

# Sharks in the Bay



**W**hile boating in the bay, you may come across all kinds of sharks such as hammerhead, bull, lemon, tiger and nurse sharks. Researchers believe the sharks' immune system is very efficient against cancer, and scientists from the University of Miami are studying nurse sharks to better understand their resistance to the disease. In daytime a shark's eyesight is very poor, but at night their eyesight is 10 times better than humans'! Sharks can see in color and have a great sense of smell.

Are sharks picky eaters? As most scientists point out...sharks are not picky when it comes to eating!!! Sharks are scavengers (or predators), eating mainly smaller fish, but just about anything will do when they are in feeding mode. Sharks are very aware of their surrounding environment, including humans swimming in the water. Encounters between sharks and people are infrequent, and most inshore species pose little threat to humans. If you are swimming in the bay and see a shark, do not disturb it. Remember it is always best to swim with a friend or together with a group of swimmers. Don't swim alone.

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