King sustained five puncture wounds to his leg.