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A Sudden Attack

One night in 2007, college student Andrea Lynch and her friends hopped into a **dinghy**. They took it about 200 yards (183 m) from **shore** to another boat that was anchored in Sarasota Bay in Florida. They were looking for **bioluminescent** sea life.

Soon after reaching the boat, Andrea decided to go into the water to explore. As she floated on her back, Andrea suddenly started to scream. Something strong had sunk its teeth into her skin and was throwing her around. Andrea was being attacked by a shark!

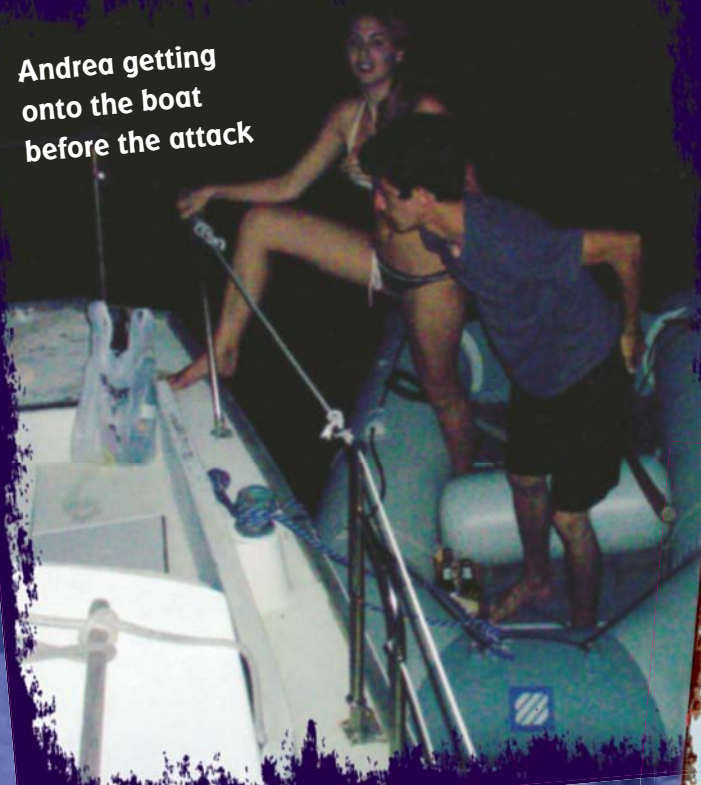
Experts believe that Andrea was attacked by a bull shark similar to the one pictured here.



**Andrea
Lynch**



**Andrea getting
onto the boat
before the attack**



DANGER

Many sharks tend to be
most active at night.

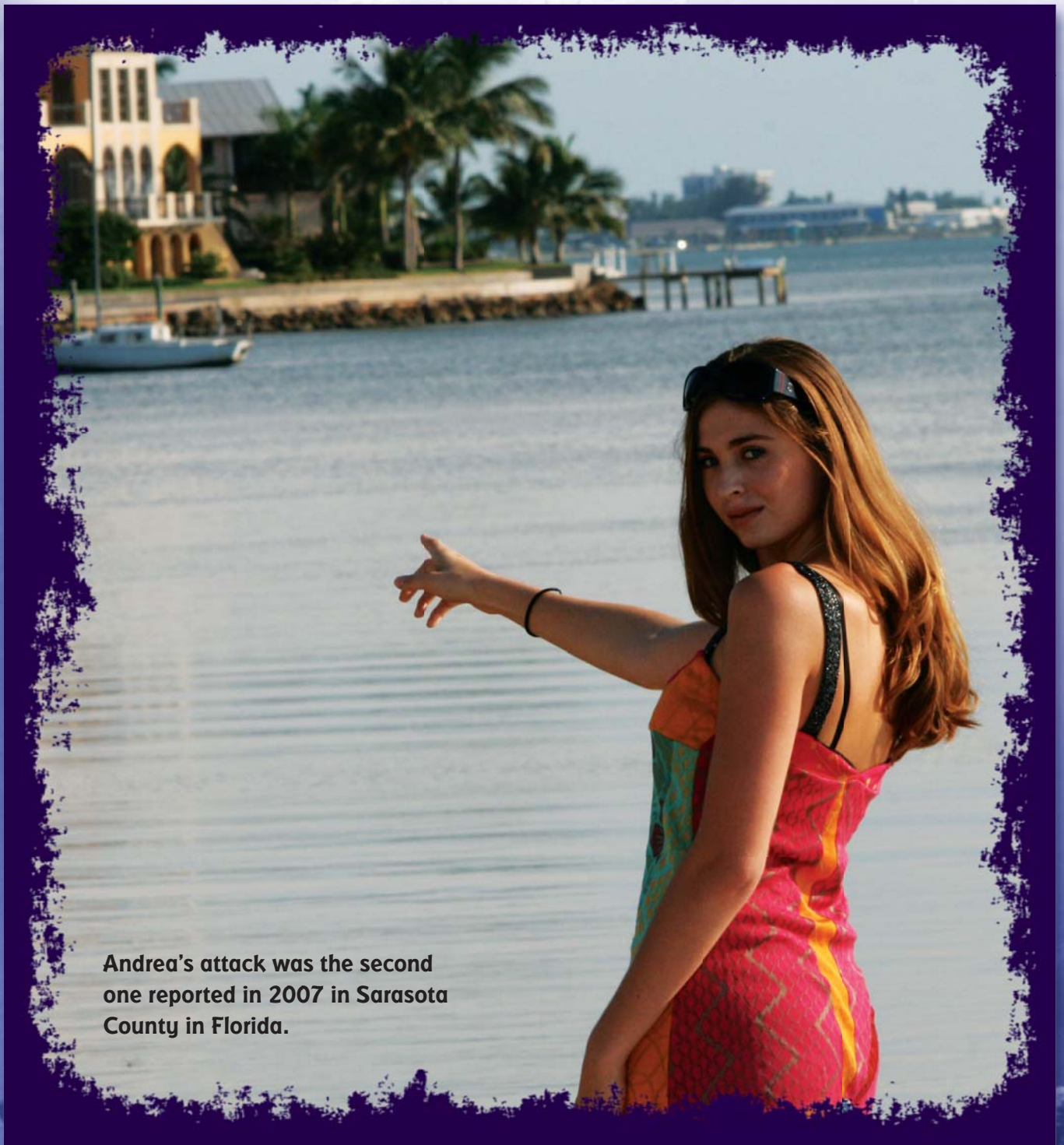
Struggling to Survive

After the shark let go of her, Andrea swam back to the boat. Covered in blood, she told her friends what had happened. They knew that Andrea needed medical attention. However, during the attack, the dinghy had floated away. How would they get Andrea to a doctor? Luckily, someone had a cell phone and quickly called 911. In the meantime, Andrea's friends took off their shirts and pressed them against her **wounds** to stop the bleeding. Twenty minutes later, a rescue boat arrived and took her to a hospital. Andrea survived the attack, though she would never forget the shark's dangerously sharp teeth.

The shark's teeth marks on Andrea's back



Andrea's healed wounds



Andrea's attack was the second one reported in 2007 in Sarasota County in Florida.

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One summer evening, Andrea Lynch was floating on her back in Sarasota Bay, enjoying the warm water. Suddenly, something strong sank its teeth into her skin and began throwing her around. Andrea was being attacked by a shark!

While most kinds of sharks pose no threat to swimmers, a few species will attack. Look inside for the surprising truth about how dangerous some of these big fish can be. You'll also find out where they live, what they eat—and how to stay safe if you meet up with one in the water.

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