

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2012.08.11

DATE: August 11, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean off Ocean Reef, Western Australia.

31.752°S, 115.735°E



BOAT: A dinghy, one of a flotilla of three fishing boats.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The air temperature was 16°C, dew point 15.5°C, humidity 97%, sea level pressure 1015hPa, wind direction NNE 8km/h with gusts to 13km/h.

MOON PHASE: Last Quarter, 37% of the Moon was illuminated.

ENVIRONMENT: Ocean Reef is a northern suburb of Perth. It is located within the city of Joondalup.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Four kilometres

TIME: 12h00

NARRATIVE: The fishermen had burley (chum) in the water when the shark grabbed their outboard motor. The motor fell into the water but it is not clear if the shark pulled it free or loosened it and it toppled into the sea. None of the dinghy's occupants were injured, the men made a report to Water Police, and fellow boaters towed the dinghy to shore.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was said to be 4.5 metres in length.

SOURCE: Nicole Cox, Perth Now, August 11, 2012,
<http://www.perthnow.com.au/news/western-australia/shark-attacks-fishing-boat/story-e6frg13u-1226448217773>