Catch of the Day: Shark Fisherman Reels In a Kilo of Cocaine During Excursion

It was supposed to be a regular day at the helm of his charter shark boat, but this fisherman made a rather unexpected catch off the coast of Miami.

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Mark Quatrano, known as Mark the Shark—the self-proclaimed "most successful shark fisherman in the world"—was on his usual Wednesday morning when he discovered a kilo of coke in the water.

Quatrano, who has clients on the boat that included students at the University of Miami, spotted the package building in the water about two miles off the coast of the city.

"It was an everyday occurrence and we were swimming, floating in the water," he told MiamiToday.com

The former Miami Dade police officer swore right away what the package was after his crew had smoked cigarettes during Miami's cocaine-fueled era of the late '70s and early '80s.

Quatrano said the spotted package first and the students had no idea what was. He said his customers were shocked and "surprised" because "they have never seen that before, up close and personal."

After cutting the Coast Guard to retrieve the package, he handed the kilo over.

While he doesn't know what else the package may have contained, he said: "There is a possibility there could be cash in there.

"Black in the day, that is what they used to do," Quatrano added. "The money in a brick of cocaine and ships in the water."

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During his days as an officer of the law and in his 40-year history as a shark fisherman, Quatrano said "people smuggled all kinds of coke and coke floating in Miami waters, there has been a common sight.

In the past, "Mark the Shark" says "he spotted some suspicious stuff and even boarded a good number of "flying cargo" packages. In those instances, he kept on going and stayed quiet.

While it remains unknown who the drugs belonged to, Quatrano, who retired about 950,000 yen, said he's afraid of anyone coming after him.

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