



ACTIVITY: Boogie boarding

CASE: [GSAF 2015.06.11](#)

DATE: Thursday June 11, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Monroe Street, Ocean Isle Beach, Brunswick County, North Carolina, USA.

33°53'12.35"N. 78°25'56.33"W

NAME: Unknown

DESCRIPTION: A 13-year-old female.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 12h53, KCRE (the nearest airport to Ocean Isle Beach) recorded clear skies and 10-mile visibility. The air temperature was 84°F, heat index 91.9°F, dew point 75°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 30.06 inches and wind direction was South at 13.8 mph

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 28% of the Moon was illuminated. Last Quarter, June 9, 2015.

ENVIRONMENT: The incident took place



340 yards from the Ocean Isle Pier.

TIME: The incident was reported at 12h40.

NARRATIVE: When the girl saw the shark she kicked it away. "She wobbled out [of the water]and left the boogie board and [the shark] just went at the boogie board," said witness Alexa Whittemore

INJURY: Three to four minor lacerations to right foot around the big toe.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was reported to be about four feet long. On June 29, 2015, Professor Roger Rulifson of East Carolina University said that there have been reports of small baitfish coming close to shore this summer and large numbers of sea turtles along the coast, both of which sharks prey upon. He also mentioned that he recently vacationed at Ocean Isle Beach and was unintentionally catching small blacktip sharks with minnows in an inlet on the island's west end. He noted that this is the time of year when blacktip sharks move inshore to give birth to their pups, and added that in 2011 one of his graduate students found that bull sharks (one of the more aggressive shark species found in Carolina waters) have a nursery in the Pamlico Sound off the Outer Banks

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