

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2012.09.25

DATE: Tuesday September 25, 2012

LOCATION: The accident occurred in the Atlantic Ocean near Whitey's Fishing Outfitters, 9030 South Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Brandon Taylor

DESCRIPTION: He is a 21-year-old male from Vero Lake Estates.

SURFBOARD: He was using a 5'11" board. The upper surface was white.



Nick Hopkins (left) helps Brandon Taylor wrap bandages around his arm Wednesday afternoon at Taylor's home in Vero Lake Estates.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 16h53, Melbourne recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility.

The air temperature was 84.9°F, dew point 61°F, humidity 44%, sea level pressure 30.05 inches and wind direction was NNE at 6.9 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 80% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, September 29, 2012.

ENVIRONMENT: The accident site is two miles north of Sebastian Inlet.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 25 yards

TIME: 16h30 or 17h00

NARRATIVE: Nick Hopkins and Brandon Taylor had entered the water moments earlier. Taylor started paddling over a deep channel when the shark swam up beneath his board and bit his arm. He shouted to Hopkins and the men returned to shore.



Brandon Taylor

INJURY: He sustained three lacerations to his left forearm.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Hopkins wrapped his leash around his Taylor's arm to control bleeding and they called 911. They got into a car and drove to the Fire Rescue station on the Wabasso Causeway where Paramedics cleaned the wound and took Taylor to Sebastian River Medical Center, The injury was repaired with 18 stitches.

SPECIES: Not identified, but according to Taylor the shark was approximately five feet in length

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