

W. ATLANTIC OCEAN DISTRIBUTION

Widespread in warm temperate and tropical waters from the Gulf of Maine to northern Argentina, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean. Migrate north seasonally. ^{i, iii}

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 Dorsal ridge present
- 2 2nd dorsal fin in front of anal fin origin
- 3 1st dorsal fin large, its origin over middle of pectoral fin
- 4 No black tip on anal fin
- 5 Snout short and broad, its length about half the height of 1st dorsal fin ^{ii, iii}

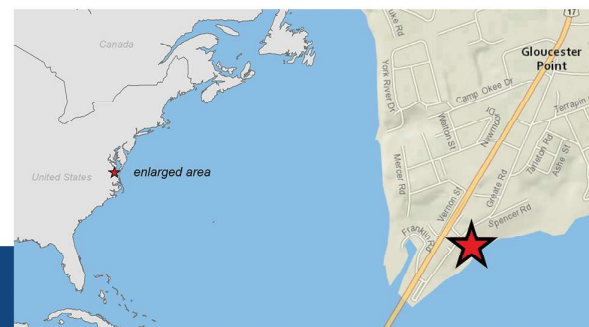
MAXIMUM SIZE

Females up to 7.7 feet (2.3 m) and males up to 7.3 feet (2.2 m) ⁱⁱⁱ

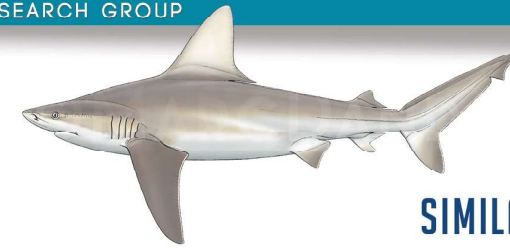
HABITAT

Coastal in shallow waters and further offshore, down to 280 m depth, on sandy or muddy flats, bays, and estuaries or near topographic features in open waters. Avoids surface waters. ^{i, iii}

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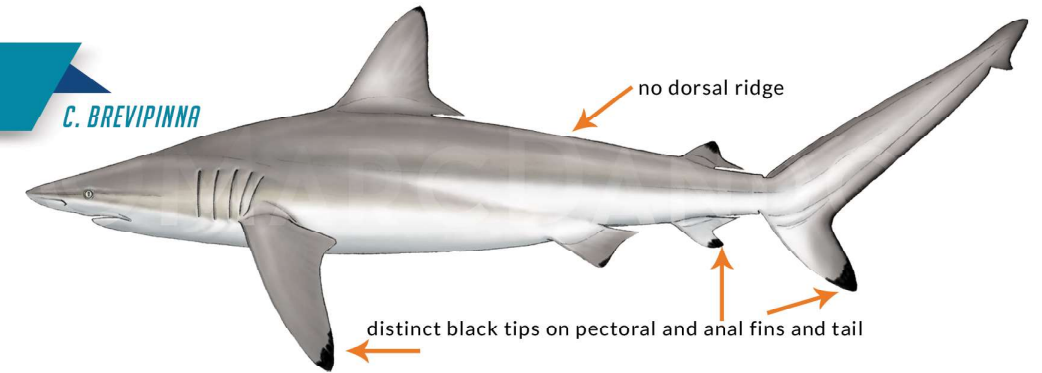
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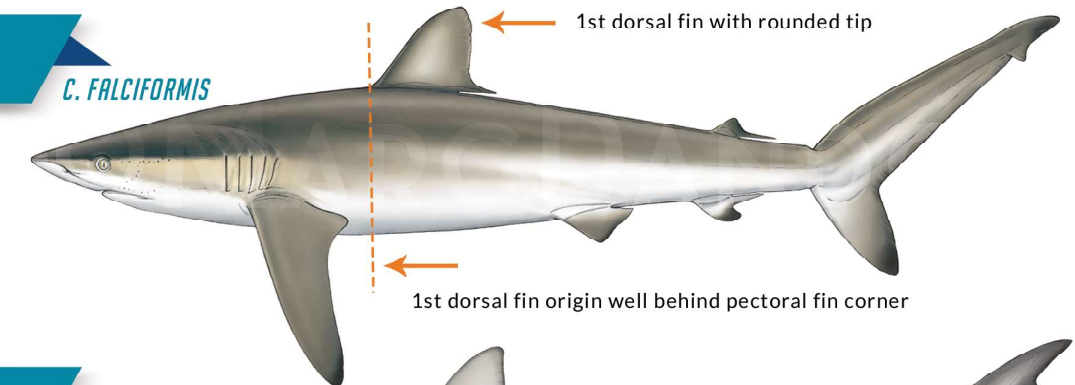
SPINNER SHARK

C. BREVIPINNA



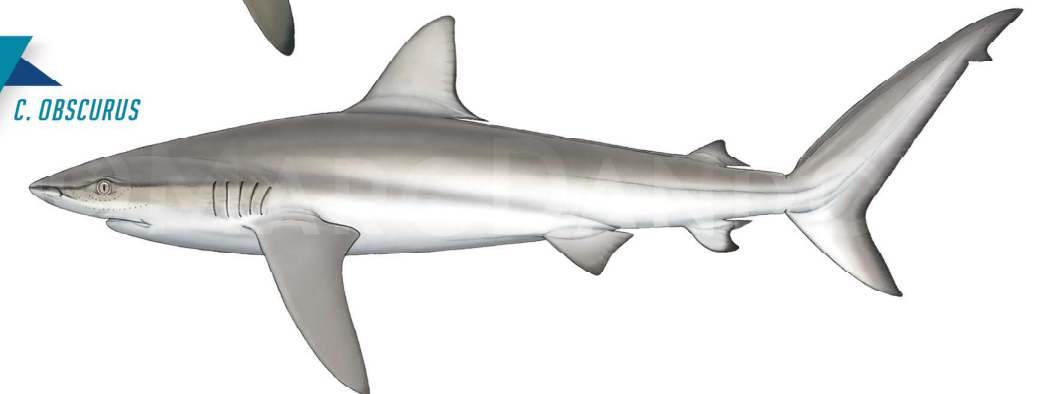
SILKY SHARK

C. FALCIFORMIS



DUSKY SHARK

C. OBSCURUS



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