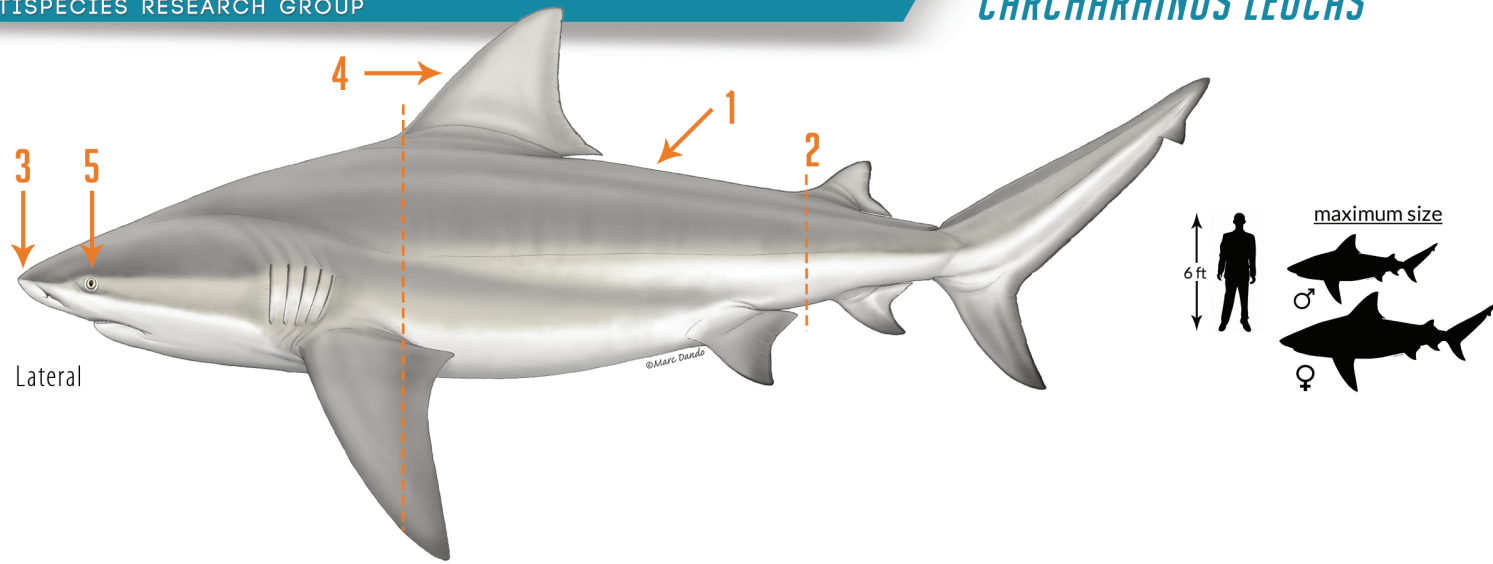


# BULL SHARK

*CARCHARHINUS LEUCAS*



## W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Common in warm temperate and tropical waters from Massachusetts to S. Brazil and occasional in cool, temperate zones of varying salinities ranging from freshwater to hypersaline. Migrate latitudinally seasonally and farther offshore as adults. <sup>i, v</sup>

## SPECIES CHARACTERISTICS

### IDENTIFICATION

- 1 No dorsal ridge
- 2 2nd dorsal fin origin in front of anal fin origin
- 3 Snout short and broadly rounded, much shorter than width of mouth
- 4 1st dorsal fin tall, not notably rounded
- 5 Small eye <sup>ii, iii</sup>

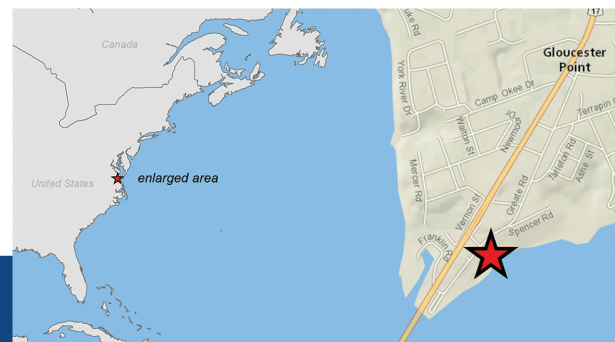
### MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 10.6 feet (3.2 m) and males up to 7.4 feet (2.3 m) <sup>iii</sup>

### HABITAT

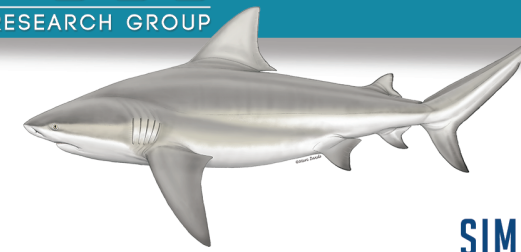
Primarily inhabits shallow shelf waters down to 150 m, but commonly migrates great distances into estuaries and rivers. <sup>i, iii</sup>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION



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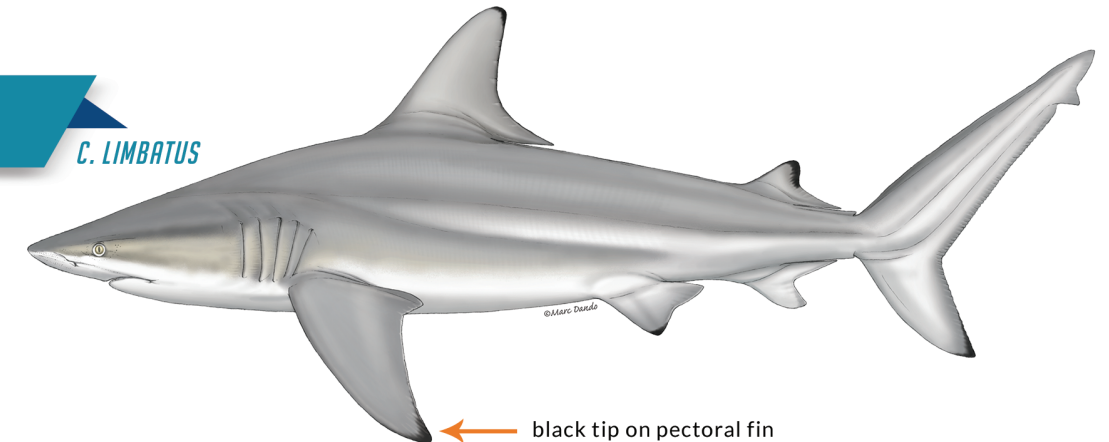
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## SIMILAR SPECIES <sup>III, IV</sup>

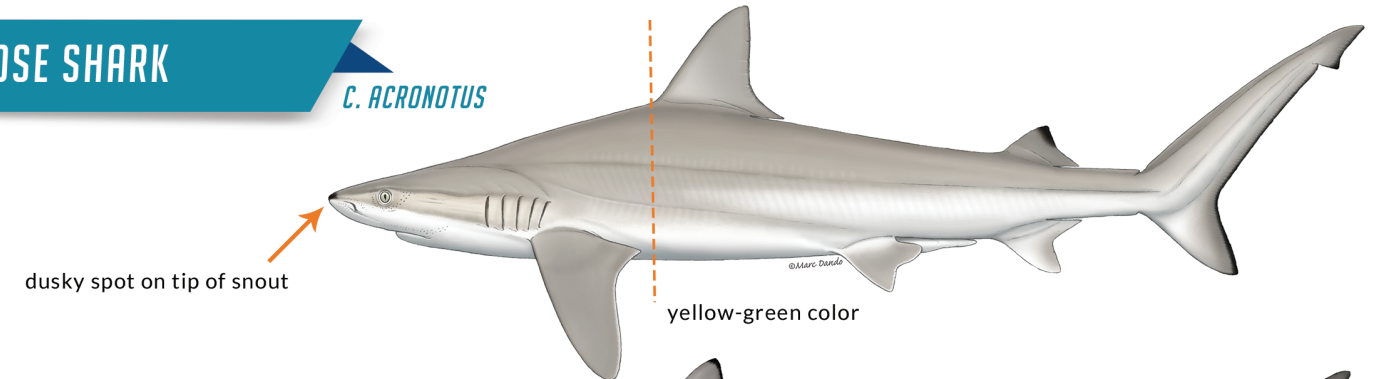
### BLACKTIP SHARK

*C. LIMBATUS*



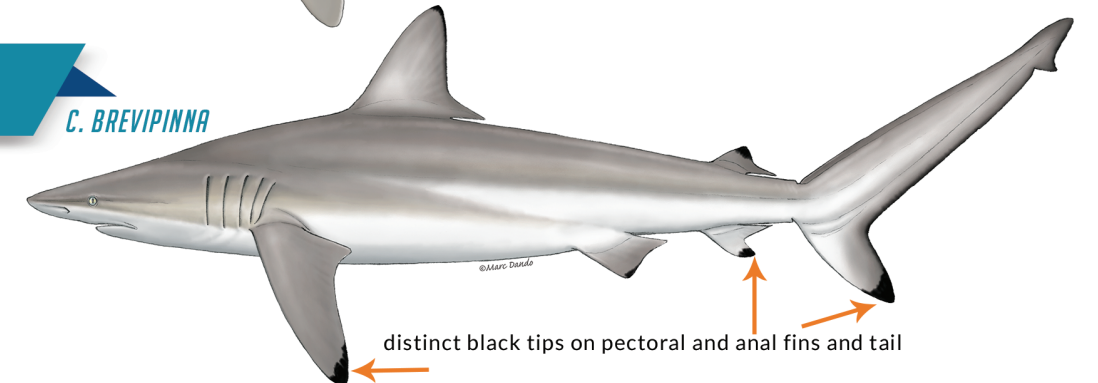
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### SPINNER SHARK

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