

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2016.07.08

DATE: Friday July 8, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place off Capitola, Santa Cruz County, California, USA.

BOAT: A 15-foot open boat with outboard motor seen at right.

OCCUPANT: Mark Davis

BACKGROUND

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: A quarter-mile.

NARRATIVE: Mark Davis was fishing for squid bait off Capitola when the shark attacked his boat. "It was a full on slam attack from down below. He came and hit the boat full speed and knocked it into the air. He wasn't fooling around, and I'm glad it didn't knock me out because I wouldn't have wanted to be in the water. He was aggressive and fired up," Davis said. Davis said the shark circled the boat for a while and even lifted it four feet into the air at one point. The shark eventually left and Davis went back to shore.

INJURY: No injury

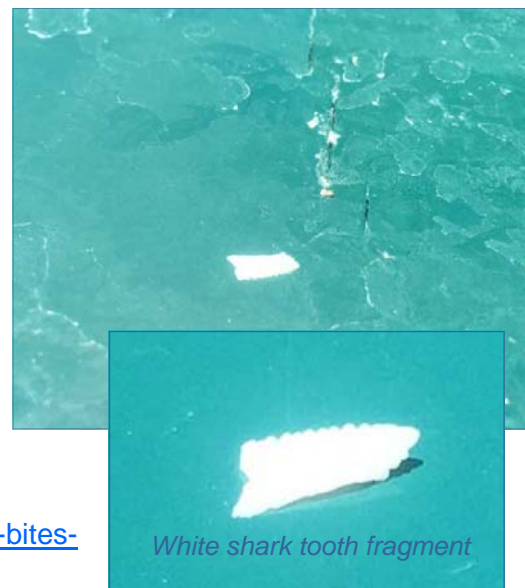
SPECIES: White shark. A tooth fragment from a white shark was recovered from the hull. Sean Van Sommeran, of the Pelagic Shark Research Foundation in Santa Cruz, said based on the teeth marks that were left on the boat's bow, he believes the white shark was at least 15 feet in length and weighed a ton and a half.

SOURCES: KSBW, July 11, 2016,

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White shark tooth fragment

