

OCEAN HAZARDS: Sharks vs. Rip Currents



with Dr. Amy Williams
PRESENTATION

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With the 100th anniversary of the 1916 shark attacks in NJ, there is going to be much focus on the risks associated with swimming in the ocean. While there are over 350 species of sharks, only 3 are prominent in human attacks. However, a more common and potential risk to bathers is the threat of hazardous rip currents.

Last year, only 6 deaths occurred worldwide due to shark attacks, but every year over 100 people in the US succumb to rip currents. Through awareness of how to spot a rip current along with a plan on how to react if caught in one, we can increase public safety among beach goers.



About Dr. Amy Williams

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This is part of the outreach and education through New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium and Stevens Institute of Technology. For more information and facts, please go to <http://njseagrants.org/extension/coastal-concerns/rip-current-awareness/>

