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Breaking News Story

A humpback whale briefly swallowed 15-year-old Greg Greenfield from Irvine California this past Sunday,

52-year-old George Greenfield and his son Greg Greenfield were kayaking off the coast of Catalina Island Sunday, when a humpback whale breached underneath Greg's kayak, swallowing Greg for around ten seconds before being spit out of the whales mouth.

Shortly after the incident, Sgt. John Grecko of the California Coast Guard rescued both Greg and George with no injuries to the victims.

“ I thought I was dead,” Greg Greenfield said to Grecko, “ I thought it had eaten me, that it had swallowed me. I was really scared but there was nothing I could do.”

George Greenfield later took Greg to an urgent care clinic in Irvine where Greg was examined and determined to have no injuries from the incident. George was about ten yards away taking a video of his son when the incident occurred.

“It just happened so fast, I had no time to react until Greg was already spit out,” George said.

After the incident occurred on Sunday, the video that George took of Greg being swallowed had gone viral on the internet with many people being impressed with the fathers calm reassurance of his son,

“ It was scary but I didn't want Greg to panic, so I focused on that,” said George.

Catalina Island is around 22 miles off the coast of southern California, being a popular tourist spot for activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling and kayaking. While whale attacks on humans are extremely rare in California waters, whale deaths from colliding with cargo ships have increased in recent years.