

ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2016.09.15.R

DATE: Reported September 15, 2016

LOCATION: The incident took place off Bunbury, Western Australia.

BOAT: A fiberglass sport fishing boat

OCCUPANT: Ben Stratton and a mate



Stratton shot the shark thrashing in the water using his phone.

NARRATIVE: Fisherman Ben Stratton was off Bunbury with a mate when a large shark rammed the boat, hitting it with enough force to lift it about a foot (30 cm) out of the water at the bow. The pair pulled up anchor and moved on. "It was not the best fishing spot we had seen all day, so we were happy to get out of there," Stratton said.

INJURY: No injury to occupants. Stratton said there was some damage to the fibreglass hull of the boat, including teeth marks of the shark.

SPECIES: Not identified.

SOURCE: The West Australian, September 15, 2016

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