

Annotated List of Shark Attacks in the Hawaiian Islands—July 1987

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Case No.	Date	Location	Victim	Circumstances
1*	1779	Maiu, Hawai'i	Nu'u-anu-pa'ahu	Young male gashed on one side of buttocks after being pursued while surfboarding. Subsequently suffered "great pain" and died at Pololu.
2*	1828	Lahaina, Maui	Male	"A man out riding surf at 'Uo was killed by a shark which bit off his limbs and left his body floating." Attack witnessed by a number of Hawaiian chiefs.
3*	June 2, 1886	Hamakua, Hawai'i	Two females	Washed into the sea while fishing from shore; one woman found bitten (fatal), the other woman disappeared.
4	Early 1900's	Inter-Island Dry Dock at Kaka'aka Street, Honolulu, O'ahu	Emil A. Berndt	Young boy severely chaffed when a large shark swam between his legs.
5*	Aug. 8, 1902	Kalihi, O'ahu	Young male	Pulled under while crabbing; both arms amputated.
6*	1904	Honolulu, O'ahu	Male	Unprovoked attack, but unable to determine circumstances.
7*	1907	Pepe'ekeo, Honomu, Hawai'i	Male	Bitten while fishing.
8	Oct. 8, 1907	Kalepolepo, Kihei, Maui	Male	Arm amputated at the elbow while retrieving fish caught in net.
9*	Jan. 17, 1908	Mana, Kaua'i	Male	Pulled under while gathering fish stunned by dynamite.
10*	Apr. 10, 1909	Pa'uwela, Maui	Mrs. Ah Kim Chong	Nineteen-year-old woman reported to have been swept away by waves while gathering 'opihī along the rocky shoreline. Search party saw a large shark devour what appeared to be part of the missing woman's body.
11	April 1910	Pearl Harbor, O'ahu	Martin Lund	Unprovoked attack, but unable to determine circumstances.
12*	1910	Hilo, Hawai'i	Male	Bitten while fishing.
13*	March 3, 1914	Honomu, Hawai'i	Okomoto	Washed into the sea while picking 'opihī; attacked by two large sharks.
14	Sept. 28, 1922	Keawanui, Kamalo, Moloka'i	Male	Bitten while inspecting wharf.
15	April 7, 1926	Hilo Bay, Hawai'i	Mrs. Leonard Carlsmith	Bitten while swimming in turbid water near yacht club; severe lacerations on leg; 6-ft shark observed in area.
16*	May 18, 1926	Hale'iwa, O'ahu	William J. Goins	Gave a sudden shriek, then disappeared while swimming at Hale'iwa; remains of body found in 12.5-ft great white shark caught at Kahuku.
17*	Sept. 2, 1931	Kahala, O'ahu	George Gaspar	Swept out to sea by strong currents while fishing; remains of body found in 18-ft shark caught off Barber's Point.

18	Feb. 16, 1932	Lahaina, Maui	Male	Sailor from U.S. Navy vessel SARATOGA bitten while swimming about 1 mile off Mala Wharf. Two wounds, each 5 inches long, were inflicted.
19	Oct. 4, 1939	Kane'ohe Bay, Mokapu, O'ahu	James Akina	Bitten on hand by 5-ft shark while spearfishing in shallow water.
20	July 1, 1941	Nanakuli, O'ahu	Hisao Shimoto	Bitten on arm while removing 100-lb shark from fishing line.
21*	June 1943 (?)	Ma'alaea, Maui	Maie	Soldier's shorts and an arm recovered from a shark caught at Ma'alaea. Items seen at the 22nd Army hospital in Makawao.
22	1943	Midway, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands	Male	Unprovoked attack, but unable to determine circumstances.
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24	June 27, 1947	Makaha, O'ahu	Valentine Limauc	Bitten while spearfishing with six other men.
25	Sept. 19, 1948	Makapu'u, O'ahu	Noah Kalama	Bitten on leg while swimming.
26*	June 25, 1951	Kapehu Beach, Laupahoehoe, Hawai'i	Alejandro Nodura	Swept out to sea while fishing from shore. Victim seen in shark's mouth.
27*	Aug. 3, 1952	Ala Moana, O'ahu	Shigeichi Kawamura	Missing while swimming. Shark bite found on right side of body.
28*	Dec. 3, 1952	Ma'ili, O'ahu	Gerbacio Solano	Bitten on arm while swimming from fishing boat; shark reported to be in excess of 22 ft.
29	Feb. 18, 1953	Barber's Point, O'ahu	James S. Takeuchi	Bitten on hand while removing shark from net.
30	July 4, 1953	Ka'ula Rock	David Crick	Fell off boat while fishing; bitten on leg.
31*	Apr. 15, 1953	O'ahu	Leonard Gaut	Unprovoked attack, but unable to determine circumstances.
32*	July 26, 1953	Ma'ili, O'ahu	Harold Souza	Bitten on thigh while spearfishing close to shore; 10-ft shark observed.
33	Sept. 2, 1953	Waiuu, Pearl Harbor, O'ahu	Daniel Gonsalves	Bitten on leg and foot by 5-ft hammerhead shark while crabbing.
34*	Apr. 8, 1954	Wailupe, O'ahu	Gordon S. Chun	Missing while fishing from shore; body recovered in mutilated condition.
35	1954	Moloka'i	Severno	Unprovoked attack, but unable to determine circumstances.
36	April 1955	Hilo, Hawai'i	Kanematsu Oshiro	Bitten on hand while fishing from boat.
37	Sept. 20, 1955	East Moioka'i	Phillip C. Diez	Bitten on arm while swimming.
38*	Dec. 13, 1958	Lanikai, O'ahu	William S. Weaver	Leg amputated while surfing on an air mattress near Twin Islands; 15- to 25-ft shark (believed to be tiger shark) observed near body.
39	1950's	Waikiki, O'ahu	David Lloyd	Provoked attack, but unable to determine circumstances.
40	Feb. 27, 1960	Makena, Maui	John Benjamin	Severe lacerations obtained while spearfishing.
41*	Dec. 27, 1960	Ma'ili Point, O'ahu	Harold Riley	Swept out to sea while net fishing; 20-ft shark observed attacking victim; body recovered off Nanakuli.
42	Aug. 2, 1961	Pearl Harbor, O'ahu	Kazuhiko Kato	Bitten on hand by 8-ft shark while net fishing.
43*	Apr. 8, 1963	Hapuna Beach, Hawai'i	Roy C. Kametani	Washed into the sea while picking 'opih; parts of body recovered.
44	Apr. 12, 1963	Awili, South Kona, Hawai'i	Aiona Aka	Bitten on leg and foot while surfing; 12- to 15-ft shark observed.
45*	Sept. 20, 1967	Kailua, Bay, O'ahu	Maie	Victim lost at sea when boat capsized between O'ahu and Moloka'i; remains of body found in 11-ft tiger shark.
46	March 9, 1969	Makaha, O'ahu	Lcius Lee	Bitten on leg while surfing; identified as great white shark; dead whale recently removed from the area.
47	Nov. 11, 1969	Barber's Point, O'ahu	D. R. McGinnis	Bitten on tank while scuba diving; abrasions on arms and legs resulting from contact with shark.
48*	1960's (?)	Off Lahaina, Maui	Danson Nakama	Passed out while scuba diving for black coral at 180 ft. About 30 large sharks seen near remains of the body.
49*	Mar. 31, 1970	Waimea Bay, O'ahu	Ernie Reathaford	Swept out to sea while body surfing; 15- to 18-ft shark observed.

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50	Oct. 24, 1970	Brennecke Beach, Poipu, Kaua'i	James C. Mattan	Bitten on snoulder and arm while body surfing.
51	Mar. 16, 1972	Waihe'e, Wailuku, Maui	Adam Gomes, Jr.	Bitten on leg while spearfishing.
52	Aug. 17, 1972	Waimanu, Honoka'a, Hawai'i	Eric Fotherby	Bitten on arm by 8-ft shark while spearfishing.
53	Jan. 9, 1973	Ho'okipa Beach, Pa'ia, Maui	Robert Sterling	Bitten on leg while surfing close to shore; 4- to 6-ft shark observed in area.
54	Dec. 18, 1973	Kalama Beach, Kihei, Maui	Gary W. Floyd	Bitten on leg while swimming close to shore.
55*	June 10, 1976	Kama'ole Beach Park No. 1, Kihei, Maui	Donald Gard	Bitten on foot and leg by 3- to 5-ft shark while swimming.
56*	July 20, 1976	Maha'ulepu, Koloa, Kaua'i	Stephen C. Powell	Missing while scuba diving; lower remains of body recovered.
57	Apr. 21, 1977	Ka'anapali, Maui	Ruskin Vest	Bitten on arm by 4-ft shark while swimming close to shore.
58	Nov. 27, 1978	'Ewa, O'ahu	Wendell Cabunoc	Bitten on arm while surfing; 8-ft shark observed.
59*	1979 (?)	South Kohala, Hawai'i	Elderly male	Disappeared while fishing from shore. Fire department divers only found a hand and a flashlight.
60	Aug. 4, 1980	Puamana, Lahaina, Maui	Mark Skidgel	Bitten on left side of body while surfing close to shore; identified as 14-ft tiger shark.
61*	May 24, 1981	Ha'ena Beach Park, Kaua'i	Roger B. Garletts	Missing while scuba diving at 60- to 80-ft; only diving equipment recovered, including shredded wet suit bearing numerous tooth marks. Victim reportedly spearfishing in murky, choppy water.
62*	June 12, 1982	Honoli'i Pali, Hilo Bay ('Alae Point), Hawai'i	Preston D. Soley	Retrieval of floating body hindered by 4-ft shark. Autopsy showed that death was probably from drowning. One-third of body missing due to bites by at least four sharks.
63*	Aug. 24, 1981	Keaukaha, Hilo, Hawai'i	Ernest Watson	Disappeared while fishing from shore. Leg found seven days later wedged in rocks 150 yd offshore.
64	Nov. 9, 1981	La'au Point, Moloka'i	Leo A. Ohai	Bitten on hand while untangling crab-trap line from propeller. Seven-foot shark had followed the boat for three days and reportedly was very unusual looking with a "flat head."
65	Dec. 13, 1981	Nimitz Beach, Barber's Point, O'ahu	Meivin T. Toma	Severely bitten on right leg by 12-ft tiger shark while swimming at the surface shortly after entering water; site located 300-400 yd offshore over depth of 20 ft. Looking for fish, but none had been taken when attack occurred.
66	Feb. 14, 1982	White Plains Beach, Barber's Point, O'ahu	Lisa Miller	Bitten on left leg while wading in 3- to 4-ft of water; 17 stitches required.
67	Feb. 14, 1982	White Plains Beach, Barber's Point, O'ahu	Female	Bitten on right foot while swimming in shallow water.
68	June 13, 1982	Ho'okipa Beach, Pa'ia, Maui	Scott Shoemaker	Severely bitten three times on the thigh after falling into water while sailboarding 100 yd outside the breakers. Required 120 stitches.
69	June 3, 1984	Kane'ohe Bay, O'ahu	Susan Buecher	Bitten on the foot while being pulled on a plastic ski board by a swimmer. Incident happened at 1700' in water 5-ft deep, about 400 yd from shore. Numerous stitches and a cast required.
70	Oct. 12, 1985	Barber's Point, O'ahu	Dominic Dela Cruz	Severe gashes to left arm requiring surgery. Attack occurred off Barber's Point Lighthouse while floating on an inner tube after diving for lobster.
71	Oct. 18, 1985	Princeville, Kaua'i	Joe Thompson	Right hand and forearm amputated by a large shark while boogie-boarding. Believed to be a tiger shark.
72*	Apr. 20, 1986	Kalihiwai, Kaua'i	Levi Chandler	Fell from rocks and disappeared while fishing at Kalihiwai Point. Pieces of clothing and human flesh were recovered by fire department divers who encountered a large shark.
73*	Apr. 15, 1987	Kailua-Kona,	Daniel Kennedy	Last seen swimming from shore out to an anchored sailboat. Swimming trunks found bitten in half on the bottom.

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