

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2012.03.24

DATE: Saturday March 24, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Joey Coppola

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 12h47, New Smyrna Beach recorded scattered clouds and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 82.4°F, dew point 66.2°F, humidity 58%, sea level pressure 29.99 inches and wind direction was SSW at 9.2 mph, with gusts to 16.1 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 4% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, March 23, 2012.

ENVIRONMENT: March is an active shark month off Volusia County beaches, as temperatures warm up and sharks begin migrating north.

DEPTH OF WATER: Waist-deep

TIME: 14h00

NARRATIVE: No details, except that the accident took place near the South Jetty at Ponce de Leon Inlet.

INJURY: The surfer sustain minor lacerations to his foot.

TREATMENT: He was treated on the scene but declined transport to Bert Fish Medical Center. Beach Patrol Capt. Tammy Marris said Coppola was planning on driving himself (or having a friend drive him) to the hospital for treatment.

SPECIES: Not identified by the surfer.

SOURCE: Henry Frederick, March 24, 2012, <http://nsbnews.net/content/408747-surfer-bitten-shark-new-smyrna-beach>

