



## North Carolina Shark Attacks Project

Note: The following is an article that describes a shark attack that occurred on June 26th, 1812, in the Cape Fear River at Smithville, which is today known as Southport, in Brunswick County. This article appeared in the *Carolina Gazette*, July 18th, 1812.

SMITHVILLE, July 2.  
On the 26th ult. part of the crew of Gun-Boat No. 7, went on shore in a boat for the purpose of bathing, when one of the best swimmers suddenly sunk and rose no more, supposed to be taken by a shark—a very large one was frequently seen that day.