

**ACTIVITY:** Surfing

**CASE:** [GSAF 2016.08.29.b](#)

**DATE:** Monday August 29, 2016

**LOCATION:** The incident took place in the Atlantic Ocean on the Ponce Inlet side of the jetty at New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida, USA.

**NAME:** Sam Cumiskey

**DESCRIPTION:** A 25-year-old male from Edgewater. An experienced surfer, he has been surfing for a decade.

### BACKGROUND

**WEATHER:** At 14h47, New Smyrna Beach Municipal Airport recorded 10 miles visibility and mist. The air temperature was 86°F, heat index 96.9°F, dew point 77°F, humidity 74%, sea level pressure 29.98 inches and wind direction was ENE at 11.5 mph.

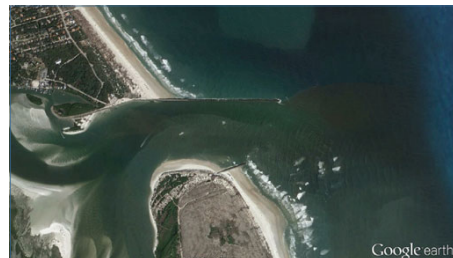
**MOON PHASE:** Waning Crescent, 8% of the Moon was illuminated. New Moon, September 1, 2016.

**DEPTH OF WATER:** Five feet

**TIME:** 15h00



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**NARRATIVE:** Sam Cumiskey usually surfs on the New Smyrna Beach side of the jetty, but on Monday he and his friends went to Ponce Inlet because the wind was better. He was riding his board when he jumped off. As he did so, his right foot was bitten by a shark. "It kind of felt like kicking a wall really hard, is a good way to describe it. Or a wall kicked me. I knew what was going on. It was a big... shark biting my foot," Cumiskey said. "He definitely bit and shook one or two times, just like, very quickly," Cumiskey said. He said his older brother was nipped by a shark a few years ago.

**INJURY:** Four tendons on the dorsal surface of his right foot were severed and he sustained severe lacerations to the sole.

**SPECIES:** According to the surfer, the incident involved a bull shark, six and a half feet in length.

**SOURCES:** News Channel 8, August 30, 2016

<http://wfla.com/2016/08/30/2-surfers-bitten-by-sharks-in-volusia-county/>

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