

**JAWS** (1975)

Story Beats by D. McClellan

1. [0-1:15] CREDITS – SHARK THEME MUSIC INTRODUCED
  - a. SETS UP VILLAIN MUSIC – RE: ANTICIPATION
2. BEACH BONFIRE PARTY – KIDS – more credits
  - a. Guy & Gal hook up
  - b. Run off to go swimming
    - i. Guy too drunk passes out in sand
  - c. CHRISSY takes off clothes – skinny dips in bay
  - d. POV Shots of her swimming naked
  - e. [4:04] SHARK ATTACK 1
    - i. Guy passed out
  - f. Chrissie GONE [5:00]
3. MORNING – BRODY & WIFE WAKE UP
  - a. Bought house in fall – this is summer
    - i. NEW ARRIVAL
      1. FISH OUT OF WATER SET UP
      - ii. From New York – new to AMITY
  - b. SON Got cut on swings
  - c. Brody gets a call – has to go
  - d. LEAVES HOUSE – season hasn't even started
    - i. CHIEF – be safe
      1. In this town?
  - e. Drives off
  - f. DRIVES through Island
    - i. SIGN DRIVE BY – AMITY ISLAND
4. [7:35] BRODY & DRUNK GUY AT BEACH – MISSING GIRL
  - a. Guy was drunk
    - i. Must have drowned
      1. He's an Islander
        - a. Brody from NYC
  - b. WHISTLE – BODY REMAINS FOUND by Deputy
    - i. Crabs crawling over her [8:30]
5. POLICE OFFICE – BRODY types up report
  - a. SECRETARY enters with pedestrian issues
  - b. BRODY TYPES REPORT – Shark Attack –
  - c. DECIDES TO CLOSE THE BEACH
    - i. Where are beach-closed signs?
  - d. BRODY WALKS THROUGH TOWN
  - e. AMITY 4<sup>th</sup> July Celebration signs
  - f. BRODY & TOWNIES etc... domestic issues
  - g. BRODY AT HARDWARE STORE [10:40]
    - i. Gets paint & supplies
  - h. DEPUTY drives up – Boy scouts swimming for merit badge in bay
    - i. Brody instructs him to make beach closed signs
      1. Joke RE: Let Polly do the printing
    - ii. Brody drives off to save scouts
  - i. MAYOR misses Brody
    - i. Learns of Shark attack & Beach closing
6. BRODY ON FERRY OUT TO SCOUTS
  - a. MAYOR & STAFF arrive [12:08]
  - b. Argue about shutting down beaches
    - i. First summer here –

- ii. Summer town – we need summer dollars
- iii. Never had that kind of trouble in these waters
- iv. M.E. LIES – boat propeller
  - 1. Brody upset
- v. MAYOR trying to avoid panic on 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- 7. [13:35] BEACH DAY - ALEX KITTNER gets raft
  - a. BRODY and WIFE watch from sand
    - i. Discuss being an islander
  - b. DOG plays fetch with owner
  - c. People floating as Brody watches
  - d. FAKE SCARE 1 – old man with swim cap
  - e. Fake scare 2 –people horsing around
  - f. Brody tense
    - i. Guy with problems asks him to look into it
  - g. BAD HAT HARRY – we know all about You chief –
    - i. Never go into the water
  - h. Brody uptight
  - i. Kids splashing with football
  - j. DOG MISSING [16:42]
  - k. CUE SHARK MUSIC – [16:50]
  - l. BOY ON RAFT EATEN – SHARK ATTACK 2 [17:10]
    - i. Hitchcock ZOOM OUT DOLLY IN on Brody
  - m. PANIC – everyone out of the water
  - n. ALEX missing –Mom searches
    - i. Bloody raft washes up
- 8. [18:11] – BOUNTY ON SHARK – TOWN HALL MADNESS
  - a. \$3000 for shark –
  - b. Woman advertising bounty all over New England
  - c. Concern for closing beaches with Islanders
    - i. Impacting their business
  - d. BRODY speaks – THEY ARE CLOSING BEACHES
    - i. Only for 24 hours
      - 1. Brody didn't agree to that
  - e. [20:39] QUINT INTRODUCED – NAILS ON CHALKBOARD
  - f. He'll catch it and kill it for \$10K
    - i. Quint exits
  - g. CONCLUSION – CUT TO - BEACH CLOSED SIGNS ARE PUT UP
- 9. [22:37] BRODY AT HOME – SHARK BOOKS
  - a. WIFE scares him
  - b. Brody learns about sharks – he's US
  - c. Wife gives him a drink – wanna fool around?
  - d. MIKEY in SAIL BOAT- his birthday present
    - i. BRODY yells at him out of the boat
    - ii. GAG with WIFE after she sees shark attack boat in book
- 10. [24:35] NIGHT FISHERMAN – try to catch shark with roast on dock
  - a. INTERCUT – BRODY READS SHARK BOOKS
    - i. Set up EXPECTATION
    - ii. Graphic Shark ATTACK PICS
    - iii. MEGALODON JAW PIC shows scale
  - b. BACK TO: SHARK takes roast – breaks DOCK apart
    - i. Drags fisherman out to sea
    - ii. Struggles to swim back to shore
    - iii. Shark THEME MUSIC THROUGHOUT

- iv. NEAR MISS WITH SHARK
  - 1. Back safe on dock
    - a. Can we go home now? [27:35]

ACT 2

- 11. [27:45] AMITY HARBOR MAYHEM – THE FISHERMAN HAVE ARRIVED
  - a. Deputy tells BRODY KITTNER Woman's bounty is the cause of this
  - b. Fisherman over loading boats
  - c. HOOPER ARRIVES on small boat
  - d. BRODY OVERWHELMED
    - i. Loading DYNAMITE on boats
  - e. HOOPER jokes with LOCALS RE: overloading the boat
  - f. BRODY on phone tells POLLY to set up ROADBLOCK SIGNS
    - i. More people than we can handle
    - ii. Deputy gag with locals
  - g. HOOPER enters MEETS BRODY [30:00]
    - i. From Oceanographic Institute
      - 1. Wants to see remains of girl from beach
  - h. CUT TO: FISHERMEN OUT – chumming & dropping explosives in water
- 12. HOOPER EXAMINES REMAINS –
  - a. Talks through the severity of the shark bite
  - b. No boat accident – was a SHARK ATTACK
    - i. Picks up severed arm
  - c. Considerably larger than any shark seen in the area
- 13. [32:45] TIGER SHARK CAUGHT – STRUNG UP AT DOCK
  - a. HOOPER measures the bite radius
  - b. Getting picture for paper nonsense
  - c. QUINT BATS BY - laughs at the nonsense on dock
  - d. BRODY HAPPY they caught the shark
    - i. May not be the shark
    - ii. Tells Brody – probably not the shark
      - 1. Lets cut it open and see
      - 2. Mayor FREAKS OUT
  - e. MISS KITTNER APPROACHES BRODY – SLAPS HIM
    - i. Found out that girl got killed last week and he knew
      - 1. And let people go swimming anyway
  - f. MAYOR APOLOGIZES – she's wrong
    - i. No she's not
    - ii. Brody walks off ALONE
- 14. [38:15] BRODY AT HOME AFTER DINNER – DEPRESSION
  - a. GAG with son and fingers
    - i. Wife watches
      - 1. Give us a kiss – cause I need it
  - b. HOOPER ARRIVES – brings wine
    - i. How was your day? (joke)
    - ii. Hooper eats Brody's food
  - c. HOOPER'S love of sharks revealed – when he was a kid STORY
  - d. You still have a shark problem – not the shark that killed everyone
  - e. Brody and WINE GAG (COMEDY)
  - f. HOOPER Leaving going 18 months at sea
  - g. BRODY hates water. Boats, etc...
  - h. BRODY asks Hooper questions about shark attacks
    - i. Rogue shark – goes where feeding is good

- ii. Territoriality theory of HOOPER'S etc...
  - i. Lets go cut that thing open
- 15. HOOPER CUTS OPEN TIGER SHARK – NOT THE SHARK
  - a. Close beach call Mayor
  - b. Still got a shark out there
  - c. How do we confirm that by morning?
    - i. Go out on boat and find him?
    - ii. Jokes about going out on boat
- 16. [45:19] HOOPER'S BOAT AT NIGHT – PROVING THEORY – SEARCH FOR SHARK
  - a. Brody drunken rant about NYC crime
    - i. In Amity one man can make a difference
  - b. Boat is full of TECH
    - i. Hooper is wealthy – family money
    - ii. Fish finder etc...
  - c. FIND BOAT OUT IN THE FOG
    - i. FLOTSAM in water
  - d. BEN GARDNER'S BOAT – all banged up
    - i. What happened? [48:10]
      - 1. Gotta go down and check the hull
  - e. HOOPER SUITS UP – DIVES DOWN
    - i. Let's tow it in
      - 1. Don't worry
    - ii. Don't touch anything – back in 2 minutes
  - f. HOOPER DIVES UNDER BOAT WITH LIGHT
  - g. INSPECTS HULL
  - h. LARGE HOLE IN BOTTOM
  - i. GIANT TOOTH pulled out of hull
  - j. [49:56] JUMP SCARE – BEN GARDNER'S HEAD
    - i. Eye popped out
      - 1. Hooper DROPS TOOTH
    - ii. Rushed to surface
  - k. ON BOAT – safe
- 17. NEXT DAY WITH MAYOR – MAKE CASE FOR SHARK IN WATER
  - a. A shark is attracted to swimmers activity – can not avoid it
  - b. Where is tooth?
    - i. Dropped it
      - 1. GREAT WHITE
  - c. Argues with Mayor – KILL IT OR CUT OFF FOOD SUPPLY
  - d. GRAFFITI GAG with shark on Amity Billboard [52:00]
    - i. Proportions are correct etc...
      - 1. Brody is voice of reason
  - e. Beaches WILL BE OPEN ON JULY 4<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Business trumps common sense
- 18. ARRIVAL OF TOURISTS MONTAGE –
  - a. Brody getting extra help
  - b. HOOPER getting out of his trip
  - c. VACATIONERS ARRIVE ON FERRY
  - d. SHARK ATTACK VIDEO GAME
- 19. [55:00] BRODY PATROLS BEACHES WITH EXTRA STAFF
  - a. HOOPER out in boat patrolling
  - b. NEWS REPORT RE: Killer Shark
  - c. MAYOR convinces MAN to go into water to prove it safe

- d. MAN & WIFE enter water with kids & Raft
- e. ALONE in water
- f. CROWD PILES IN AFTER THEM
- g. PATROLLING IN helicopter
- h. MIKE and friends with BOAT
  - i. BRODY tells his son to keep boat in POND
- i. WIFE watches from boardwalk
- j. PEOPLE SPLASHING
- k. UNDERWATER SHARK POV LEGS KICKING
- l. FALSE ALARM – GLARE ON WATER
- m. SHARK POV UNDER SWIMMERS
- n. MAYOR INTERVIEW
  - i. Beaches are open
- o. [59:20] FAKE SHARK FIN GAG
  - i. WHISTLE – EVERYBODY OUT OF WATER – PANIC
    - 1. People trampled mayhem etc...
    - 2. Brody & Mayor watch
  - ii. KIDS with FAKE FIN REVEALED
- p. [1:01:00] SHARK IN POND – MIKE in POND
  - i. SHARK BUMPS BOATER
  - ii. MIKE and friends KNOCKED IN WATER
- q. SHARK ATTACK 3 – FIRST VISUAL OF SHARK UNDERWATER [1:02:35]
  - i. Shark ATTACKS MAN AT BOAT - biting LEG OFF MAN
    - 1. Bloody LEG in water
  - ii. SHARK SWIMS BY MIKE watching from water
  - iii. BRODY GETS MIKE out of water – back on sand
    - 1. In shock
- r. BRODY looks out to water – shark gone

#### MIDDLE OF ACT 2

- 20. [1:04:06] HOSPITAL LATER – MIKE OK
  - a. has to stay in hospital overnight
  - b. Brody with Wife – ready to leave island
    - i. No – home here
  - c. BRODY CONFRONTS MAYOR – pulls him aside
  - d. FORCES HIM TO HIRE QUINT TO KILL SHARK
    - i. Summer is over – MAYOR SIGNS IT
- 21. [1:06:20] QUINT WITH BRODY – PREP FOR HUNT
  - a. QUINT demands a bunch of domestic stuff of Brody
    - i. Brody concedes to all of it
  - b. HOOPER THERE – CHARACTER REVEALS OF QUINT
    - i. Makes his own moonshine
  - c. SHARK JAWS boiling in pots
  - d. HOOPER VS. QUINT – POV's REVEALED
    - i. American's cup trial
    - ii. Plight of the workingman etc...
    - iii. Hooper's hands – city hands
  - e. BRODY intervenes - QUINT is CAPTAIN
    - i. Take him for BALANCE CHIEF
- 22. LOADING BOAT WITH GEAR – HOOPER'S TECH GEAR LAID OUT
  - a. QUINT scoffs at SHARK CAGE [1:09:50]
    - i. Cage goes in water gag etc...
  - b. BRODY WITH WIFE – take your Dramamine

- i. Quint screaming at Hooper from boat
      - ii. Brody kisses wife goodbye
      - iii. Break it up will you Chief!
    - c. Jokes with Brody in front of wife
      - i. Dirty limerick
    - d. [1:12;10] ORCA LEAVES HARBOR - shot through SHARK JAWS
      - i. Foreshadowing
      - ii. LEAVING PORT – DISSOLVE INTO
- 23. BRODY CHUMMING –
  - a. Quint fishing – making fun of Hooper
  - b. Drops another chum marker
  - c. BEER CAN CRUSH [1:13;38]
  - d. BRODY PULLS WRONG LINES – CRASHES COMPRESSED AIR
    - i. Might Blow Up
      - 1. END OF MOVIE SET UP HERE
    - ii. What's that shark gonna do with all that gear –eat it?
      - 1. SET UP ENDING 2
- 24. LATER – BRODY LEARNING TO TIE BOWLINE KNOT [1:14;25]
  - a. Little Brown Eel
  - b. QUINT'S HOOK UP – FALSE
    - i. BRODY TIES THE KNOT!
      - 1. LINE REELS OUT
  - c. HOOPER REVERSE HER
    - i. WET THE REEL
  - d. QUINT FIGHTS FISH
    - i. HOOPER KNOWS IT'S NOT A SHARK
    - ii. UNDER THE BOAT
      - 1. Quint let it go –
  - e. Quint gets gaffing hook
  - f. Line SNAPS – everyone falls over
  - g. HOOPER BLAMED BY QUINT
    - i. Proves one thing Hooper...
      - 1. HOOPER Makes faces at Quint (COMEDY)
  - h. QUINT YELLS AT HOOPER
  - i. HOOPER ON DECK DRIVING BOAT JOKING
  - j. BRODY'S HEAD BLEEDING
  - k. DISSOLVE TO – LATER
- 25. [1:20;26] LATER – QUINT IN TOWER – BRODY COMPLAINS RE: CHUM
  - a. Hooper playing solitaire – steering boat
  - b. BRODY CHUMMING – SEES SHARK
    - i. WE'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER BOAT [1:21;09]
  - c. QUINT SEES SHARK IN WATER APPROACH THEM
    - i. MUSIC CUE
    - ii. HOOPER SES IT PASS BY
      - 1. 25 footer – 3 tons of him
  - d. THEY GET TO WORK
  - e. QUINT PULLS SPEAK GUN – ASSEMBLES IT
    - i. GETS RADIO CALL FROM MRS. BRODY
      - 1. LIES TO HER
  - f. HOOPER GETS BRODY OUT ON BOW FOR PICTURE – COMEDY
    - i. Brody afraid of water
    - ii. Needs some scale
  - g. BRODY told to steer boat

- i. Never steered a boat in his life
  - h. HOOPER GOES TO GET TAGGING DEVICE
  - i. QUINT yells for him to TIE OFF BARREL LINE
    - i. TIME CLOCK PRESSURE
    - ii. Shark Approaches
  - j. Quint shoots barrel 1 into shark [1:25;00]
  - k. RIG ANOTHER BARREL – Hooper drives boat around again
  - l. SHARK GONE UNDER
  - m. Hooper looks IN CAMERA
    - i. Quint reverse shot – NO WORDS [1:25;58]
      - 1. Shark GONE
  - n. Hooper vs. Quint
  - o. We stay out here until we fins him again.
  - p. DISSOLVE TO NIGHT
- 26. IN CABIN – AFTER DINNER – COMPARING SCARS = CHARACTER REVEALS
  - a. Quint's missing tooth
  - b. Lump on Head
    - i. Fight from Boston
  - c. HOOPER moray eel scar
  - d. Quint's arm – from arm wrestling
  - e. HOOPER BULL SHARK scrape
  - f. QUINT Thresher tail scar
  - g. Drink to each others legs – laughing getting drunk
  - h. Mary Ellen Moffat – Broke his heart –
    - i. Laughing uncontrollably
  - i. QUINT'S TATTOO – got it removed
    - i. Hooper makes joke – Mother
      - 1. USS Indianapolis [1:29;25]
        - a. Tells Story of 1100 men into water
          - i. QUINT'S MOTIVATION REVEALED
            - 1. END MONOLOGUE [1:33;05]
  - j. Whale song – turns into SINGING Show me the Way To GO Home
    - i. SHARK ARRIVES via BARREL
  - k. SHARK RAMS INTO BOAT [1:34;30]
    - i. Rattles Boat
  - l. Stuff falling off walls
  - m. FIRE ON BOAT
  - n. RAMS INTO HULL
  - o. LIGHTS FLICKER –
    - i. Lights out
  - p. QUINT SHOOTS RIFLE AT SHARK
  - q. Brody scrambles to deck – gets PISTOL out
    - i. Shooting star shot 1
  - r. WIDE SHOT – SHARK GONE AGAIN
    - i. Shooting star shot 2
      - 1. DISSOLVE TO DAY
- 27. [1:36;23] DAY – HOOPER & QUINT FIX DAMAGE
  - a. BOAT IS HOBbled BY SHARK
  - b. SHARK POPS UP BY BOAT – STERN
  - c. HOOPER HOOKS BARREL
    - i. Hooper has things on board that can kill it
  - d. Drop rope or you'll lose your hands if he runs
  - e. Shark COMES OUT OF WATER

- i. Rips line through hands
  - f. BRODY GOES TO CALL FOR HELP
    - i. QUINT grabs BAT and SMASHED RADIO [1:38;37]
      - 1. You're certifiable Quint
  - g. SHARK BACK for NOON FEEDING
    - i. Hook me up another Barrel –
  - h. QUINT SHOOTS BARREL 2 into SHARK
- 28. CHASING AFTER SHARK - Shark RUNS with 2 barrels
  - a. Hooper drives boat toward shark
    - i. Boat smoking unable to catch shark
  - b. Quint follows shark – Hooper drives boat
  - c. Hooper gains on Shark
  - d. Quint shoots BARREL #3 into Shark
    - i. Shark ROARS [1:41;12]
  - e. BRODY SHOOTS PISTOL AT SHARK
    - i. Hits shark on back
  - f. 3 Barrels and he's going down again
    - i. That's incredible
- 29. 3 BARRELS POP UP bobbing in sea
  - a. Brings boat around to snag barrels
  - b. Tie barrels to STERN CLEATS
  - c. HOOPER TRAPPED IN LINE
  - d. SHARK PULLS ORCA backwards
  - e. BOAT SIDEWAYS –
    - i. Hooper saves AIR TANKS from falling
  - f. CLEATS being pulls out
  - g. SHARK EATS LINE
  - h. QUINT shoots shark in jaw with barrel 4
  - i. Damage control on boat as Shark tries to RUN
  - j. BARREL FLIES ACROSS deck hits BRODY IN HEAD
    - i. Knocks glasses off him
  - k. Shark pulls BOAT backwards –
    - i. We're breaking up!
  - l. Water going into ENGINE
  - m. CLEATS RIPPED FROM BOAT
  - n. Shark GONE
  - o. 3 barrels pop up and bob
  - p. Pump out engine room
  - q. Quint Sticks Machete into boat
    - i. Can't go down with three -
- 30. [1:45;56] SHARK Goes UNDER BOAT with 3 BARRELS ON HIM
  - a. you ever have one do this before?
    - i. No
  - b. BRODY ON DECK with water
  - c. [1:46;44] SHARK RAMS INTO BOAT
  - d. QUINT DRIVES BOAT TO SHORE
    - i. Chasing us – I Don't believe it
  - e. Gonna draw him into the shallows and drown him
  - f. We're HEADING IN BRODY [1:47;25]
    - i. Thank Christ!
- 31. QUINT DRIVES ORCA IN – TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON BOAT
  - a. Boat smoking – knocking –
  - b. Shark follows them



- c. Quint sings again – Boat BREAKING
  - d. Bearings burned out
  - e. STOP THE BOAT –
32. HOOPER GOES INTO BOAT –
- a. FULL OF WATER UP TO HIS CHEST
  - b. EXPLODES FROM A SHORT – [1:48;56]
  - c. Put out fire
  - d. They watch as shark goes under again
    - i. Hooper in disbelief
  - e. BOAT FULL OF WATER
    - i. QUINT Sees life preservers tucked away

ACT 3

33. [1:50;00] BOAT SINKING – QUINT TOSSES THEM LIFE PRESERVERS
- a. HOOPER - What can you do with these things of yours?
    - i. Poison him {THE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE PLAN}
  - b. You can get that needle though his skin?
    - i. No but if I get in the cage I can spear it on
      - 1. That shark will rip apart that cage!
        - a. You got any better suggestions?
34. [1:51;00] ASSEMBLING THE CAGE – PUTTING THE PLAN IN MOTION MONTAGE
- a. Getting poison dart in spear
  - b. Cage in water
  - c. Hooper suits up
  - d. Tanks put on
    - i. One tank left on boat
  - e. Hooper goes in cage- hands glasses to Brody
    - i. Got no spit
  - f. Hooper goes down
    - i. They lower cage
  - g. Crank it down under water
35. UNDER WATER – CAGE SET PIECE – [1:53;00]
- a. Hooper watches for shark
  - b. Music starts – shark appears heads toward him
  - c. Passes by cage – Music trails off
  - d. Hooper alone
    - i. Preps spear
  - e. BANG SCARE – shark gets him from behind
    - i. Drops spear on bottom
  - f. Hooper alone cage damaged
    - i. Sees spear on bottom
  - g. SHARK DESTROYS CAGE
    - i. Hooper screams – stabs at shark with knife
    - ii. Hooper evades and escapes to bottom to hide
      - 1. Hides in rocks
36. BRINGING UP CAGE- SHARK SNAPS THE CAGE MOUNTS
- a. Nearly killing BRODY
  - b. BRODY & QUINT RIG the crank to get cage up
  - c. Quint cranks empty cage up [1:56;50]
37. [1:57;00] SHARK ATTACKS BOAT – LEAPS OUT OF WATER
- a. BOAT SINKING
    - i. Compressed air rolls into QUINT'S HAND
      - 1. Quint LETS GO – in PAIN

- b. QUINT reaches for BRODY –
    - i. Brody's grip SLIPS
    - ii.
  - c. [1:57;30] QUINT SLIDES INTO SHARK
    - i. Brody watches as QUINT EATEN
      - 1. Spits blood
  - d. BRODY ALONE ON SINKING SHIP
  - e. SHARK RAMS INTO BOAT
  - f. BRODY TOSSES AIR TANK IN SHARK'S MOUTH
38. SHIP SINKING – BRODY CLIMBS MAST
- a. Gets RIFLE and SPEAR
  - b. Climbs to CROW'S NEST for safety
  - c. STABS SHARK WITH SPEAR
    - i. Spear stuck in shark – shark goes under
  - d. SHARK retreats – Ship now nearly under
  - e. SHARK returns with AIR TANK IN MOUTH
  - f. BRODY FIRES 6 RIFLE SHOTS at SHARK
    - i. Finally hitting COMPRESSED TANK [2:00;00]
      - 1. Shark BLOWS UP
        - a. Sinks to bottom
  - g. BRODY DEFEATS SHARK
39. HOOPER POPS UP – ALIVE unharmed
- a. Brody laughs – happy to see him
  - b. Asks about Quint
  - c. THEY SWIM BACK TO SHORE ON BARREL RAFT
    - i. What day is this?
  - d. I used to hate the water..
    - i. Can't imagine why. [1:02;40]