

Holiday Rentals in Cape Town : Shark Spotting in Cape Town on the increase

Following in the wake of the recent shark attack on Michael Cohen at the end of September in Clovelly has come daily gatherings of 'shark spotters' on False Bay.

South Africa, Republic of, Oct 11, 2011 -- There is something completely fascinating about sharks and the recent crowds on Cape Town beaches looking out for sharks is testimony to this. Following in the wake of the shark attack on Michael Cohen in Clovelly, crowds have begun gathering on a daily basis on the False Bay beaches to watch the great whites swimming up and down close to the shore. (For more info on Cape Town - <http://rentalsincapetown.com/>)

While this is not a new occurrence, data proves that great whites have been prevalent in the area at this time for some years, the numbers taken to shark spotting following the attack on Cohen are unprecedented. Tourists who have opted for self-catering Cape Town accommodation should be aware and not swim on beaches where the shark warning white flags have been erected.

For reference sake, white flags mean that the sharks are currently swimming near that beach and red flags indicate that sharks have very recently been spotted off that beach. White flags have most recently been flown at Glencairn, Fish Hoek and Clovelly, with red flags flying at St James and Muizenberg, meaning sharks have been seen there recently.

In recent popular culture, such as the film Jaws, great white's have been depicted as ferocious man eaters, however, in reality, humans are not the preferred prey of the great white shark. According to online encyclopidia Wikipedia, "Great white sharks' reputation as ferocious predators is well-earned, yet they are not (as was once believed) indiscriminate "eating machines". They are ambush hunters, taking prey by surprise from below. Near the now famous Seal Island, in South Africa's False Bay, shark attacks most often occur in the morning, within 2 hours after sunrise, when visibility is poor. Their success rate is 55% in the first 2 hours, falling to 40% in late morning, after which hunting stops "

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