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## Tiger Shark Tagging & Tracking



### Tiger Shark Interactions

The Tiger Shark gets its name from dark black spots and vertical bars which run the length of the body. Both commercial and recreational fishing catch rates for this species in the mid-Atlantic region have declined since the mid-1980's, indicating that fishing pressure has adversely affected the size of the population. Tiger Shark interactions and encounters are very important for conservation and awareness.

A bait ball is lowered into the water and with the aid of "chumming with fish oil" a scent and slick is created in the current which attracts a variety of fish and shark into the immediate area. Within a short period of time Tiger Shark appear on the scent trail and congregate around and above the bait ball.

Due to the fact that the bait process is just below the surface of the water there is a lot of activity on the surface around the inflatable dive boats however as an alternative, clients may enter the water with mask, fins and snorkel and interact with the sharks.

It is however, not necessary to enter the water at all as there is adequate visible action from the boat which is fitted with a TV monitor and underwater camera detailing all the underwater movement directly beneath the boat.

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