



Newsletter 2

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Locations: Summer Holiday 2006/2007

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During the holidays over 20 Shark Spotters were on duty to look out for sharks approaching the beaches and alert people in the water. Additional lifeguards were employed to act as shark spotters at 4 surf lifesaving clubs resulting in a total of 10 beaches providing shark spotting services during the season.

Spotting locations over the holidays:

Surfer's Corner, Muizenberg
Danger Beach/St James
Fish Hoek Beach
Clovelly, Fish Hoek
Glencairn
Long Beach, Kommetjie
The Hoek, Noordhoek

Partnerships with Surf Lifesaving Clubs:

Blue Waters
Mnandi
Monwabisi
Strand

Shark sightings by the spotters were lower than the previous summer, with 16 sightings in Dec 2006 compared to 21 in Dec 2005.

There has only been one sighting at The Hoek and none at Long Beach, Kommetjie since Oct 2006. The effectiveness of spotting at Kommetjie is currently being evaluated. The

programme will continue full time at Muizenberg, St James, Fish Hoek and the Hoek. Other locations are part-time—look for the flags when spotters are on duty.



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- ET Systems for donating new siren remote activators
- Surf shops that fill our donation tins



Shark Shields & First Aid

The City of Cape Town's Sports & Recreation Department provided Shark Spotters with funds to purchase 22 personal protection Shark Shields for use by lifesavers, first aid training for 15 Shark Spotters and 70 City employees and 30 first aid kits.

More about Shark Spotters

Website: www.sharkspotters.org.za

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