



Great White Shark Weighing 1,700 Pounds Heads for Holiday Spot

Description

The largest great white shark ever tagged in the Atlantic is back in the news. The shark, called Contender, is over 13 feet long and weighs about 1,700 pounds. It sent a new signal from its satellite tag after some months without communication.

OCEARCH, a research group, tagged Contender in January 2026 near Georgia. The last time researchers saw Contender was in April. It was swimming near Pamlico Sound in North Carolina. On July 10, the satellite tag sent one signal. This showed that the shark was still alive, but it did not give its exact location.

Researchers say that they need three signals from the satellite to find the shark's position accurately. In this case, they only got one signal. This means the shark was near the ocean surface before diving deep again. Sharks can be hard to track when they are underwater.

Experts think Contender is moving north. This is a common path for great white sharks. It may go to Cape Cod, a popular destination known for beaches. The presence of Contender does not pose a threat to beachgoers.

Vocabulary List:

1. **satellite** //ˈsætəlaɪt// (noun): an object sent to move around Earth
2. **tag** //tæg// (noun): a small device attached to an animal
3. **signal** //ˈsɪgnəl// (noun): a sound or message sent to show information
4. **position** //pəˈzɪʃən// (noun): the place where something is located
5. **accurately** //ˈækjərətli// (adverb): in a correct and exact way
6. **track** //træk// (verb): to follow the movement of something

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of the largest great white shark ever tagged in the Atlantic?
Option: Bruce
Option: Contender



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- Option: Jaws
 - Option: Sharky

2. How long is Contender?

- Option: 10 feet
- Option: 13 feet
- Option: 15 feet
- Option: 12 feet

3. What is the weight of Contender?

- Option: 1,200 pounds
- Option: 1,500 pounds
- Option: 1,700 pounds
- Option: 2,000 pounds

4. In what month did Contender last communicate with its satellite tag?

- Option: January
- Option: April
- Option: July
- Option: December

5. Where was Contender tagged?

- Option: California
- Option: Florida
- Option: Georgia
- Option: North Carolina

6. What is a common destination for great white sharks like Contender?

- Option: Miami
- Option: Cape Cod
- Option: San Diego
- Option: New York

True-False

7. Contender is over 15 feet long.

8. OCEARCH tagged Contender in January 2026.



9. Researchers received three signals from Contender's satellite tag.
10. Contender was last seen swimming in Pamlico Sound in North Carolina.
11. The presence of Contender poses a threat to beachgoers.
12. Experts believe Contender is moving south.

Gap-Fill

13. The largest great white shark ever tagged in the Atlantic is called _____.
14. Contender weighs about _____ pounds.
15. The last time researchers saw Contender was in _____.
16. Contender was tagged by OCEARCH near _____.
17. To find the shark's position accurately, researchers need three signals from the satellite and in this case, they only got _____.
18. Experts think Contender may go to _____ which is known for its beaches.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Contender 2. 13 feet 3. 1,700 pounds 4. July 5. Georgia 6. Cape Cod

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

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