

# 4 shark attacks off New York

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**NEW YORK:** Four shark attacks were reported off the coast of New York's Long Island over the holiday weekend, extending a recent spike in such encounters in state waters, but authorities said the victims suffered only minor injuries. With the attacks over the weekend, the two-year total for the state stands at 13, more than have been reported in the past 175 years, research from the Atlantic Shark Institute shows. "To see this many this quickly this early in the season, not withstanding last year, I'm surprised," said the institute's director.

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