



**ACTIVITY:** Kite Boarding

**CASE:** [GSAF 2014.03.22.a](#)

**DATE:** Saturday March 22, 2014

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean at Delray Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Kurt Hoffman

**DESCRIPTION:** He is the owner of The Kite Doctor, a company that repairs damaged kiteboarding kites.

## **BACKGROUND**

**MOON PHASE:** Waning Gibbous, 65% of the Moon is Illuminated. Last Quarter, March 23, 2014.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Thousands of blacktip and spinner sharks were migrating northwards from their winter homes off Broward and Palm Beach County, and many were swimming close to shore.

**TIME:** Morning

**NARRATIVE:** Kurt Hoffman was dragging his arm in the water from his kite board when he suddenly felt pressure on his arm. "It was less than a second," he said. "It was a hit and a release. It felt like a bear trap. I pulled myself in pretty much like a rocket. And I pulled my feet up because I didn't want to get bitten again. All I see is blood running down my arm. I yelled 'Shark bite! A shark bit me!'"

**INJURY:** The man sustained a seven-inch-wide arc consisting of 15 to 18 lacerations and

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puncture wounds to his left forearm.

**TREATMENT:** His wife drove him to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach where his injuries were treated and he was given antibiotics.

**SOURCE:** <http://www.wpbfl.com/news/delray-kite-boarder-bitten-by-shark/25110578#!A7CVa>; Jamel Lane, March 24, 2014, The Spot, <http://www.kshb.com/entertainment/38-the-spot-kmci/weird-news/shark-attacks-kite-surfer>