



Be Shark Smart

It is important to be aware that sharks inhabit the Great Barrier Reef and the Queensland coast including freshwater estuaries, canals and streams. To reduce the risk of negative interactions with sharks:

- Swim at patrolled beaches, between the flags and obey the lifeguard's advice and signage.
- Sharks are more actively hunting at dawn and dusk, these are times when swimming should be avoided.
- Always swim, snorkel or dive with a buddy.
- Be mindful of water conditions. Don't swim in murky or unclear water this can increase the potential of mistaken interactions with sharks.
- Never clean fish or discard food scraps over the side of your boat at anchorages.
- Don't forget to use on-board holding tanks while in anchorages. Even black waste can attract fish which in turn attracts predators.
- Do not swim near or interfere with shark control equipment.



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