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Now that's the coolest tattoo I've ever seen. 😄

Chaz,

You're certainly right that sharks are prevalent and some are bulls....and yes, they can be dangerous. I've spent a lot of time on the FL flats and in my experience bulls tend to hang out in channels and deeper water but they'll go anywhere (including up freshwater rivers) and I have seen 'em in shallow water. When I've been fishing on the flats wading or from a kayak I don't see many bulls but lemons and nurse sharks are everywhere. If I see a bull or any large shark when wading I do give 'em a wide berth but I see no reason to fear them. Occasionally I'll carefully follow a shark from my kayak. I love to watch their graceful swimming motions. I once had a great hammerhead - just a baby, maybe 7' long - cruise right by me in knee deep water once when I was wading near Islamorada. The full grown hammers are common around bridge channels and will definitely whack a hooked tarpon (this is actually very common) but I have never heard of a hammer deliberately attacking a wading angler in the Keys.

I just don't want to give a newbie the idea that it isn't safe to wade fish in the Keys because of sharks. There's risk in everything. Some folks don't like hiking for brookies due to snakes. I happen to like sharks (and snakes) and don't understand how some folks would allow their fear of these critters to keep 'em from fishing.