

**ACTIVITY:** Dragging a shark to deeper water

**CASE:** [GSAF 2013.01.21.R](#)

**DATE:** Reported January 21, 2013

**LOCATION:** The incident took place at Bulcock Beach, Queensland, Australia. Bullock Beach is 55 miles (88km) north of Brisbane.

**NAME:** Paul Marshallsea

**DESCRIPTION:** He is a 62-year-old male, a visitor from Merthyr Tydfil, Wales.



*Paul Marshallsea*

**NARRATIVE:** Paul Marshallsea sprang into action when an alarm rang that a shark was in the water. He ignored calls from lifeguards on the beach to steer clear of the shark. He grabbed the shark by its tail and yanked it away from swimmers. Two other men helped him. "We got hold of its tail and pulled with all our might to get the shark back into deep enough water so that the poor thing could survive," said. "But the trouble was when we got the shark to just over knee deep it then turned on us and just missed me with a bite which was a fraction away from my leg." The incident was captured on camera.

**INJURY:** No injury. At best, this is a provoked incident. The shark didn't bite Mr. Marshallsea, it just snapped at him as he was attempting to drag it shark into deeper water. Nevertheless, the images went viral over the internet as a "shark attack".

**SPECIES:** A blue shark, about two metres in length

**SOURCE:** John Richardson, The Guardian, January 21, 2013



*The blue shark, [Prionace glauca](#), in the shallows.*