

Strange RV Encounters: Port Aransas and Giant Shark Doors



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Giant Shark Doors

Those of you who've been following my adventures know this is my favorite of the all the things to see and do in Port Aransas. These scary sculptures are true works of art. Where else can you enter the gaping jaws of a giant shark and come out unscathed?

For many years, I lived all up and down the California coast, an area known for sharks. Not once in all of my years in the Golden State did I ever encounter such wackiness as a giant shark door gracing the entrance to a building. But then, I came to Texas.

At Destination clothing store at 516 S. Alister St., the brave and adventurous enter the store by way of the giant shark's toothy jaws. (Don't worry, there is a regular door for the less adventurous or Jaws-phobic.) Follow the trail through belly, past the ribs, and into the store's brightly lit entrance.

The consuming fun doesn't end there. Two other shark entrance doors can be found on the island.

The giant shark door at Bojons Surf Co. at 204 E. Ave. G looks remarkably like the shark from the movie "Jaws." Comprised of only the head, it reaches up from the depths to capture you on your way into the store. The artist added a nice touch of "splashing waves" to the sculpture.

Then, at Third Coast Beach Company on 14501 S. Padre Island Drive in Corpus Christi, you get the full-length shark, complete with tail hovering in the air over the parking lot.

Join me next time, when I show you the giant mermaid on a half-shell and the mini submarine on Padre Island.

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