

**ACTIVITY:** Kitesurfing

**CASE:** GSAF 2012.03.04

**DATE:** Sunday March 4, 2012

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Playlinda Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Justin Worrall

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 19-year-old male from Orlando.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 12h55, Cocoa Beach recorded partly cloudy skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 63.3°F, dew point 41.5°F, humidity 45%, sea level pressure 30.03 inches, and wind direction was NW at 13.8 mph with gusts to 21.9 mph.

**MOON PHASE:** Waxing Gibbous, 83% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, March 8, 2012.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Playalinda is located at the southern tip of the Canaveral National Seashore. In the previous few days surf fishermen reported that sharks were taking their bait more often than fish.

**DISTANCE FROM SHORE:** He was out past the break.

**TIME:** Around 13h00

**NARRATIVE:** "I felt a pinch, a pull and a pain. I felt something pull my leg, then I looked back and saw a fin," he said. "I was kiting so I was able to ride back in pretty fast."

**INJURY:** The teen's left calf was bitten. There were two sets of teeth marks, 22 in all.

**TREATMENT:** Paramedics transported him to Parrish Medical Center in Titusville for evaluation and treatment. Three stitches were required and he was released 4.5 hours after arrival.

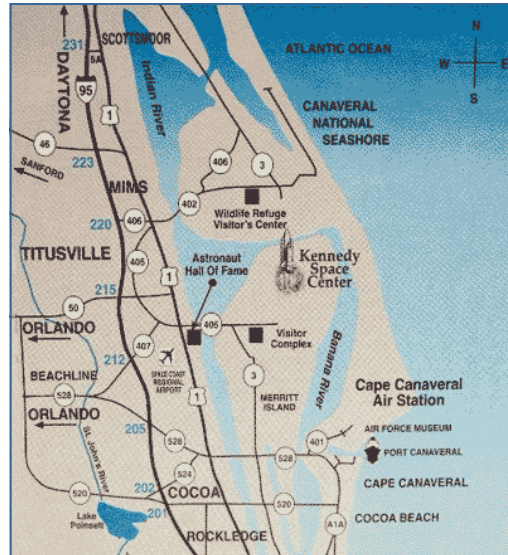
**SPECIES:** According to the teen, the incident involved a shark 4.5 feet in length.

**SOURCES:** Orlando Sentinel, March 4, 2012,

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*Justin Worrall*