

ACTIVITY: Spearfishing

CASE: GSAF 2016.04.13

DATE: Wednesday April 13, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off Singer Island, Palm Beach County, Florida, USA.

NAME: Kyle Senkowicz

DESCRIPTION: A 26-year-old male from Delray Beach.

SUPPORT BOAT: A 25-foot boat named *Bullet*.

BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: Waxing Crescent, 45% of the Moon was illuminated. First Quarter, April 14, 2016.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: Two miles

DEPTH OF WATER: The diver was at a depth of 60 feet when he was bitten by the shark.

NARRATIVE: Kyle Senkowicz was spearfishing for cobia with three other spearfishermen and was reeling in a catch. "The shark came up on the side of me and I barely saw him out of my peripherals and grabbed on," said Senkowicz. "He did one or two thrashes and let go and took off. You're in their territory. I was spearfishing. I was ringing a dead dinner bell for the sharks. It's not the shark's fault. Obviously, he didn't want to eat me."



Kyle Senkowicz with mako shark

INJURY: Significant damage to right wrist, elbow and triceps

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: His friends helped him aboard the boat and brought him to Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. At the marina, they were met by an ambulance, which took him to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

SPECIES: A bull shark, seven feet in length.

SOURCES: Palm Beach Post, April 13, 2016

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/riviera-beach-fire-rescue-responding-to-shark-bite/nq47w/>

CBS Miami, April 13, 2016

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NOTE: This may have been a provoked incident.