

Bill *the* **Bull Shark** & **Riley** *the* **Remora**



TEACHING KIDS TO BE NICE AND SWEET TO EVERYONE THEY MEET!

Bill & Riley

Hey, Surfari Pals!

Riley the Remora and Bill the Bullshark are great friends! They are always there to help each other out. The crazy thing is, Riley and Bill are very different from each other, but it is their differences that bring them together. People are also different in many ways. Some people may look or talk differently than we do. Others are from a town or country where they act and dress differently than most of us. There are short people and tall people. Some kids have red hair, blonde hair, black hair, or brown hair. In fact, I have seen kids with blue hair! Our differences are part of what makes us so special. Our world is made up of all sorts of people, and Surfari Pals realize that we are all unique in our own special way. Think about this, when you or your friends see someone that is different from you, that means you are different from him, also!

Different is good. What if everyone played the piano, but no one played the drums? Music certainly would not sound the way it does, especially the Surfari Pals theme song! What if everyone liked math, but no one liked reading? Then you would not be learning about Surfari Pals. Yikes!! Just imagine all of the new things you can learn by becoming friends with people who have different activities and interests than you.

I challenge you to be like Bill the Bull Shark and to be nice and sweet to everyone you meet. And if you need to, then be like Riley the Remora and remind your friends that they should be nice and sweet to everyone they meet, too. It takes a lot of courage to be a friend like Riley. It can be a little scary to help remind others to do the right thing, but that is what Surfari Pals do!

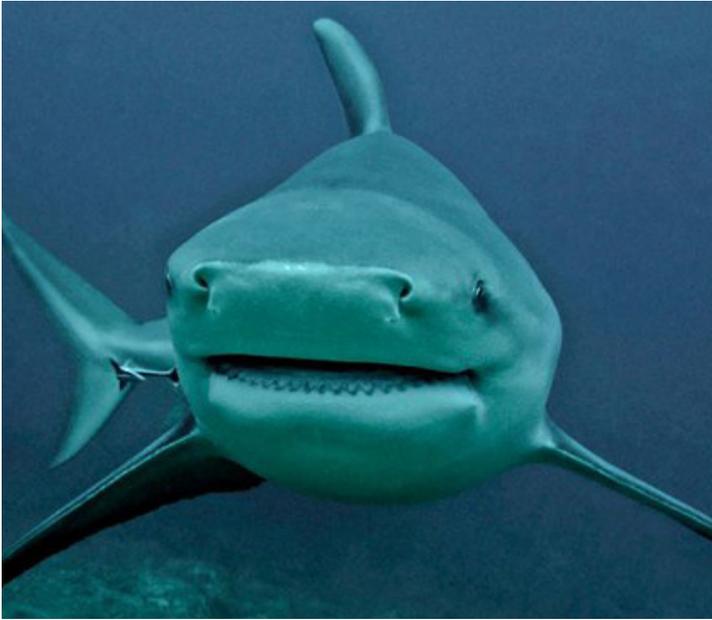
-Kip Surfari

"1-2-3... Surfari Pals!!!"



*"Be Sweet!"
- Bill and Riley*

Bullshark



Where does the bullshark live?

The bull shark lives in both fresh water and salt water found around the world. It can live just about anywhere that there is a deep body of water with plenty of fish for it to eat. It has even been spotted along the Mississippi River in the United States. It is also found around Nicaragua.

How big does the bullshark get?

The bull sharks are extremely large. They can get up to 13 feet long and weigh up to 1,270 pounds. Females are larger than males.

What does the bullshark look like?

It is gray on the top and white on the bottom. It also has two dorsal fins, one that is large and one that much smaller than the first.

What does the bullsharks eat?

The bull shark has a variety of food he is happy to eat. The bull shark consumes other sharks, fish, turtles, sting rays, mollusks, and even birds from time to time. It is not picky about it's diet, so it will eat what is readily available.

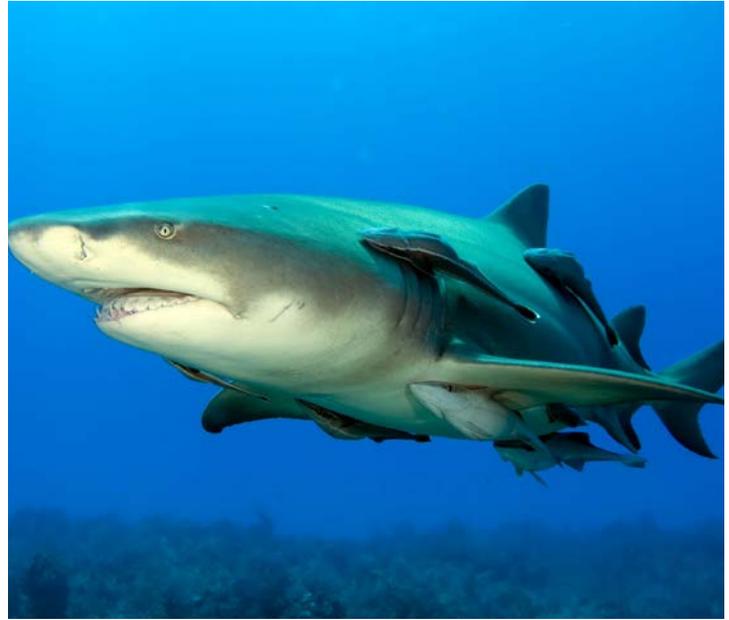
Other interesting facts...

The bull shark is classified as number three on the list of the most dangerous sharks in the world when it comes to attacks on humans. The bull shark is completely on their own. It does not get along well with others. The female will carry her babies for about one year before she gives birth. The babies are called pups. They are immediately on their own and separate from each other as soon as they can.

Two fun facts:

1. Bullsharks are carnivores.
2. Bullsharks have two dorsal fins..

Remora



Where does the remora live?

Remora live in tropical and warm salt waters, and have been seen in the western Mediterranean Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, and the North Sea.

How big does the remora get?

It is not too big because it has to be small enough to attach itself to another ocean animal. It usually only gets about 16 inches long, but it has been known to get up to 3 feet long. The remora will get bigger if it attaches itself to a bigger host animal.

What does the remora look like?

The remora is a drab brown, gray, or black color. It is a short, thick fish with a long, flat head and a sucking disc on the top. This is called the dorsal fin, and it looks like the bottom of a tennis shoe. The body of a remora is smooth.

What does the remora eat?

The remora attaches itself to bigger fish and ocean animals, and eat the parasites that also attach themselves to the animals. This is very good for the host animal because this helps them fight disease caused by the parasites. Remora will also eat zooplankton, which are little bitty tiny fish..

Other interesting facts...

The remora does not have a swim bladder. The swim bladder is a sack of air that helps them float. It was created with the sucking disc on the top of its head so that it can "hitchhike" and get around the ocean. Without swift movement of water over it's gills, it would quickly die.

Two fun facts:

1. The remora's dorsal fin is flat.
2. It is nicknamed "the suckerfish."



Bill the Bullshark and Riley the Remora - Teaching Kids to Be Nice and Sweet to Everyone

I am going to learn to be nice and sweet to everyone I meet. Here are some ways to practice.

Find ten things you can say or do this week that would make someone feel special.

Here are some ideas:

- Compliment someone
- Ask someone if there is anything you can do to help them.
- Introduce yourself to a new friend.
- Sit by someone who is eating lunch all by himself/herself.
- Tell someone how awesome he/she is.
- Speak up or get help if you see someone who is not being nice to another person.

Are you feeling awesome yet? This is how it feels to to serve, to say, and do things until you really feel awesome! Good job Surfari Pal! I am really proud of you!

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Long-Term Goals Give You a Vision - Short-Term Goals Give You Directions