

ACTIVITY: Kayak fishing

CASE: GSAF 2012.05.20

DATE: Sunday May 20, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in Marmala Bay off Iroquois Point, Honolulu County, Oahu, Hawaii, United States.

21°19'46"N, 157°58'51"W

NAME: Jerry Gallardo

KAYAK: Yellow fiberglass kayak, 12 feet in length, with amas (outriggers).

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: New Moon, May 20, 2012

ENVIRONMENT: The area from Iroquois Point to Hickam Sandbar is said to be "loaded with big guys in grey suits because manta rays, which are a great dinner for tiger sharks, populate the sandbar."

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Two miles

DEPTH: 80 feet, but incident took place at the surface.

TIME: Morning

NARRATIVE: Jerry Gallardo was bottom fishing with his father, Dennis, when a shark bit down the kayak. The amas prevented the kayak from tipping over. Dennis whacked the shark with a pole and it swam away. The kayakers moved to shallower water and continued fishing.

INJURY: No injury

DAMAGE TO KAYAK: There were tracks of teeth marks on the hull of the kayak.

SPECIES: The incident involved a tiger shark, estimated to be eight to nine feet in length.

SOURCE: Hawaii News Now, May 25, 2012,
<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/18629395/shark-attacks-kayak>



Jerry Gallardo





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