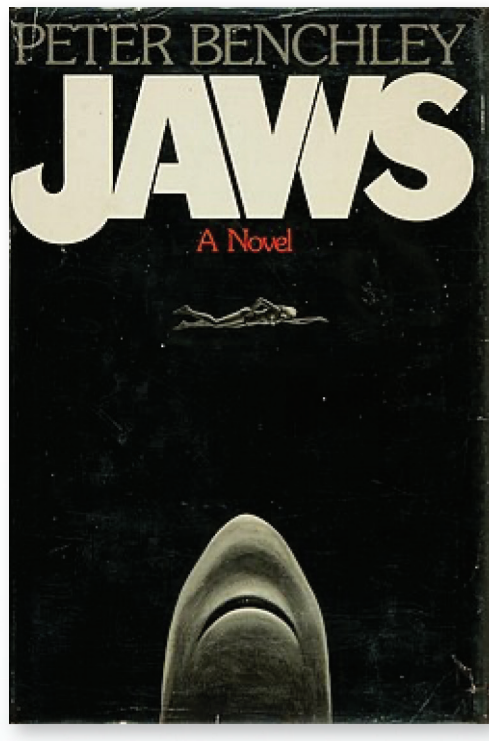
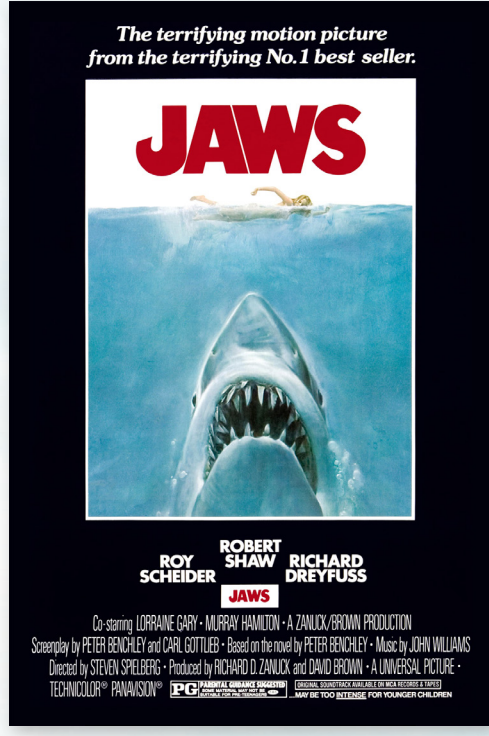


JAWS



Genre: Novel
Language: English
Original title: Jaws
Cover artist: Paul Bacon
Publisher: Doubleday, Bantam Books
Country: U.S.A.
Publication year: 1973

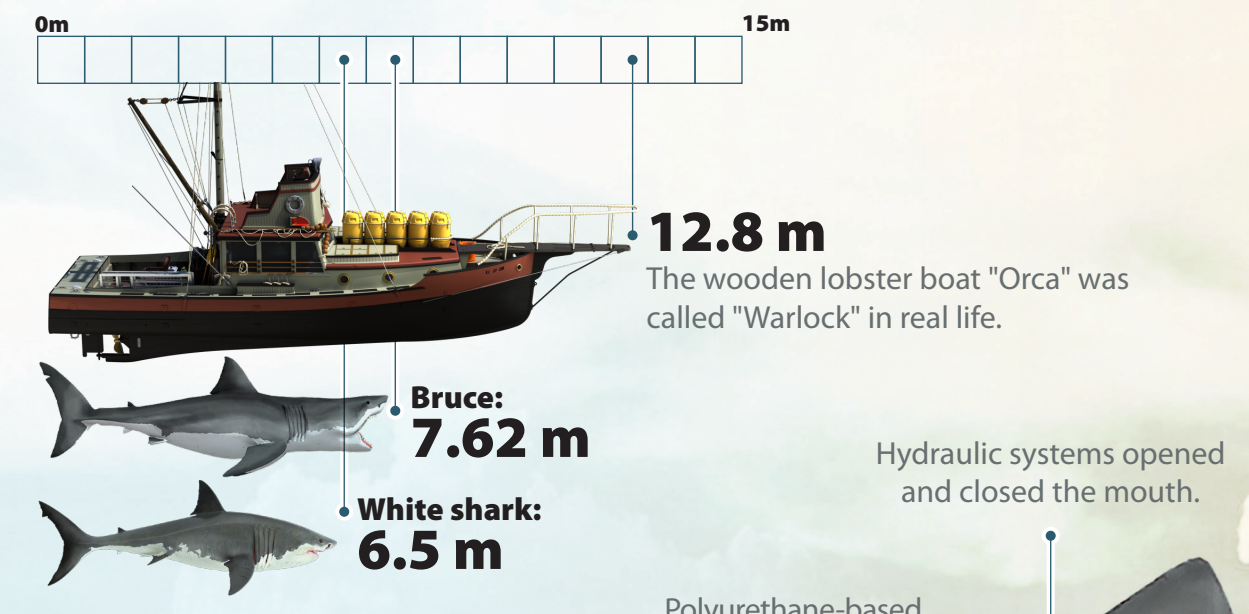


Director: Steven Spielberg
Producers: David Brown Baren Richard D. Zanuck
Script: Peter Benchley Carl Gottlieb
Music: John Williams
Country: U.S.A.
Release date: June 20, 1975
Genre: thriller
Duration: 124 minutes
Language: English

Based on Peter Benchley's novel, Jaws tells the story of a great white shark terrorizing the beaches of Amity and the efforts to hunt it down. The film made history by redefining the thriller and suspense genre; however, it also fueled unjustified fear of sharks, harming their reputation worldwide.

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A BIGGER BOAT

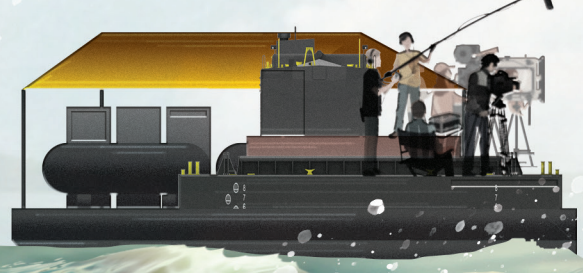
While trying to lure the shark into shallow waters, the Orca's engine malfunctioned which resulted in the shark impacting the boat.



The mechanical shark was nicknamed "Bruce" after Spielberg's lawyer, Bruce Raimer.
\$500,000 dollars
cost of each mechanical shark

Steel skeleton with pneumatic and hydraulic systems moved various body parts.

3 shark replicas: two with mechanical movement and one sled-style model pulled by a cable. All were operated from a floating barge nearby.



Amity Police Chief, Martin Brody, is played by Roy Scheider.

Marine Biologist Matt Hooper is played by Richard Dreyfuss.

The eccentric fisherman Quint is played by Robert Shaw.

LOCATION

Most of the movie was filmed at Martha's Vineyard (Massachusetts, USA).



CHALLENGES OF FILMING IN THE OCEAN

Filming was difficult since the crew had little maritime experience and seawater damaged the mechanical sharks.

The mechanical arm was connected to a special-effects barge via cables.

Bruce was hoisted onto an adjustable mechanical steel arm with hydraulic systems that helped open and close its mouth.

The beaches along Martha's Vineyard rarely exceed **11 meters** in depth, which made production easier.

Underwater scenes were filmed by several scuba divers.

18.2 METERS
Length of submerged platform.
12 TONS
Weight of the platform.

Ballast and water pumps helped keep the platform submerged and in place.

THE "SHARK EFFECT"

The film laid the foundation for the modern blockbuster; however, it also intensified public fear of sharks.

30 SPECIES
out of 500, have verified bite incidents.

1 IN 11.5 MILLION
Probability of getting bitten by a shark.

64 BITES
average of incidents recorded annually.

>100 MILLION
sharks die each year due to fishing and habitat loss.

FUN FACTS

The mechanical malfunctions forced Spielberg to use music and partial shots to suggest the presence of the shark.

159 days
Duration of filming.

>450 movie theaters
premiered the Universal Pictures movie.

John Williams won the Oscar for best soundtrack for the theme of the movie "Jaws".

In 1973, before the novel was published, Richard D. Zanuck and David Brown Baren bought the filming rights for \$175,000 dollars.

\$9 million
DOLLARS
Final budget.

\$474,141,300
MILLION DOLLARS
generated in box office tickets.

In 2001 the film was selected to be preserved in the National Film Registry in the United States.

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