

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2012.02.20

DATE: Monday February 20, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in False Bay off Strandfontein, Western Cape Province, South Africa.



Chad Battle

Kevin Overmeyer

BOAT: An inflatable boat, eight metres in length with a width of three metres. The boat is owned by Kevin Overmeyer and Chad Battle who operate a tour company: CKAT Coastal Adventures.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 2% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, February 22, 2012.

ENVIRONMENT: Strandfontein is located eight km east of Muizenberg on the northern shore of False Bay.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Two miles

NARRATIVE: The crew was fishing for smoothhound sharks, a species preyed upon by white sharks. One of the crew had just pulled a smoothhound shark on to the boat when a white shark spyhopped and bit the boat. The shark's teeth punctured the boat and the shark held on and thrashed for more than a minute. The boat's owners pulled the anchor and motored out of the area, and put into Kalk Bay.



Smoothhound shark, *Mustelus mustelus*

INJURY: No injury to occupants

DAMAGE: The boat sustained a gash about half a metre in length. A number of the shark's teeth were found in the boat's hull.

SPECIES: Battle said the incident involved a white shark about seven metres in length.

SOURCE: Cape Argus, February 21, 2012,

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/western-cape/fishing-boat-attacked-by-great-white-1.1239251>