

**ACTIVITY:** Documentary filming  
**CASE:** GSAF 2014.00.00  
**DATE:** 2014  
**LOCATION:** Stewart Island, New Zealand.

**BOAT:** Dinghy  
**OCCUPANTS:** Jeff Kurr and Andy Casagrande

**NARRATIVE:** A film crew was shooting footage for the Discovery Channel Documentary "Lair of the Megashark" when a white shark nudged their dinghy and tried to bite the line that tethered the small boat to another vessel. The shark submerged then the same shark, or another white shark attempted to get the bait attached to the main rig.

Images of the footage have been posted online by groups seeking to ban shark diving as they think it's causing sharks to associate humans and boats with food. While it has long been observed in many areas of the world where sharks are routinely fed, that the sharks have learned/been conditioned to associate the sound of boat motor with food, to date there is no evidence that the sharks associate that sound with humans.

However, sharks which are hand-fed by divemasters may well associate the human form with food and present a significant threat to other humans they subsequently encounter: swimmers, snorkelers, divers (see GSAF).

**INJURY:** No injury to occupants.

**DAMAGE TO DINGHY:** See image at right.

**SPECIES:** White shark, six metres in length.



*The dinghy sustained some damage*