

ACTIVITY: Kayaking fishing

CASE: **GSAF 2015.12.26**

DATE: Saturday December 26, 2015

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Indian Ocean off Westbrook Beach, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

29°35'38.60"S, 31°11'08.21"E

NAME: Grant Wardell

DESCRIPTION: A male from Durban North

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Full Moon, December 26, 2015

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 1.2 kilometers, beyond the shark nets.

TIME: Morning

NARRATIVE: Grant Wardell and his brother, Jamie, were fishing. "We were using live bait that we trawled behind our ski," said Grant. Suddenly, the shark

breached. "I saw the [the shark] coming out at me. It jumped straight out of the water, and went right past my nose!" Wardell says he was thrown in the water by the force of the impact of the shark on his boat. He says he clearly remembers seeing "the white of its under belly", before going in the water. "Although I don't even remember being *in* the water, I remember thinking to myself to get back on my boat as soon as possible." He jumped onto the bottom-side of his now-overturned kayak and regained his senses. Meanwhile, his brother had witnessed the entire ordeal from just metres away and helped him get back on his overturned kayak and right it. "The scariest moment for me was that I had to jump back into the water to turn the boat back around," said Grant.

Jamie still had his live bait trawling behind his ski, and while the two men were making their way back to shore, Grant says they "could see the fin of the shark following [them] again, only five metres away".

INJURY: No injury

SPECIES: Said to involve a white shark, three metres in length. Wardell said the shark left a tooth embedded in his kayak.

SOURCES: Northglen News

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