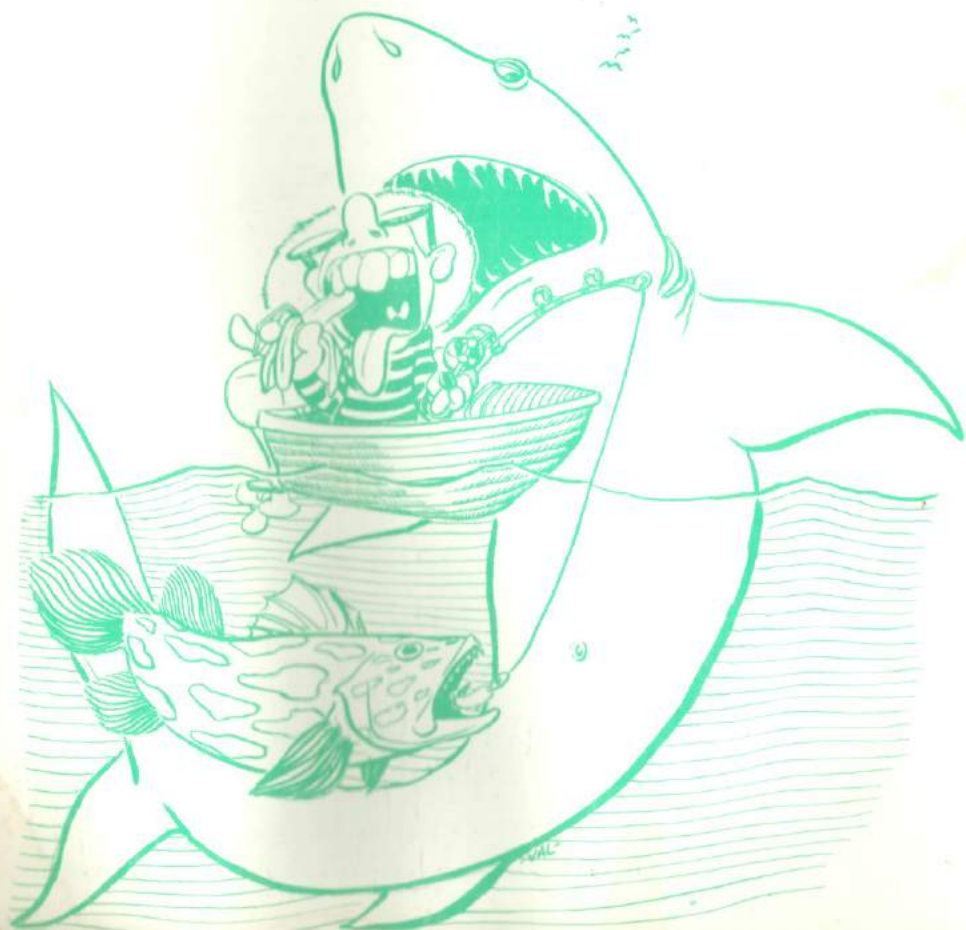




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TAGGING SHARKS

We were visited at the Choya Bay Oceanographic Station recently by Mr. C. I. Gause of Tucson. Mr. Gause was at our favorite fishin' hole looking for sharks so he could tag them for the American Institute of Biological Sciences Shark Panel. This is part of a worldwide program to study the comings and goings, etc. of these marauders of the sea.

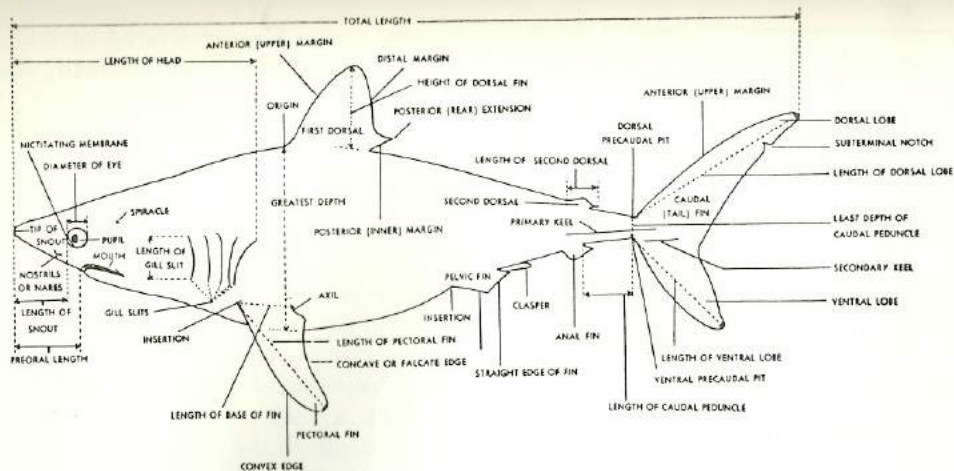
He had read of the program and wrote to Dr. Stewart Springer at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California to volunteer his services. He had received a kit consisting of metal tags, special pliers to apply them with, and forms to fill out. Before he received the kit he was always catching sharks but since then, he hasn't caught a single shark, and so he was heading out to try his luck at Cholla.

I told him of Johnnie Newcomb's shark and he immediately wanted to know where this all happened. Turned out the desire for directions was so he could avoid the area since he was going out in a 12 foot car top-
per boat. He promised to send me more details about the shark tagging program since I thought that some of the Club fishermen might be interested in participating in such a program.

So far, however, it hasn't arrived and I put this meager information in the Chatter primarily so that, if anyone catches a shark with a 1/4" x 1" stainless steel tag attached to its fin that they note its number and send the information to the address on the tag, to Mr. Gause at 8868 E. Bluefield St., Tucson, or to me.

-Tom Burch

CHOLLA CHATTER



External features of sharks with indications of how to measure them. (Drawn by Craig Phillips.)

Documentation of Shark Attacks

At the New Orleans Shark symposium in April 1958, it was decided that shark attacks on man should be documented on a worldwide basis, and that the Smithsonian Institution was a logical place for maintaining such a file. Among 1004 shark attacks reported at that time it was only possible to obtain a positive identification in forty.

Dr. Leonard P. Schultz of the Smithsonian Institute, therefore urges that, whenever possible, at least several teeth be saved from sharks involved in attacks on man and on boats. Shark teeth are sometimes found embedded in wounds and are frequently found in the wood of boats. The teeth should be collected and forwarded by mail to the Smithsonian Institution along with one of the completed reporting forms.

Photographs should be sent also, if available. All such information and specimens would then become a part of the documentation for shark attack studies. A copy of the form is reproduced here to show the type of information desired.

The Smithsonian Institution is seeking information for a documented file on shark attacks. Please fill in this form and return to:

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Was victim's body fully clothed: Yes No Color of clothing: _____

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Kind of shark: _____ Identified by: _____

Number of sharks involved: _____

Photographs: Yes No Photographer's name: _____

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(Space for description)

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Shark Attacks on Boats

Dr. Leonard Schultz of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. summarized in the March 1967 issue of Chesapeake Science instances of boat attacks by sharks in the Smithsonian files. This includes those instances where an unprovoked or provoked shark deliberately made contact with a boat, such as canoes, dinghies, sailboats, rowboats, outboard motor boats, motor launches, life craft and the equipment being used in their operation.

Provoked attacks are usually the result of catching a shark on a line, or in a net, or spearing it. A few attacks were caused by pursuing the shark with a motor boat after which it turned and attacked.

The most violent attacks on boats have been made by white, mako, and tiger sharks. For example, one 15 foot white shark took a snapper off a line tied to a boat, then charged and bit through planks on the hull leaving a tooth embedded in the wood. It was repelled by starting the motor. A mako shark made a dozen passes at the propeller of an 18-HP-outboard motor boat until a hard blow of an oar repelled it, whereas in another attack a 14-foot shark left 3/4 inch long dents in the propeller blade. A 15-foot white shark hauled aboard lunged with such ferocity that its tail shattered thick timber planks and moved the wheelhouse half an inch off its base. An unprovoked 6-foot mako attracted to bright red plastic lettering on the stern of a launch bit into the lettering on four attacks before it was gaffed and killed. This shark also left teeth embedded in the wood.

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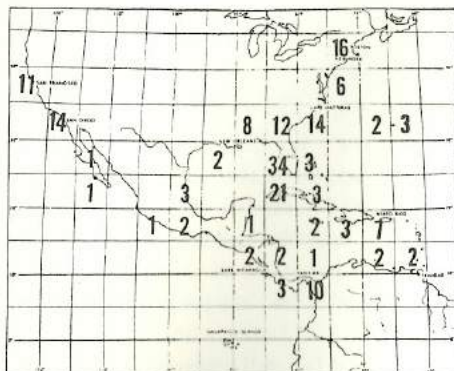
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"Carnaval" Parade at Puerto Penasco

I think the Choya Bay Sportsmen's Club owes a great big *muchas gracias* to some of its members and some of the residents of Choya Bay. The club was well represented at the parade in Puerto Penasco on the 25th of February thanks to their hard, fast work.

It began when the parade committee from Penasco contacted Vera Koehler who in turn took them to Dr. Burch for a brief meeting. They proposed a float be entered by the club which could be built in Puerto Penasco. Having no idea of cost they agreed to call Dr. Burch on a set date and give him an estimate so he could present it to the club at the next meeting. They didn't call at the agreed time so Dr. Burch had to explain the best he could and more or less take a stab in the dark as to what was needed.

The club allotted him \$25.00 which he turned over to Vera Koehler who had at this time 2 1/2 days to get something ready in time for the parade. Feeling rather dejected she approached Marcello Salazar and Hank and Glynis Henry who immediately gave her new hope with their enthusiastic attitude. The foursome

set out knowing "when" but not "how".

Ideas, talent and muscles flew into high gear. Art Johnson, who deserves a *muchas gracias* above and beyond the call of duty for any one club member, donated his snazzy yellow sandbuggy. He and Hank removed the middle seat and in its place went Art's electric organ. Hank placed one of his generators in Bob and Alice Taylor's small trailer, hooked it up to the sandbuggy, wired up the organ and beautiful music was the end result. Art donned his tux and high silk hat and took his position at the organ. With the aid of a few *cervezas* George Koehler, Art Ludwig and Guero, who runs your friendly service station in Choya, were convinced their voices were needed and Glynis added the feminine touch to this quartet.

This flawless group was backed up by Bob Christopher who played his set of drums as though he were auditioning for Gene Krupa. There was still more--Pete Salazar donated his Hi-Boy which had a fresh coat of paint on it thanks to LOLO. As though the Hi-Boy wasn't tall enough on the top of it was placed a 4' x 6' sign which George Koehler painted so the onlookers would know it was sponsored by the club. Willie Green

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drove the Hi-Boy which towed a brilliant red and white boat loaned for the occasion by Russ and Irene Shaw of Ajo. Inside the boat were two American beauties adorned in their bright colored mini skirts.

This was the way the little group left Choya Bay around 1:00 p. m. organ, music and talent with streamers of crepe paper flowing behind. Destination--Puerto Penasco parade time 3:00 p. m. They reached the starting point shortly after 2:00. The Gringo with the tall silk hat suddenly turned into a pied piper and Art was mobbed by the children. The little ones with their eyes bugged and mouths wide open were completely in awe. Every now and then Art would set one of them on his lap and give them a short lesson. Soon we had to get a damp rag for him as his keys were sticking from the little candied paws. Needless to state the parade didn't start at 3:00 p. m., but at 4:20 wheels began to roll. You would have thought our drummer, organist and quartet would have been on the wayside by now, but not this group. They were real troupers going stronger than ever.

They had started and stopped so many times that Willie's Hi-Boy began to heat up. Perhaps it was too



Betty Ashley, Vera Koehler
Art Johnson

much weight because by now the two American beauties had been joined by six Mexican dolls. At any rate Willie hooked onto the vehicle in front of him with a chain. They had hardly gone 1/2 mile when the vehicle towing them pulled into a service station to gas up. In went said vehicle, hi-boy, boat and beauties. The police were very cooperative though and whistles blew as the parade halted until they could gas up and get back in their place. The parade continued.

Choya Bay was represented by one more--none other than Virginia Ludwig in her station wagon loaded with little beaming faces of muchachos. With the parade safely on its way this should be all but for those of us on the sideline watching the vehicles moving about 2 miles per hour we

couldn't figure why every service station or cafe they passed one of our group would bail out, enter the place of business and then run to catch up and take their place again. Then we remembered we had equipped Art's sandbuggy with everything except a bano.

All in all it was fun but tiring and the small group who sacrificed their time and talent and muscles certainly deserve your praise and thanks.

-Anon

The above was written by one of the participants who asked that her name not be used. The Club owes her a "muchas gracias" also and I'm sorry that she wants to be anonymous.

-Tom Burch

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Gus Brown, who owns the land, has recently put up a sign at the toll gate to clarify just what the charges are. This is a good move since there has been considerable confusion regarding these charges. The charges are per car or truck and include the camper, trailer or boat carried or pulled into Cholla. Charges are not made according to the number of persons in the car. They are:

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-T.B.

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I have had 40 pound tuna off Eniwetok Island in the Pacific engulfed in one bite, leaving only the head for me to reel in. I had the same thing happen when fighting 30 to 40 pound African Pompano, and a herd of these ugly brutes moved in to slaughter the hooked fish.

I even had one 7' white tip shark take a white bass flat away from me that I had speared. I was in about 10 feet of clear water between a couple of coral heads when I speared the Bass. He dropped to the sandy bottom in slow circles with my dinky little spear stuck through him. I surfaced, drew a big fat supply of air, then headed to the bottom to retrieve the fish and my spear. I reached the fish just about the same time the white tip did. I graciously allowed him to help himself while I immediately reversed directions and broke all swimming speed records

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in the process. He had his choice of tidbits and I was quite relieved at his decision.

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I have had little 3 foot sand sharks leisurely chew off sea trout and pompano I had strung upon a stringer and tied to my waist, when wading waist deep while spincasting. This makes me a trifle nervous.

Also spincasting between the 2 estuaries, I've had a whole school of four foot and five foot sharks move in and take every dang trout I would hook. I would move on down the beach a mile or two and damned if these sharp nosed rascals wouldn't find me again. This can be quite discouraging.

The only time I like a shark is when I've either drug him up on the beach after a good strong fight, or held him at gaff length and with a sharp knife, ripped his guts out... then, and only then do I feel a smidgeon of affection for any shark. All other times, I hate sharks with a white hot hate!

CHOLLA POLICE

Mel Jarvis, Phoenix Chapter President, reports that he was advised that Rocky Point is furnishing two policemen to patrol Cholla Bay. They will be a welcome addition especially at Easter Time. If everyone cooperates, everyone should be able to enjoy themselves and no one will get to test out the Cholla Jail that is nearing completion.

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By **Gene Henry**

Since the latest well publicized shark incident, many people have asked me of the danger from sharks in fishing from the surf at Cholla Bay.

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Mrs. St. John surely deserves a good hand for the hard work she is doing to establish a library at the Bay. Help her with donations of boating and fishing magazines, etc. Phil deserves a good hand also for tending bar each meeting night.

Members who have not signed up for 1968, please send in your dues.

The club is growing and offering more and more benefits and facilities. It needs your support.

Bob Morris is now handling the Derby - June 14 and 15. These days were picked because of perfect tides. Bob needs your help. Call him or see him at the next meeting.

Our door prizes were a permanent wave - a shampoo and set - and two manicures, all donated by the Candy Stripe Beauty Salon, 4241 E. 22nd St. - phone 793-2501. For giving prizes like this, how about giving them some business.

Our potluck dinner was quite a success. The food was excellent and plenty of it. You members who don't attend meetings are missing many good things. After the meeting Dr. Thomson, Marine Biology Professor, University of Arizona, presented slides and a very interesting lecture on marine life in the upper Gulf. Very enjoyable and educational.

-Art Schwarz

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