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List of California shark incidents documented by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Date	Time	County / Island	General Location	Human Activity	Injury	Depth (feet)	Species[2]
10/08/1950	12:00	San Diego	Imperial Beach	Swimming	major	surface	White
05/27/1952	14:00	San Diego	Imperial Beach	Swimming	minor	surface	White
12/07/1952	14:00	Monterey	Lovers Point	Swimming	fatal	surface	White
02/06/1955	12:00	Monterey	Pacific Grove	Freediving	minor	surface	White
08/14/1956	16:30	San Luis Obispo	Pismo Beach	Swimming	major	surface	White
04/28/1957	13:30	San Luis Obispo	Morro Bay	Swimming	fatal	surface	White
10/12/1958	Unknown	San Diego	Coronado Strand	Swimming	major	surface	White
05/07/1959	17:30	San Francisco	Baker Beach	Swimming	fatal	surface	White
06/14/1959	17:00	San Diego	La Jolla	Freediving	fatal	surface	White
07/28/1959	19:30	San Diego	La Jolla	Freediving	minor	surface	Hammerhead
10/04/1959	15:00	Sonoma	Bodega Rock	Freediving	none	surface	White
11/10/1959	10:30	Los Angeles	Malibu, Paradise Cove	Freediving	minor	surface	Blue
04/24/1960	14:00	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	minor	surface	White
05/19/1960	13:00	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, Hidden Beach, Aptos	Swimming	major	surface	White
05/21/1961	8:30	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	none	25	White
08/20/1961	9:30	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Swimming	major	surface	White
01/14/1962	10:30	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Scuba Diving	major	surface	White
11/11/1962	12:45	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Scuba Diving	major	surface	White
01/11/1964	12:00	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Scuba Diving	major	surface	White
01/22/1966	11:00	Monterey	Cypress Point	Freediving	major	surface	White
07/27/1968	11:00	Sonoma	Bodega Rock	Freediving	major	20	White
09/06/1969	11:20	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	major	surface	White
07/19/1971	Unknown	Santa Barbara	Purisma Point	Hookah Diving	major	20	White
10/02/1971	14:00	Sonoma	Sea Ranch	Scuba Diving	major	15	White

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05/28/1972	13:30	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	major	surface	White
05/26/1974	11:30	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	major	surface	White
07/26/1974	Unknown	Mendocino	Albion	Freediving	minor	25	White
08/05/1974	Unknown	San Mateo	San Gregorio State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
09/02/1974	17:30	San Mateo	Franklin Point	Scuba Diving	minor	surface	White
09/02/1974	17:30	San Mateo	Franklin Point	Scuba Diving	minor	surface	White
09/14/1974	13:35	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Hookah Diving	major	28	White
09/28/1974	7:30	Monterey	Point Sur	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
07/19/1975	13:30	Santa Barbara	Point Conception, Perch Rock	Hookah Diving	none	30	White
07/23/1975	14:30	Santa Barbara	Point Conception	Scuba Diving	major	surface	White
08/09/1975	13:30	Mendocino	Usal Creek	Freediving	major	19	White
12/06/1975	12:00	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Scuba Diving	major	20	White
10/18/1976	14:30	Humboldt	Moonstone Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
12/18/1976	9:00	Island - San Miguel	San Miguel Island	Hookah Diving	major	18	White
08/14/1977	Unknown	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	major	surface	White
08/05/1978	12:45	Santa Cruz	Pajaro Dunes	Swimming	minor	surface	Unknown
03/11/1979	10:00	San Mateo	Año Nuevo Island	Scuba Diving	none	20	White
10/17/1980	9:30	Humboldt	Moonstone Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
12/19/1981	Unknown	Monterey	Spanish Bay	Surfing / Boarding	fatal	surface	White
02/07/1982	11:00	Sonoma	Stillwater Cove	Scuba Diving	major	40	White
07/24/1982	11:00	San Luis Obispo	Point Buchon	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
09/19/1982	Unknown	Mendocino	Bear Harbor	Freediving	major	12	White
09/25/1982	8:00	Monterey	Monastery Beach	Scuba Diving	minor	40	White
09/15/1984	8:30	San Mateo	Pigeon Point	Freediving	fatal	surface	White
09/17/1984	15:30	San Diego	Mission Beach	Swimming	minor	surface	Blue
09/30/1984	10:00	Marin	Tomales Point	Freediving	major	10	White

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02/18/1985	12:45	Island - San Miguel	San Miguel Island	Scuba Diving	minor	surface	White
05/26/1985	11:00	Orange	Seal Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Unknown
09/28/1985	Unknown	Marin	Tomales Point, Elephant Rock	Freediving	none	14	White
10/22/1985	16:00	Santa Barbara	Point Conception	Hookah Diving	minor	15	Unknown
12/06/1986	9:00	Monterey	Monastery Beach	Freediving	major	38	White
08/15/1987	7:30	San Mateo	Half Moon Bay, Tunitas Creek	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
10/26/1987	17:00	Santa Cruz	Davenport Light	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
04/24/1988	Unknown	San Luis Obispo	Morro Rock	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
08/11/1988	9:00	Del Norte	Klamath River	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
01/26/1989	10:15	Los Angeles	Malibu	Kayaking / Canoeing	fatal	surface	White
09/09/1989	12:00	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Hookah Diving	major	25	White
01/12/1990	Unknown	San Mateo	Montara	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
08/28/1990	17:00	Humboldt	Trinidad Head	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
09/05/1990	17:00	Humboldt	Trinidad State Beach	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
09/08/1990	13:00	Sonoma	North of Jenner	Freediving	major	surface	White
11/03/1990	15:00	Monterey	Monastery Beach	Scuba Diving	major	surface	White
07/01/1991	9:30	Santa Cruz	Davenport	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
10/05/1991	7:30	Santa Cruz	Davenport, Scott Creek, 1 mi north	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
10/09/1991	Unknown	Marin	Point Reyes	Hookah Diving	none	25	White
12/04/1991	15:00	Humboldt	Shelter Cove	Hookah Diving	none	surface	White
08/18/1992	20:15	Del Norte	Klamath River	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
10/29/1992	11:00	Island - San Miguel	Castle Rock	Hookah Diving	minor	47	White
11/11/1992	14:00	Island - San Nicolas	San Nicolas Island	Scuba Diving	minor	72	Unknown
11/14/1992	13:00	San Mateo	Año Nuevo State Reserve	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
11/29/1992	15:30	San Diego	San Onofre State Beach	Freediving	minor	surface	Unknown
03/12/1993	14:30	San Mateo	Pedro Point, Pacifica	Freediving	none	15	White

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08/12/1993	14:00	Mendocino	Fort Bragg - Abalone Point	Freediving	major	5	White
10/10/1993	14:30	Sonoma	Jenner, Goat Rock Beach	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
10/30/1993	16:30	Humboldt	"Bunkers", Eureka	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
12/09/1994	9:00	Island - San Miguel	Harris Point	Hookah Diving	fatal	submerged	White
06/24/1995	Unknown	San Diego	La Jolla	Kayaking / Canoeing	minor	surface	White
06/30/1995	17:30	Monterey	Point Lobos, outer Bluefish Cove	Scuba Diving	major	40	White
09/03/1995	16:00	Humboldt	Shelter Cove	Freediving	major	surface	White
09/28/1995	17:30	Santa Cruz	Davenport Landing	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
08/13/1996	11:15	Marin	Tomales Point, Bird Rock	Freediving	major	18	White
10/03/1996	7:30	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
10/05/1996	13:00	Marin	Dillon Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
11/29/1996	8:30	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
08/24/1997	Unknown	Humboldt	Moonstone Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
08/26/1998	14:15	Marin	Stinson Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
11/15/1999	Unknown	Santa Cruz	Waddell Reef	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
09/29/2000	9:00	San Mateo	Half Moon Bay, Pillar Point	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
11/04/2000	16:30	Humboldt	"Bunkers", Eureka	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
05/31/2002	14:00	Marin	Stinson Beach, off Bolinas Lagoon	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
09/21/2002	early am	Humboldt	Moonstone Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
11/28/2002	9:45	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
08/19/2003	8:30	San Luis Obispo	Avila Beach	Swimming	fatal	surface	White
05/28/2004	11:00	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
06/26/2004	9:00	San Diego	San Onofre State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
08/15/2004	16:30	Mendocino	Kibesillah Rock	Freediving	fatal	surface	White
08/20/2004	17:30	Orange	"204's", San Clemente	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
10/01/2004	13:45	Orange	Huntington Beach, Tower 16	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White

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10/02/2004	15:30	San Luis Obispo	Pismo Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
10/10/2004	9:30	Marin	Limantour Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
11/11/2004	13:30	Humboldt	"Bunkers", Eureka	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
08/24/2005	11:00	San Diego	La Jolla	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
10/19/2005	11:00	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
10/21/2005	11:00	Del Norte	Klamath River Mouth	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
11/02/2005	16:45	San Mateo	Half Moon Bay, Mavericks	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
11/02/2005	7:15	San Francisco	Ocean Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
01/18/2006	22:30	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
06/17/2006	11:10	Monterey	Cannery Row, Monterey	Scuba Diving	none	submerged	White
12/10/2006	12:00	Marin	Dillon Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
06/30/2007	10:00	Los Angeles	Will Rogers State Beach	Swimming	minor	surface	Unknown
07/17/2007	11:00	Ventura	Faria Beach	Swimming	minor	surface	Unknown
07/21/2007	10:15	San Mateo	Bean Hollow	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
07/22/2007	9:00	Los Angeles	Malibu	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
07/28/2007	23:00	San Diego	Imperial Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	Unknown
08/28/2007	11:00	Monterey	Marina State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
09/27/2007	12:00	Humboldt	Moonstone Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
09/30/2007	11:30	Los Angeles	Santa Monica	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Unknown
10/07/2007	20:30	Los Angeles	Venice Pier	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Leopard
03/07/2008	7:00	Orange	Huntington Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
04/25/2008	7:00	San Diego	Solana Beach	Swimming	fatal	surface	White
06/21/2008	9:00	Island - Catalina	West Cove	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
09/08/2008	10:30	Santa Barbara	Surf Beach, Lompoc	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
04/06/2009	7:00	San Diego	San Diego	Freediving	none	surface	White
08/25/2009	16:30	San Diego	Terramar Beach	Swimming	minor	surface	White

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08/30/2009	18:30	Orange	Huntington Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
10/24/2009	17:30	San Diego	San Onofre State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Unknown
11/05/2009	17:00	Santa Cruz	Davenport	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
07/02/2010	15:15	San Diego	San Onofre State Beach	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
07/02/2010	18:30	San Luis Obispo	Pismo Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Leopard
08/02/2010	12:40	Santa Barbara	Near Oil Rig Hondo, Gaviota	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
08/14/2010	10:00	San Mateo	Pigeon Point	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
10/22/2010	9:00	Santa Barbara	Surf Beach, Lompoc	Surfing / Boarding	fatal	surface	White
06/06/2011	17:00	San Diego	La Jolla, Children's Pool	Freediving	none	surface	Sevengill
06/24/2011	13:30	San Diego	San Onofre State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
09/11/2011	12:30	Humboldt	Samoa Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
10/29/2011	7:00	Monterey	Marina State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
11/22/2011	11:30	San Mateo	Pigeon Point	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
05/06/2012	7:30	Island - Catalina	Catalina Island	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
05/12/2012	13:30	San Luis Obispo	Cambria, Leffingwell Landing	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
07/07/2012	8:30	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, Pleasure Point	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
07/31/2012	6:45	Los Angeles	Topanga Beach	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Unknown
10/07/2012	18:30	Santa Cruz	Davenport Landing	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
10/23/2012	11:00	Santa Barbara	Surf Beach, Lompoc	Surfing / Boarding	fatal	surface	White
10/30/2012	12:00	Humboldt	"Bunkers", Humboldt Bay, north jetty	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
06/25/2013	16:00	San Mateo	Pedro Point, Pacifica	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
08/17/2013	13:00	San Mateo	Half Moon Bay, Pillar Point	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
08/31/2013	23:00	Santa Barbara	Butterfly Beach, Santa Barbara	Swimming	minor	surface	Salmon
10/06/2013	8:30	Humboldt	"Bunkers", North Jetty, Humboldt Bay	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
07/05/2014	7:30	San Luis Obispo	Oceano Dunes State Beach, Oceano	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
09/13/2014	18:45	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz - Manresa Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White

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10/02/2014	17:30	Santa Barbara	Vandenberg AFB	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
10/03/2014	11:00	Santa Barbara	Vandenberg AFB	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
10/03/2014	14:00	Santa Barbara	Vandenberg AFB	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
10/19/2014	14:30	Santa Barbara	Leadbetter Point	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
12/28/2014	11:30	San Luis Obispo	Montana de Oro State Park	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
07/10/2015	8:45	Orange	Huntington Beach-Lifeguard Tower 17	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
08/18/2015	7:30	Santa Barbara	Gaviota State Beach	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
08/29/2015	10:15	San Luis Obispo	Morro Rock, Morro Bay	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
09/05/2015	15:00	Ventura	Deer Creek, Malibu/Ventura	Kayaking / Canoeing	minor	surface	Hammerhead
09/06/2015	17:30	Los Angeles	El Pescador State Beach, Malibu	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
09/20/2015	11:00	Island - Santa Cruz	Yellow Banks	Freediving	minor	surface	Hammerhead
09/24/2015	11:00	Santa Barbara	Horseshoe Rock, Santa Barbara	Kayaking / Canoeing	minor	surface	White
05/29/2016	15:00	Orange	Corona del Mar State Beach	Swimming	major	surface	White
09/01/2016	9:00	Santa Barbara	Refugio State Beach	Freediving	minor	surface	White
09/17/2016	afternoon	Humboldt	"Bunkers", South Jetty, Humboldt Bay	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
03/18/2017	16:30	Monterey	San Carlos Beach, Monterey	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
04/29/2017	17:30	San Diego	"Church", San Onofre State Beach	Swimming	major	surface	White
07/11/2017	11:00	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, "Steamer Lane"	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
07/20/2017	8:00	Santa Barbara	Goleta Beach	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
07/20/2017	11:15	Santa Barbara	Stearns Warf, Santa Barbara	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
08/01/2017	10:45	San Mateo	Bean Hollow	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
11/24/2017	13:30	Monterey	Pebble Beach	Freediving	major	surface	White
12/30/2017	15:00	Marin	Drake's Estero	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
06/25/2018	18:00	San Diego	Oceanside	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	Unknown
8/24/2018	20:00	Orange	Huntington Beach	Swimming	none	surface	White
9/29/2018	7:00	San Diego	Beacon's Beach - Encinitas	Freediving	major	surface	White

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10/23/2018	10:00	Island - Farallones	Farallon Islands	Scuba Diving	major	submerged	White
1/8/2019	14:00	San Luis Obispo	Montana de Oro State Park	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
5/7/2019	Unknown	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
9/1/2019	12:00	San Diego	Solana Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	Thresher
10/5/2019	8:00	Island - Catalina	Ship Rock	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
12/21/2019	15:15	Island - Santa Rosa	Talcott Shoals	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
3/27/2020	19:00	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz, Pleasure Point	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
5/1/2020	14:30	Santa Barbara	Padaro Lane, Carpenteria	Swimming	minor	surface	White
5/9/2020	13:30	Santa Cruz	Manresa State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	fatal	surface	White
5/25/2020	7:30	Humboldt	Shelter Cove	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
6/19/2020	16:00	Island - Santa Cruz	San Pedro Point	Scuba Diving	none	35	White
8/12/2020	17:42	Los Angeles	Bluff Cove, Palos Verdes	Freediving	minor	surface	White
8/28/2020	17:00	Humboldt	Shelter Cove	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
12/30/2020	14:00	San Diego	Coronado	Swimming	none	surface	White
6/26/2021	9:00	San Mateo	Gray Whale State Beach	Freediving	major	surface	White
6/30/2021	7:15	Island - Catalina	Parson's Landing	Kayaking / Canoeing	minor	surface	White
7/5/2021	9:15	San Luis Obispo	Cambria, Leffingwell Landing	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
7/22/2021	11:15	Monterey	Moss Landing Jetty	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	Unknown
10/3/2021	9:00	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White
12/22/2021	16:00	Sonoma	Salmon Creek Beach	Surfing / Boarding	none	surface	White
12/24/2021	10:40	San Luis Obispo	Morro Strand State Beach	Surfing / Boarding	fatal	surface	White
2/26/2022	11:30	Island - San Miguel	San Miguel Island - Northeast side	Scuba Diving	major	surface	White
6/22/2022	10:30	Monterey	Lovers Point	Swimming	major	surface	White
08/10/2022	11:30	Monterey	Lovers Point	Paddleboarding	none	surface	White
09/28/2022	16:00	Mendocino	Mackerricher State Park – Laguna Pt.	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
10/02/2022	15:30	Humboldt	Centerville Beach	Surfing / Boarding	major	surface	White

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10/22/2022	14:30	San Luis Obispo	Cayucos Pier	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Unknown
10/31/2022	17:15	Monterey	Otter Point – Pacific Grove	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White
11/04/2022	10:15	San Diego	Del Mar	Swimming	major	surface	White
08/22/2023	13:00	San Mateo	Bean Hollow	Kayaking / Canoeing	none	surface	White
10/01/2023	10:15	Marin	Wildcat Beach – Point Reyes	Swimming	fatal	surface	Unknown
10/13/2023	15:30	San Mateo	Linda Mar Beach, Pacifica	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	Unknown
04/03/2024	18:00	San Luis Obispo	Montana de Oro State Park	Surfing / Boarding	minor	surface	White

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