



Record Male Great White Shark Spotted Near Popular Resort

Description

The largest male white shark was seen near North Carolina. The shark is 14 feet long and is called "Contender." A GPS device on Contender sent an alert last Thursday evening. This device helps track the shark when it is out of the water.

It was not possible to find Contender's exact location this time. But a spokesperson for OCEARCH said the shark is likely moving up the East Coast. This is part of the sharks' summer migration. They usually swim north and feed in Cape Cod or Atlantic Canada during summer and early fall.

The waters in this region are comfortable. There are also grey seals and large fish for the sharks to eat. Contender weighs nearly 1,700 pounds.

Contender was tagged in January last year off Florida and Georgia. Since then, he has traveled over 7,000 miles in the Atlantic Ocean. The tag on Contender will provide data about his movements for five years. He was named after a boat company that works with OCEARCH.

Vocabulary List:

1. **device** //dɪ'vaɪs// (noun): a small tool or machine for a purpose
2. **alert** //ə'lɜːt// (noun): a warning message or signal about danger
3. **spokesperson** //ˈspɒks,pɜːsən// (noun): a person who speaks for a group
4. **migration** //maɪ'greɪʃən// (noun): regular movement of animals to different places
5. **tagged** //tægd// (verb): had a marker attached for tracking movement
6. **provide** //prə'vaɪd// (verb): to give or make something available

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the length of the shark known as 'Contender'?

Option: 10 feet
Option: 12 feet
Option: 14 feet



Option: 16 feet

2. Where was Contender tagged?

- Option: California
- Option: Florida and Georgia
- Option: North Carolina
- Option: Cape Cod

3. How much does Contender weigh?

- Option: 1,500 pounds
- Option: 1,600 pounds
- Option: 1,700 pounds
- Option: 1,800 pounds

4. How far has Contender traveled since being tagged?

- Option: 5,000 miles
- Option: 6,000 miles
- Option: 7,000 miles
- Option: 8,000 miles

5. What type of device was used to track Contender?

- Option: An underwater camera
- Option: A GPS device
- Option: A sonar device
- Option: A satellite phone

6. What is a likely reason for Contender's movement up the East Coast?

- Option: Finding a mate
- Option: Hunting for smaller fish
- Option: Summer migration
- Option: Avoiding predators

True-False

7. Contender is a female white shark.

8. The shark was last tracked in California.



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9. Contender is likely moving north to feed in Cape Cod.
 10. The GPS device has been on Contender for five years.
 11. Grey seals are a source of food for Contender.
 12. Contender was named after a famous marine biologist.

Gap-Fill

13. The largest male white shark was seen near North Carolina and is called _____.
14. Contender weighs nearly _____ pounds.
15. The GPS device on Contender helps track the shark when it is out of the _____.
16. The waters in this region are comfortable for the sharks during _____ migration.
17. Since being tagged, Contender has traveled over _____ miles in the Atlantic Ocean.
18. Contender was tagged in _____ last year.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 14 feet 2. Florida and Georgia 3. 1,700 pounds 4. 7,000 miles 5. A GPS device 6. Summer migration

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

Gap-Fill: 13. Contender 14. 1,700 15. water 16. summer 17. 7,000 18. January

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