

MANEATERS REAPPEAR:

If you're a fisherman, here's a story of one that didn't get away. If you're a surfer you'll be glad that he didn't. If you're neither, just grab your seat and get ready for thrills. John Platt and Noel Dougherty of Bondi are going out in this tiny ten footer to fish for sharks. Hooks are baited with fish which in themselves would satisfy the average angler but these two are after bigger game. And here it is. A strike! He's a 14 footer tiger shark much longer than the fisherman's craft. They're going to need more than fisherman's luck. This may be okay in a fair sized ship but in this dinghy -- oh boy! There's a choppy sea. It's dangerous just standing in the boat but when the shark fights...it's hang on, or go overboard. The tiger's one of the sea's most vicious monsters, and one of its most determined fighters. The powerful brute could overturn the tiny craft and must be handled carefully. Platt's hands are sore and blistered from constant jarring as the shark twists and dives, trying to break loose. He's drowning the shark -- strange but true.

The fight's nearly over but a tiger shark's strenuous to the last kick. It's still too early to take chances, but they haul it alongside to get a rope round its tail. They're towing it behind the dinghy because it's too big to fit inside. It sounds like a fisherman's tale but these boys can prove it. And when surfers know this tiger shark was hooked only a few yards from where they were catching waves off Ben Buckler -- yes, they'll still be back there tomorrow. They have seen a lot of wolves on Bondi Beach, but they don't often get such a close up view of a shark. He's a real man-eater and hooked within a few hundred yards of the favorite surfing spot of perhaps 75,000 people each week end. Warning to surfers -- don't get away from the crowd. Next time you want to take risks remember this gaping maw -- and take it easy brother -- take it easy!

EXCLUSIVE:

Length: 193'