



# 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 interactions with sharks:**

- Swim at patrolled beaches, between the flags and obey the lifeguard's advice and signage.
- Sharks are more actively hunting at dawn and dusk, these are times when swimming should be avoided.
- Always swim, snorkel or dive with a buddy.
- Be mindful of water conditions. Don't swim in murky or unclear water this can increase the potential of mistaken interactions with sharks.
- Never clean fish or discard food scraps over the side of your boat at anchorages.
- Don't forget to 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.



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