



North Carolina Shark Attacks Project

Note: The following article describes a shark attack that occurred on August 10th, 1980, at Ocean Isle Beach in Brunswick County. The article appeared in *The Bulletin*, August 11th, 1980.

N.C. girl mauled by shark

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. (UPI) — Swimmers were barred from waters off Ocean Isle Beach today following a shark attack on a 10-year-old girl. But police said some swimmers ignored the warning.

Bad weather also forced state officials today to cancel a planned aerial search of the Brunswick County coast to search for prowling schools of sharks.

No other beaches along the coast were closed to swimming today.

Ocean Isle Beach police officer James Stewart reported a handful of persons ignored warnings and went swimming today in the surf.

On Sunday, a shark bit a 10-year-old girl, the first reported case of a shark attacking a person in North Carolina this summer. No other incidents of shark attacks or sightings were reported by state or local officials along the lower Atlantic coast.

The injured girl, Susan Waters of Greensboro, N.C., was wading in about 2 feet of water when she suffered two bites on one of her legs.

She was examined at Brunswick County hospital and then taken to New Hanover Memorial hospital in nearby Wilmington.