

W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Widespread in warm temperate and tropical waters from Cape Cod to Uruguay, and the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean. Migratory seasonally and also nocturnally. ^{i, v}

SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 Dorsal ridge present
- 2 Stripes on side of body. Black blotches on juveniles fuse together with time, striped pattern fades in mature adults
- 3 1st dorsal fin origin even with rear bases of pectoral fins
- 4 Spiracle present ^{ii, iii}

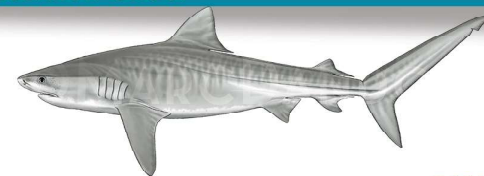
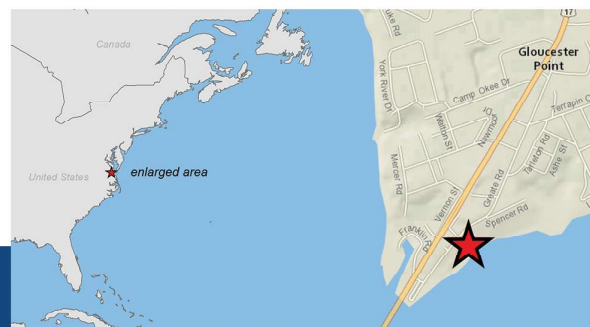
MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 18 feet (5.5 m) and males up to 12.1 feet (3.7 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

HABITAT

Common in a wide range of marine habitats, observed down to 350 m. Prefers continental turbid waters or otherwise areas with high prey density. ^{i, iii}

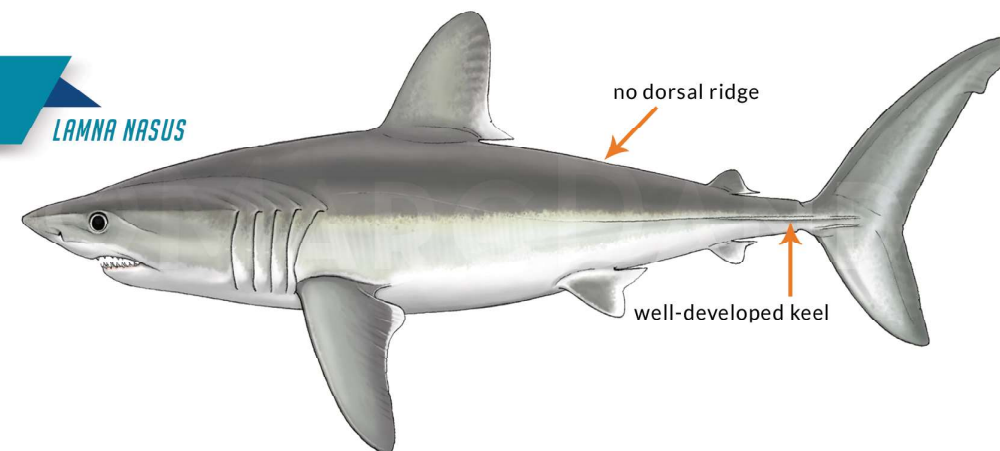
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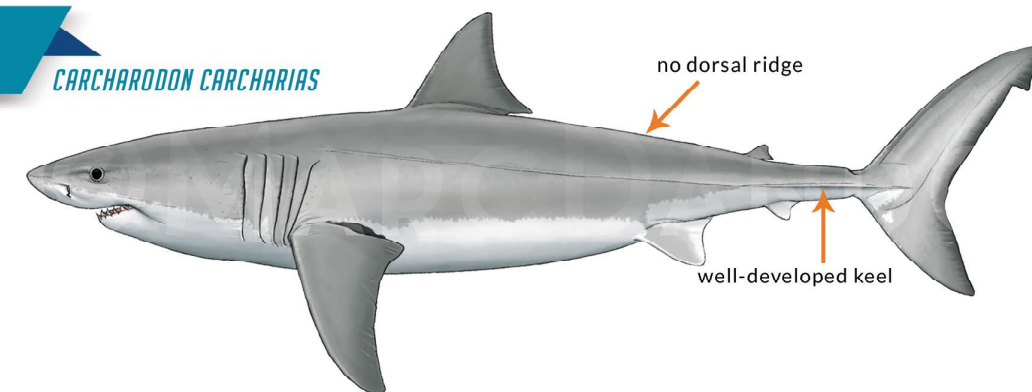
PORBEAGLE

LAMNA NASUS



GREAT WHITE SHARK

CARCHARODON CARCHARIAS



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