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Crew Of Tigershark Hauls In Their Record Catch Of 20 Sharks

A Good Day For Shark Fishing

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Saturday was a day to remember for Bill Goldschmitt, captain of the Longboat Key-based craft "Tigershark," his crew, a passenger and visitors to Coquina Beach.

Goldschmitt has been shark hunting for 14 years, and previously, the most sharks he and his crew have ever netted in a day from their 20-foot boat is 14. But they broke that record and set one that he believes is an overall record when they netted 20 on Saturday.

A net was put out 3 miles off Longboat Friday night, and by Saturday morning, it had captured a huge collection of various sharks.

The catch was displayed on the south end of Coquina Beach, near the Longboat Pass, to the amazement of passersby.

Goldschmitt is a commercial fisherman who also charters his boat, mostly for sharkhunting for "professional photographers and thrill seekers."

He said he made about \$1,000 from the sale in Cortez of the shark meat collected.

With the crew on this hunt was Jack Clover of Chicago, who has been interested in seeing sharks ever since he saw the movie "Jaws".

Shark is a very good fish to eat, despite its unpleasant connotation to many people, Goldschmitt said. It is high in protein and low in calories.

Some is sold as shark, some as swordfish, and some as scallops, he said. Shark often used to be sold under fictitious names, he said, but more recently is gaining broader acceptance.

He usually doesn't bring his catch to the beach like he did Saturday, but he thought, and rightly so, that the event might capture some attention for his business, his upcoming book and the value of shark as a food.

His book, a joint venture with local sportswriter Jerry Hill, is called "Shark Hunt," and should be released this summer.



Goldschmitt Opens Jaw Of Fish