



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 encounters with sharks:

- Follow local signage and swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.
- Don't swim at dawn or dusk — sharks are more actively hunting at these times.
- Swim, surf, snorkel or dive with a buddy.
- Always swim in clear water — not in murky water, estuary mouths or canals as this can increase the potential of mistaken interactions with sharks.
- Don't throw food scraps or fish waste overboard (including in anchorages or where people are swimming).
- 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.
- Don't swim where fish are being cleaned.



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