



**ACTIVITY:** Fishing

**CASE:** GSAF 2015.12.13

**DATE:** Sunday December 13, 2015

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in Lake Macquarie off Gwandalan, New South Wales, Australia.

**BOAT:** A 6-metre boat.

**OCCUPANTS:** Stephen Crust, age 63, and his son, Andrew, age 36.



*Andrew and Stephen Crust with their 6m boat*

**BACKGROUND**

**ENVIRONMENT:** Lake Macquarie is Australia's largest coastal salt water lagoon, covering an area of 110 110 square kilometres and connected to the Tasman Sea by a short channel.

**TIME:** 10h30

**NARRATIVE:** Andrew Crust said the shark surfaced as he was leaning over the side of the boat washing his hands after berleying (chumming) near Pulbah Island. The shark, attracted by the chum in the water, repeatedly rammed the boat for about 20 minutes and bit the motor several times. Then Andrew hooked the shark with his heavy ocean gear, but the shark broke the line and disappeared.

**INJURY:** No injury to occupants

**SPECIES:** A white shark, estimated to be 3.5 metres in length.

**SOURCE:** Courier Mail, December 15, 2015

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/fisherman-hooks-35m-great-white-after-shark-rams-his-boat-for-20-minutes/news-story/5c553fcc451501abb75caa652e17cd09>

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*The white shark bites the outboard motor.*



*The white shark left teeth marks on the outboard motor*