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Shark Week 2021 | Special



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Discovery  
**SHARK WEEK**

July 11-18, 2021

**SHARK**



**CROSSING**

St. John's River  
Jacksonville, Florida  
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Kraken?



# Comments by RG

## Welcome to Shark Week 2021

The concept of Shark Week started on the Discovery Channel in 1988, specifically on July 17, 1988. No telling if they thought it would only be a one time thing or that they thought it would continue for well over 30 years! In any case, it has stayed popular for it to continue being on tv every year. Other companies have even gotten in on the popularity, whether or not they are even associated with the programing!  
(Sonic, I'm looking at you!)

Personally, I have never seen any of the Shark Week programs. I have always thought the idea was cool, but I have never really been all that into it. I am simply not knowledgeable about sharks! I know that they are in the oceans, they swim around, and they scare the bejeebers out of anyone they are near. (If movies about sharks were to give any indication of that!) That's about all I know!

In researching facts about sharks, oh my gosh! How overwhelming are the huge varieties of sharks in the world! Sizes, shapes, colors, rarity... With that, I set out to make this special issue very simple and more fun than about being overly educational.

I was fortunate to find many great photos on Unsplash. It is a site of completely free photos available for download and for use however you wish. I even have my own account of my photos that I uploaded to make freely available.

I also came across an organization that specializes in shark research, called Shark Research Institute. Some of the shark information came from that site. That is how I found out about the overwhelming varieties and classifications of sharks! So yes, there is a little bit of education included in this special issue.

I hope you like this special issue, and if you want some more fun stuff like this, take a look at my Talk Like A Pirate Day issue from 2020! I'll have more fun special issues in the future. You just never know what I might present next!

Enjoy!

Did anyone else notice that Sonic changed their logo?



*Shark Week Slush from Sonic, anyone?*

[www.sonicdrivein.com](http://www.sonicdrivein.com)



*(What are the strawberries supposed to be?)*



# Shark Sciency Stuff

According to the Shark Research Institute (yes, that is a real organization), the 400+ species of sharks can be classified into eight orders of sharks in the Elasmobranchii group of the Chondrichthyes class. (Got that?)

- Kingdom: Animalia (all animals)
- Phylum: Chordata (all chordates)
- Class: Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish)
- Order: Lamniformes (mackerel sharks)
- Family: Lamnidae (mackerel sharks)
- Genus: Isurus
- Species: oxyrinchus

Now you can see why I would be overwhelmed in trying to summarize all of this into a fun Shark Week special!

## Eight orders of sharks in Elasmobranchii group of Chondrichthyes class

*[My own comments are in brackets.]*

*Carcharhiniformes*—“Also known as “ground sharks” *[not to be confused with “land sharks” —I’m looking at you Derek Klingenberg!]*, carcharhiniformes is largest order of sharks. Their characteristics include five gill slits, moveable eyelids which protect their eyes from injury, two spineless dorsal fins, an anal fin, and a wide mouth filled with sharp teeth located behind the eyes.”

*Heterodontiformes*—“This is a small order of sharks with only nine known species. They have five gill slits, a dorsal fin with a strong spine, and both sharp and flat rounded teeth in their mouth.” *[These look like a big fish!]*

*Hexanchiformes*—“Considered the most primitive order of sharks alive today, these sharks have six or seven gill slits, a single dorsal fin, an anal fin, and thorny teeth. Most live in cold, deep water.”

*[The Frilled Shark looks like an eel!]*

*Lamniformes*—“These sharks have five gill slits, a large mouth with several rows of sharp teeth, two dorsal fins, an anal fin, and are able to maintain a higher body temperature than the water in which they are swimming.”

*[The Basking Shark is not one I would want to meet in dark waters, nor in crystal clear waters on a sunny day either!]*

*Orectolobiformes*—“Among the most diverse order of sharks, these sharks have five gill slits, two spineless dorsal fins, an anal fin, and spiracles near their eyes. Most have a patterned skin, and some have barbels on their chins.”

*[This order has sharks that look really cool!]*

*Pristiophoriformes*—“Also known as sawsharks, these sharks have long saw-like snouts. These sharks have five or six gill slits, two dorsal fins, no anal fin, wide pectoral fins, and transverse teeth. Most sharks in this order live tropical coastal waters.” *[You’ve seen these before, they look like they have hedge cutters for noses!]*

*Squaliformes*—“With an estimated 126 different species, this order of sharks is found in nearly every marine habitat. These sharks have long snouts with a short mouth, five gill slits, two dorsal fins, and lack an anal fin. Some deepwater Squaliformes are bioluminescent.” *[Creepy looking eyes!]*

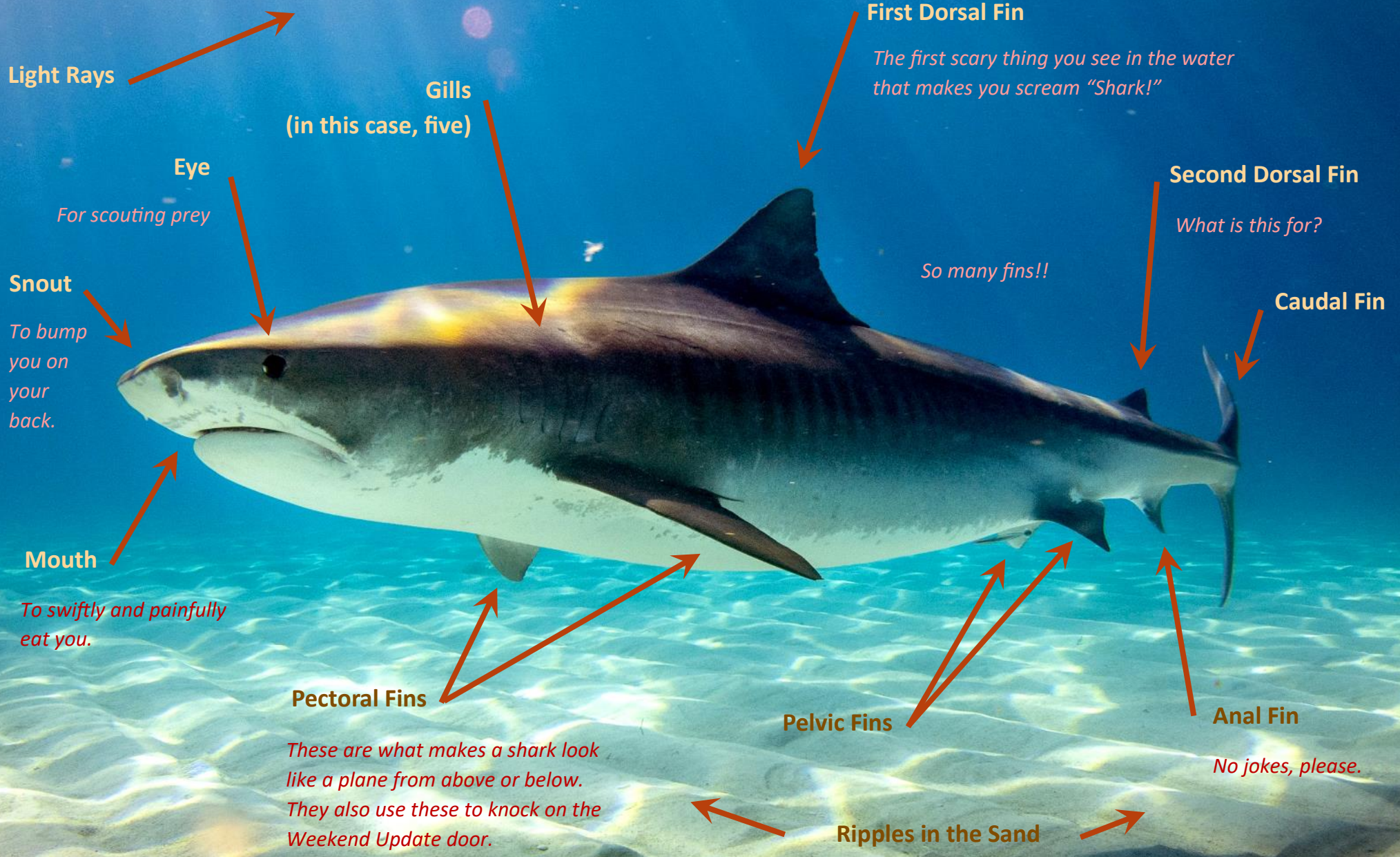
*Squatiniiformes*—“Sharks in this order have flattened bodies *[visualize a thick pancake]*, a mouth with dermal flaps in front of a short snout, nasal barbels, eyes, and spiracle on the top of their head, and lack an anal fin.”

Go to the SRI website to see images of these sharks by their class and order:

[www.sharks.org/species](http://www.sharks.org/species)



# Shark Anatomy



**Light Rays**

**Eye**

*For scouting prey*

**Snout**

*To bump you on your back.*

**Mouth**

*To swiftly and painfully eat you.*

**Gills**  
*(in this case, five)*

**Pectoral Fins**

*These are what makes a shark look like a plane from above or below. They also use these to knock on the Weekend Update door.*

**First Dorsal Fin**

*The first scary thing you see in the water that makes you scream "Shark!"*

*So many fins!!*

**Pelvic Fins**

**Second Dorsal Fin**

*What is this for?*

**Anal Fin**

*No jokes, please.*

**Caudal Fin**

**Ripples in the Sand**

# The Sharks



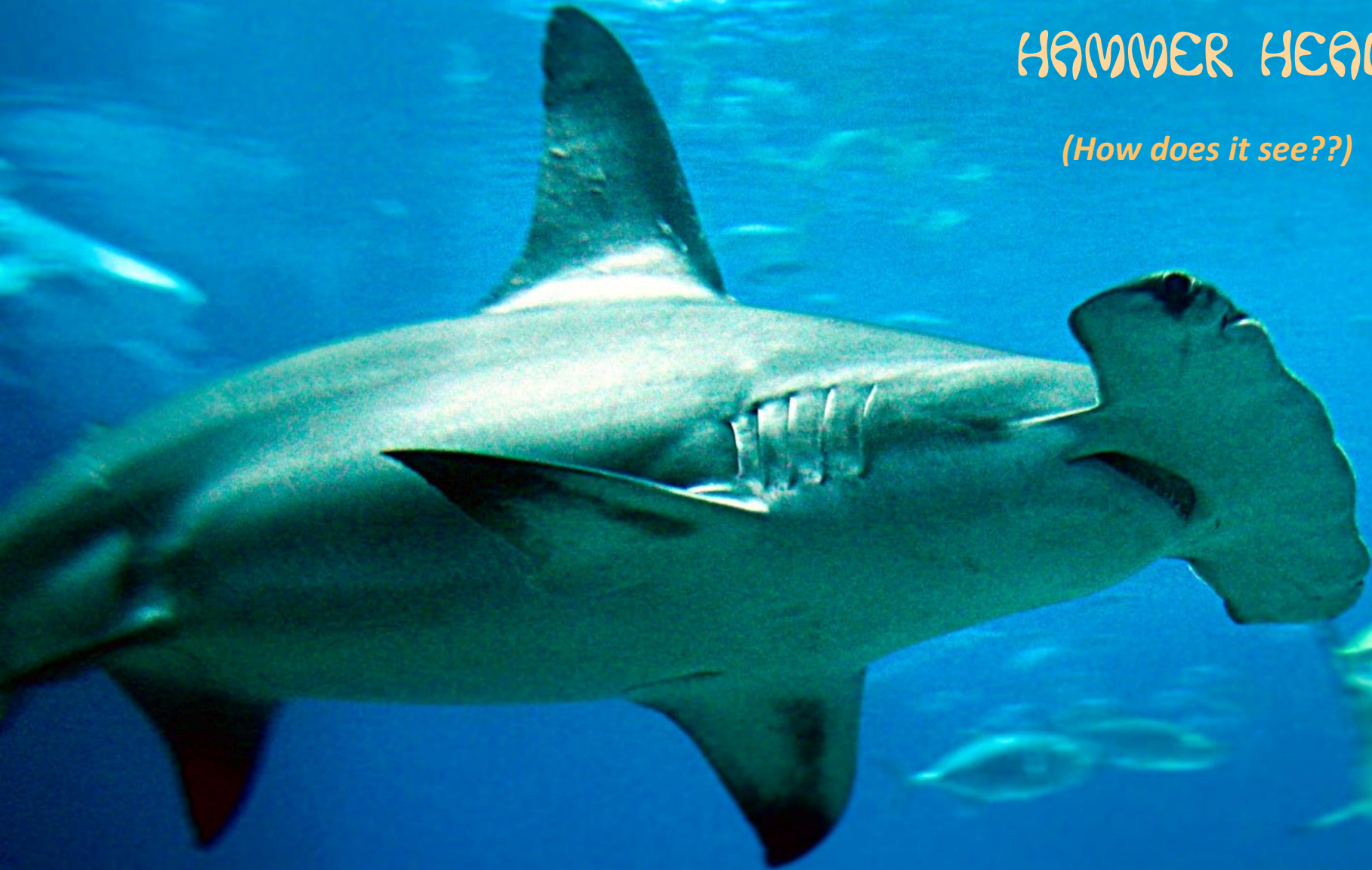
GREAT WHITE

*(It's not all white)*

# The Sharks

HAMMER HEAD

*(How does it see??)*



# The Sharks



*(These are nostrils)*

HEDGE TRIMMERS

*(Uh, I mean,)*

SAW SHARK

*(Look at that face!)*

# The Sharks



WHALE SHARK

*(Beautiful, aren't they?)*



# The Sharks



## GRAY SHARK

*(What's with all the colors?  
I mean, really?)*

# The Sharks



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Shark



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Shark



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Shark



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Shark



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Shark



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Shark



<https://abc.com/shows/shark-tank>



POOL SHARK



CARD SHARK

# The Sharks

NO THANK YOU!



# Final Thought

Shark Week is a production of the Discovery Channel.

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