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Beauty and the Beasts

Heidi Klum charms the sharks.

As one of the world's most photographed fashion models, Heidi Klum has learned how to deal with sharks—at least the two-legged variety.

This summer, the *Sports Illustrated* cover girl got the chance to swim with real sharks as part of the Discovery Channel's *Shark Week*. But before the cameras could roll, the five-foot, nine-inch beauty had to earn her C-card. And according to the team at Stuart Cove's Dive Bahamas, the supermodel did just fine.

"She was amazing," says Michelle Cove. "Whatever we asked her to do, she plunged right into it."

With her checkout dives completed, Klum joined Stuart Cove and *Shark Week* host Nigel Marven on a feeding dive for the "Sharks Under Glass" program, which aired in August.

"They handed me the bait and I was able to feed the sharks myself. That was a thrill," says Klum. The dozen sharks that surrounded the area must have enjoyed the model's touch. They followed her to the surface where she was able to hand-feed them from the dive deck. —SCOTT D. JONES

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“We’re in the Stone Age compared to nature.”

—MATERIALS SCIENTIST GERI RICHMOND ON THE DISCOVERY OF A DEEP SEA SPONGE THAT GROWS DURABLE FIBERS CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING LIGHT JUST AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL FIBER OPTICS.