

Boucan Canot



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ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2016.08.17

DATE: Saturday August 27, 2016

LOCATION: The attack took place in the Indian Ocean at Boucan Canot on the west coast of Reunion Island.

NAME: Laurent Chardard

DESCRIPTION: A 21-year-old male.

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: At 17h00, St. Denis recorded a clear sky and 28 mile visibility. The air temperature was 75°F, dew point 60°F, humidity 51%, sea level pressure 30.19 inches and wind direction was SSW at 2.3 mph.

MOON PHASE: Waning Crescent, 26% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, September 1, 2016.

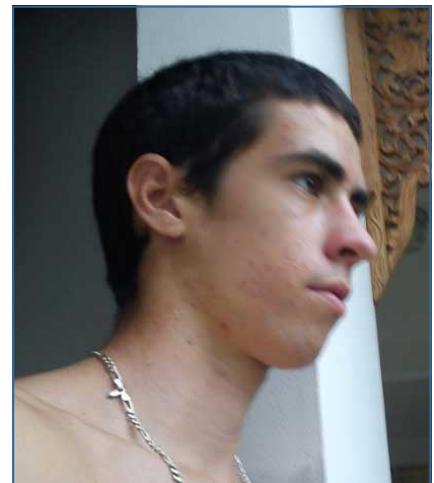
ENVIRONMENT: Water activities had been banned when a three-metre hole was found in the shark nets, and the red flag was flying.

TIME: 17h00

NARRATIVE: Laurent Chardard was in the midst of a group of a dozen surfers when he was attacked by a shark.

INJURIES: His right arm was severed at the shoulder and his ankle was severely bitten by the shark.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: Master Rescue swimmers Bertrand Babef and Vincent Rzepecki used a jet ski to retrieve the injured surfer. They fell twice in the rough sea during which Babef's ankle was broken. As the rescuers approached Chardard they saw a limb was missing. "The only words he managed to say in the water was 'Leave me,'" Babef said. "He



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felt like dying, I think. Life comes first. Our duty was to bring him in.” The brought Chardard to the beach where he was stabilized for an hour by doctors of the Field Service Emergency and Resuscitation (MUG) before being airlifted by helicopter to University Hospital Bellepierre in Saint-Denis. Both his arm and leg were surgically amputated at the hospital, and he was placed in a medically-induced coma until August 30, 2016.

Back in August 2015, Chardard rescued a drowning victim. By September 16, 2016, his community had raised 24,000 Euros to help pay for his prostheses.

SPECIES: Thought to involve a 3.5 metre bull shark. An attempt was made to catch the shark responsible and at 22h30 in front of Boucan Canot a 2,9 metre bull shark with mass of 200 kilograms was caught.

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