

ACTIVITY: Sea disaster

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DATE: July 25, 1983

LOCATION: Off Lodestone Reef, Great Barrier Reef, north of Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Ray Boundy

DESCRIPTION: He is the 28-year old captain of the *New Venture*.

BACKGROUND

TIME: Night

NARRATIVE: The 14-metre prawn trawler, *New Venture*, capsized and sank in heavy seas. Three people in the water, two of which were killed by sharks.

INJURY: His left knee was bitten by the shark.

SPECIES: 5 m [16.5'] tiger shark

SOURCES: The Day (New London, CT), Wednesday July 27, 1983, page 16; Hugh Edwards, pages 103-104; Alex MacCormick, pages 110-112; Samantha Healy, The Sunday Mail (Qld), March 13, 2011

Sharks kill 2 off Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A boat captain said today that sharks bit off his deckhand's leg and killed his female cook, leaving him the lone survivor after their trawler sank in rough seas.

The deckhand, Dennis Murphy, 24, bravely swam away from his companions to give them a chance to escape the man eaters before he died, said skipper Ray Boundy, 28.

But the sharks returned a few hours later and grabbed Linda Ann Horton, 21, Boundy said.

Two huge waves swamped and sank the trawler *New Venture* off Townsville, 690 miles northwest of Brisbane, on Sunday night.

In the last reported shark killings in Australian waters, two men died in separate incidents in March 1982.

Film reopens painful memories for shark attack victim

THE sole survivor of a shark attack off Townsville almost 28 years ago still relives the nightmare every day. And with a new movie based on his terrifying ordeal due to open in cinemas this week that pain is likely to resurface for retired trawlerman Ray Boundy.

Mr Boundy, who still lives in Townsville, revealed the memories of that fateful day were still traumatic. He declined to elaborate further or comment on the movie. "If it is remotely like what happened on that day it will cause pain," he said.

Andrew Traucki wrote, produced and directed the thriller called *The Reef*, which follows his crocodile horror, *Blackwater*, also based on a true story. "It is based around the real-life shark attack off Townsville in 1983 and what those people must have gone through," Mr Traucki said. "I find true survival stories fascinating ... reality is far more intriguing than fiction."

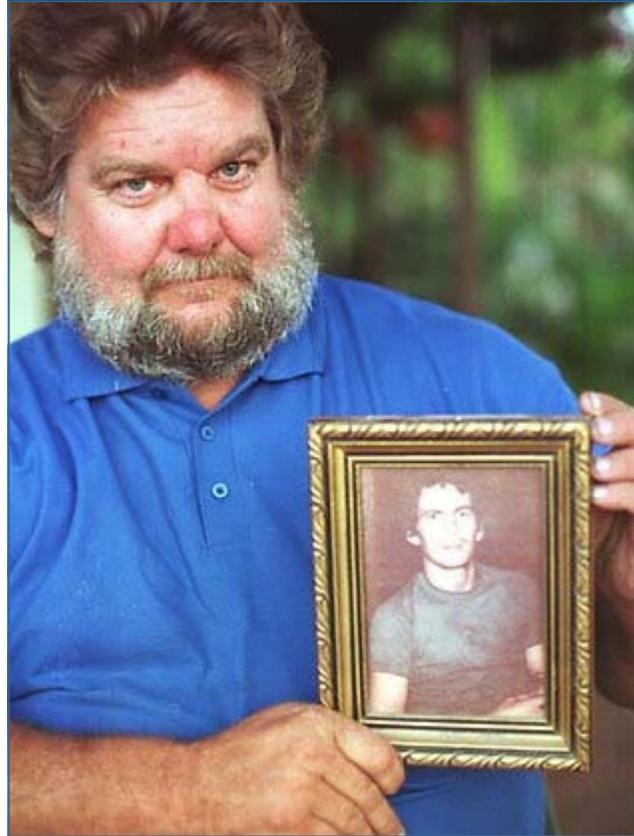
The Reef tells the story of a group of friends who were forced into the water after their boat capsized in rough seas on the Great Barrier Reef.

Kate, played by Zoe Naylor, her brother Matt (Gyton Grantley) and his girlfriend, Suzie (Adrienne Pickering), meet Kate's ex-boyfriend Luke (Damian Walshe-Howling) and his friend Warren (Kieran Darcy-Smith), who deliver boats for a living. En route to Indonesia, their vessel flips in rough seas and the group must decide whether to stay on the upturned hull or swim to a nearby island. Four friends set off for the island, leaving one of the group clinging to the hull, but they soon realise they are being stalked by a huge shark.

While the film is likely to appeal to thriller fans, it is unlikely the original real-life survivor will be watching it. Mr Boundy was just 28 and working on the prawn trawler, *New Venture*, with deckhand Dennis Murphy, 24, and cook Linda Horton, 21, when it capsized off Broadhurst Reef, 90km east of Townsville, on July 25, 1983.

After the trio failed to report back to their base, a search was launched with over a dozen vessels, plus light aircraft, scouring a huge area of coastline and sea.

News reports said Ms Horton and Mr Murphy survived for 24 hours in the rough seas but were taken by a tiger shark five hours before Mr Boundy was rescued. "A surfboard, a fibre glass-encased esky and a life ring went overboard as I made my mind up we would have to swim for our lives," Mr Boundy, who was in Townsville Hospital nursing shark bites, said after his rescue. Mr Boundy recalled Mr Murphy yelling "the bastard has got my leg" before telling his two friends to



HORROR TALE: Sole survivor Ray Boundy, with a picture of Denis Murphy, relives his ordeal daily.

Picture: Evan Morgan: The Cairns Post

swim away as he tried to lure the shark away from the terrified man and woman.

Mr Murphy then disappeared beneath the water leaving Mr Boundy to help keep Ms Horton afloat but several hours later the menacing shark returned. "I knew it was going to be one of us," Mr Boundy said. "And then Ms Horton was gone."

But the shark was not finished, attacking Mr Boundy who kicked the shark loose before swimming as fast as he could to a nearby reef. The father-of-two was rescued by helicopter after spending around 36 hours in the water.

SOURCE: Samantha Healy, The Sunday Mail (Qld), March 13, 2011,
<http://www.couriermail.com.au/entertainment/movies/film-reopens-painful-memories-for-shark-attack-victim/story-e6freqex-1226020395592>