



BE SHARK SMART!

Follow DEC guidelines to minimize your risk while enjoying the ocean.

Sharks are a vital part of New York's marine ecosystem and play an essential role in keeping our ocean healthy. Although uncommon, sharks may come in contact with people in the surf zone where there is often poor water clarity and an abundance of small fish.



Avoid areas with schools of fish, splashing fish, diving seabirds, and seals.



Avoid swimming at dusk, night, and dawn.

Always follow instructions of lifeguards and parks' staff.



Shark activity is likely to increase in the nearshore ocean during the peak summer months.



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