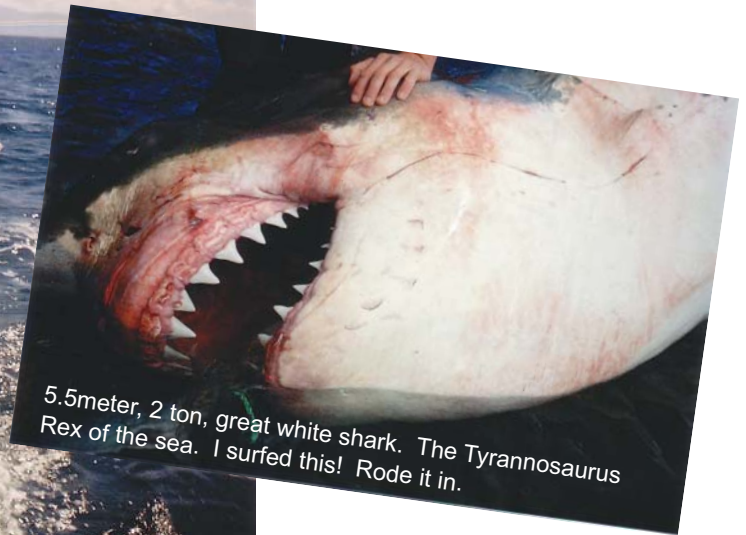


Look Mum no hands, safer than my motorbike!



5.5meter, 2 ton, great white shark. The Tyrannosaurus Rex of the sea. I surfed this! Rode it in.

I was sitting on its belly and then I felt the belly tighten, I looked around and the shark lifted its tail and WHACK onto the ground. I felt the wind of it...

How Many Blokes Do Ya Know Have Surfed a 5.5mtr 2 Ton Great White - NOAH?

...and Have The Photo To Prove It

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You may recall seeing a news item in the NZ Herald in November 2003 about an amazing fishing experience, but following is the yarn behind the story!

“Mate it’s fair go! No cr** I surfed on the back of a 5.5 metre 2 ton great white shark!” Dwayne Havord of Pukekawa thrusts a photo in front of me... “Yeah don’t know what got into me, but jeez I’m real glad I left me boxer shorts on, coz inside my thighs I had no skin left, I was bleeding”. Three things popped into my mind right at that point. “A really effective way to get a wax job; blood in the water attracts sharks; Yeah Right,” and “what were you thinking!” As interviewer my jaw was hanging so low I could have scooped up earth. “I tell ya, it really got the adrenalin pumpin’ to wrap yer legs around that baby”.

Dwayne and colleague Daniel Scott got up early that morning in November to ‘group captain’s’ weather (mint, for those non military types) and went to clear their 3km long gillnet in Scot’s 5.5 meter aluminium fishing dory. The net was set for lemon fish in about 10m of water approximately 2km north of Waiheke Island. “With the net in the hauler we kinda knew something was up when the boat began to list heavily on the port side and started to rock side to side and yet there wasn’t a wave to be seen” said Dwayne. Now a few days before the two had witnessed an Orca (killer whale) popping its head up right next to the boat with a 2.5-3 meter thresher shark hanging out either side of its mouth.

“At first I thought what the f*** have we got here when all I saw was this huge big dark shape coming up from the bottom. It was so bloody big I thought it was the Orca that we saw a couple of days earlier, but then an Orca could bust out of that in an instant. The boat started to list really badly now and holy cr** the only thing I had running through my head was the theme song of Jaws and the scene where this huge Noah was chomping through the stern of his boat... and I can’t tell you what I said next when its head popped out of the water and I saw what it was as you couldn’t print it! OH... MY... GAWD!!! I had never ever seen such a big mother. It’s just as big as the boat! Is it dead? Alive? Half alive?”



It didn't sink in what we had done until I saw the size of the teeth and mouth!