

Saturday, December 6, 1986

Carmel, Monestary Beach

On Saturday, December 6, 1986, Frank Gallo, who had been scuba diving but was now freedive spearfishing was bitten by what knowledgeable persons estimate was a great white shark somewhere between 12 and 18 feet long. This happened at Monestary Beach south of Carmel.

There had been pieces of fish in the water and Frank was about 30 feet deep, taking aim on a black rockfish when he was bit on the upper right side, puncturing his right lung and causing lacerations to his shoulder, jaw, neck, and forearm. Frank never saw the fish, and after shaking him, the fish released and swam off.

After hospitalization and doctors' attention, and 3 months later, Frank walked into the water at that beach to dive again.