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## **National Park Service News Release**

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### **Visitor Injured from Shark Bite While Swimming on Ocracoke Island, NC**

Ocracoke, NC – Around 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, the National Park Service (NPS) received a report from the Hyde County Sheriff's Department Dispatch that Ocracoke EMS, Ocracoke Volunteer Fire Department first responders, Hyde County Sheriff's Officers, NPS rangers and NPS lifeguards were responding to an injured person on the beach near Ocracoke lifeguarded beach.

Rescue Squad first responders and NPS Rangers and lifeguards responded and found a 68 year old male who had sustained injuries from a shark. He had been swimming in about 25- 30 feet offshore in about waist-deep water with his adult son. There were no other swimmers injured. The victim received various injuries to his left lower torso and hip, lower left leg, and both hands. He was treated at the scene and then transported by ambulance to the Ocracoke Airport for transport by East Care Airflight to Pitt Memorial, in Greenville, NC for further care.

There are many inherent dangers while swimming in ocean or sound waters. Swimmers are advised to be aware of conditions and their surroundings.

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