

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing

CASE: [GSAF 2012.11.04.b](#)

DATE: Sunday November 4, 2012

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Pacific Ocean off the Waieha Golf Course, Maui, Hawaii, USA.

NAME: Marc Riglos

DESCRIPTION: He is a 30-year-old male from Kahului, an electrician.



BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 08h54, Kahului recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperatures was 79°F, dew point 66°F, sea level pressure 30.01 inches and there was no wind.

MOON PHASE: Waning Gibbous, 70% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 29, 2012.

SEA CONDITIONS: The water was said to be turbid.

ENVIRONMENT: The Maui Roi Round-up was initiated as a grassroots effort by local divers in 2008 due to concerns about introduced invasive fish that were posing a threat to coral reefs and the endemic marine life they support. The tournaments gather together local divers who want to help remove roi, to'au, and ta'ape – all three species were introduced to Hawaiian waters in the 1950s, but became invasive over time with no viable market for buying or selling them, and a fear of ciguatera poisoning associated with roi consumption. Sunday's event was the eighth tournament in five years that was hosted by the Maui Roi Round-up committee.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 300 to 500 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: 10 to 15 feet

TIME: "Just before 08h30"



Marc Riglos

NARRATIVE: Marc and his dive buddy were participating in the 2012 Roi Roundup dive tournament. No turtles were observed and no fish had been speared when Marc felt something bite and then pull him under. "I turned around and look – what the hell is that? A big tiger (shark) chomping on my fin," said Riglos. Instinct took over. "I started whacking him with my hand," said Riglos. "I was scared. Thought I was going to die out there." The shark soon disappeared.

The beach had been closed from Round Table to the Paukukalo River Mouth after 08h00 on Sunday. Maui County Ocean Safety and the Department of Land and Natural Resources evaluated the area and opened the beach at 11h00 Monday.

INJURY: Right lower leg and foot bitten. Severe lacerations to his right leg above the ankle, and broken bones.

SPECIES: According to the diver, the incident involved a tiger shark, 12 to 15 feet in length.

SOURCES: Hawaii News Now, November 5, 2012,
<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/20010243/shark-attack-survivor-recounts-frightening-ordeal>

KITV.com, November 8, 2012, <http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/EXCLUSIVE-Maui-shark-bite-victim-speaks/-/8905354/17332626/-/e5id9tz/-/index.html>

Maui Now, December 6, 2012,
<http://mauinow.com/2012/12/06/analysis-whats-with-all-the-shark-attacks/>

