



ACTIVITY: Kitesurfing
CASE: [GSAF 2016.06.02.a](#)
DATE: Thursday June 2, 2016
LOCATION: Côte-Blanche, Nouméa, New Caledonia.

NAME: Pierre de Rotalier

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: The sky was overcast, with SE winds varying from 12.7 to 15 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 13% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, June 5, 2016.

ENVIRONMENT: The constant trade winds at Côte-Blanche has made it popular with free-style kitesurfers.

TIME: Afternoon



Pierre de Rotalier

NARRATIVE: Pierre de Rotalier was sailing along the coast toward Noumea. “It was when I was gybing (turning) that the shark attacked me from behind. I was hit hard,” said Pierre de Rotalier. He swam towards the shore and was picked up by a boat.

INJURY: Part of the patient’s heel was torn off and his board was bitten.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Unknown, but the patient required hospitalization.

SPECIES: According the the kitesurfer the shark was in excess of three metres in length.

SOURCES: The Telegraph, June 3, 2016

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/03/kitesurfer-gets-heel-bitten-off-by-shark-off-new-caledonia/>

Les Nouvelles Caledoniennes, June 3, 2016

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