

# Jaws (1975) Recap



**JAWS**

# Conflict: Killer shark (duh!)



# What's a small town chief to do?



# Of course, money's always an issue.

The mayor doesn't want to hear it.



He only ups cash after people are eaten.



What's the best way to handle it?





Caught in the middle...Spielberg sets Brody up between extremes.



# Hooper, the Brain

**Dreyfuss as Hooper.**

**He represents science and intellect.**



# Quint, the Braun = Primitive Man

“I don’t want any mates, I don’t want any volunteers.”

He’s also friggin’ NUTS.





The Climax: Ironically, it's  
“everyman” Brody who prevails.



# Impossible, but Exciting



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# The Violence



The PG rating was likely bought, and it caused a backlash.





# Quint's death in particular is a *tour de force*.

Like Ahab, Quint faces his obsession...

...and dies fighting it.



# Ben Gardner's head always gets a scream.

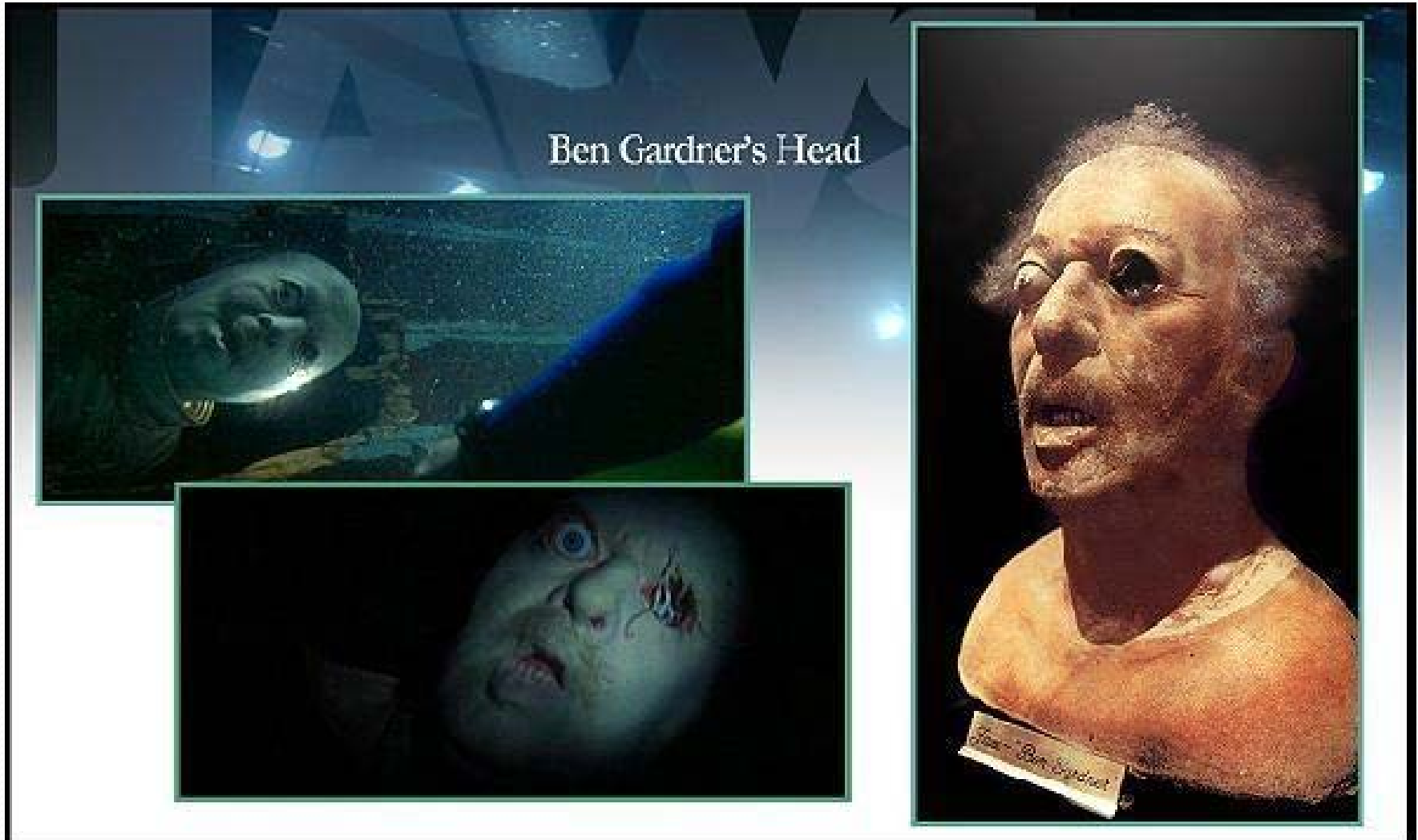
Ben alive....



Ben after the shark attack.



The head was courtesy of the SPFX department  
(and the final version of the scene was shot in a  
*swimming pool in L.A!*)



# Spielberg's sense of humor tempers the shocks.

**The shark surfaces...**



**Brody reacts...**



“You’re gonna need a bigger boat.”



Much of the humor comes from the Hooper/Quint clash.



# The Camera

Like all good directors,  
Spielberg chooses angles to enhance the action.



Some angles comment on the action, too.





# Editing

The editing contributes to the pace.



Without a chance to think, the absurd action works.



# Different locations tied together.

Hooper's fight was shot in an MGM water tank.



It was later combined with live shark footage and location shots.



# Legacy: The Blockbuster Mentality





# Jaws became the #1 Box Office hit of all time.

## Previous Champ



## Star Wars took over in 1977



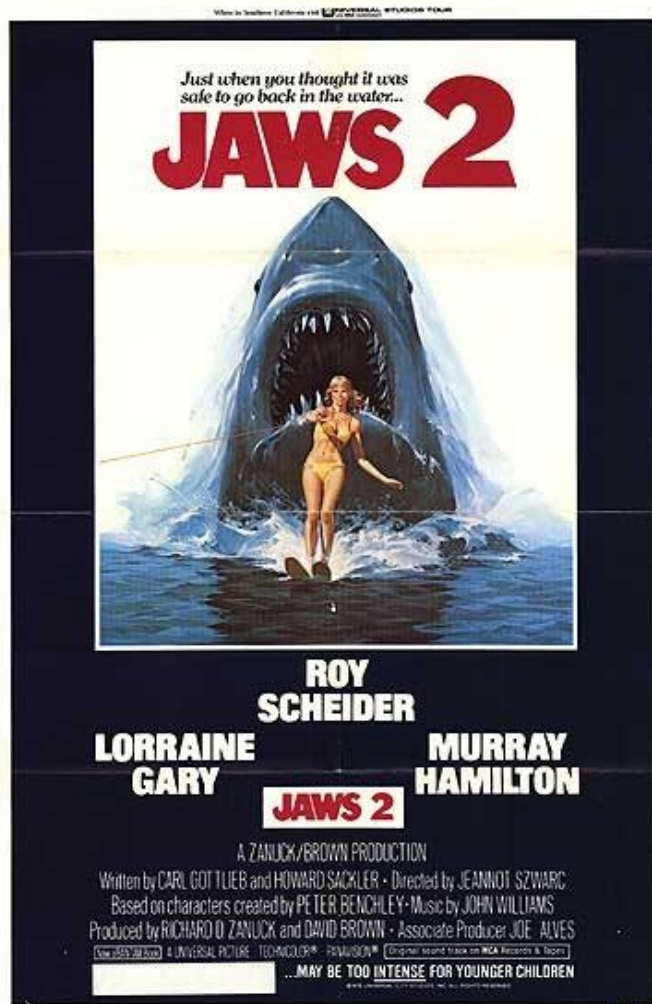


Spielberg became a force to be reckoned with.

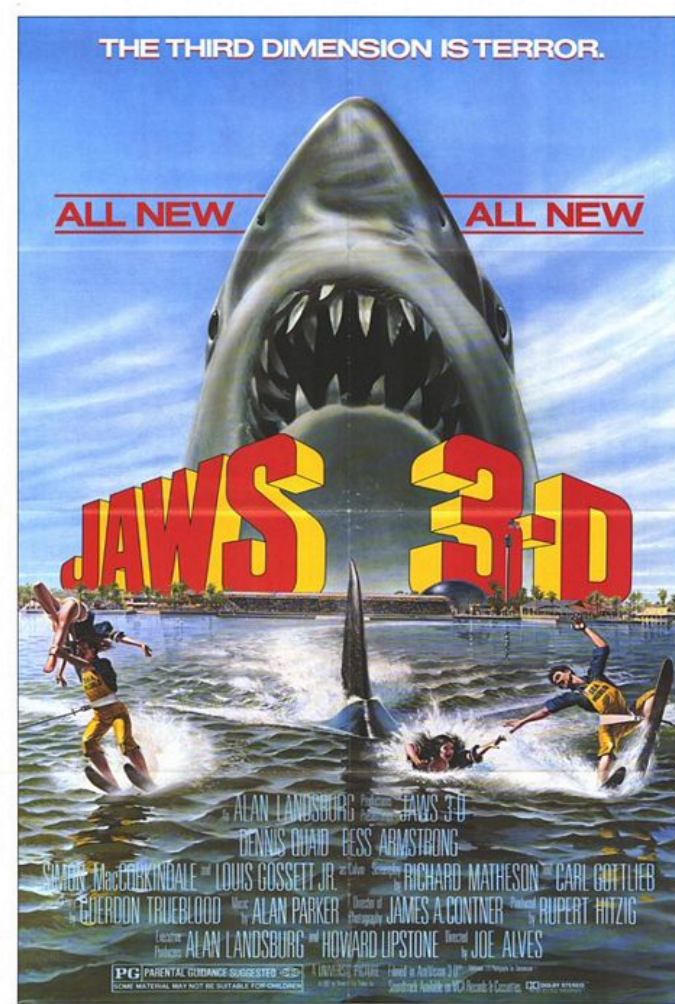


# The shark became a franchise.

1978



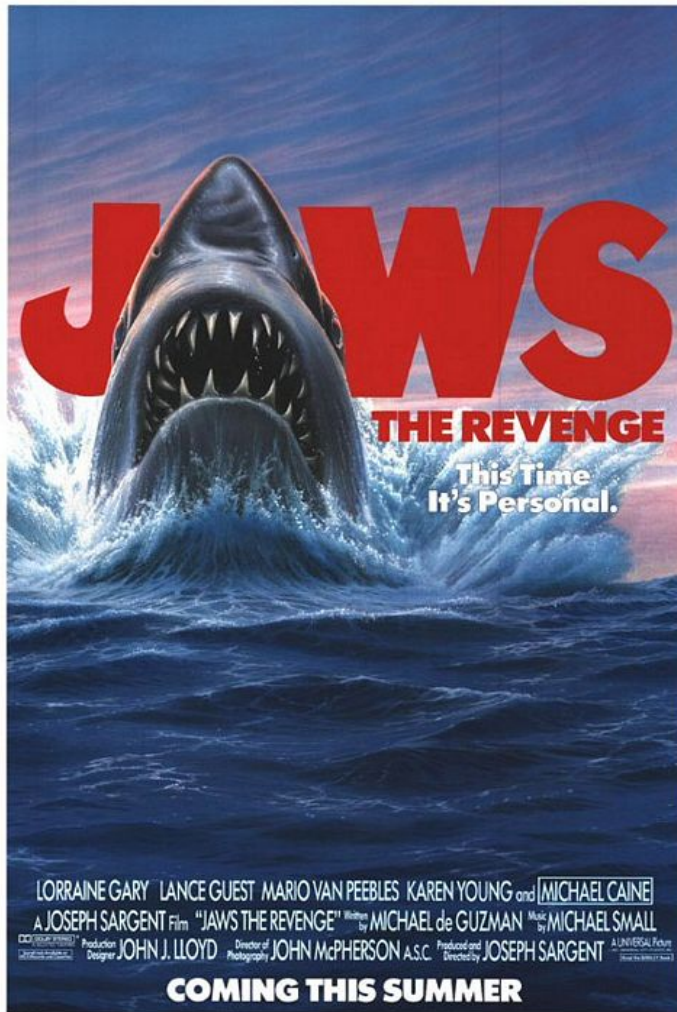
1983





# More Recent Bruce

1987



Bruce (with new dentures)  
at Universal's Theme Park

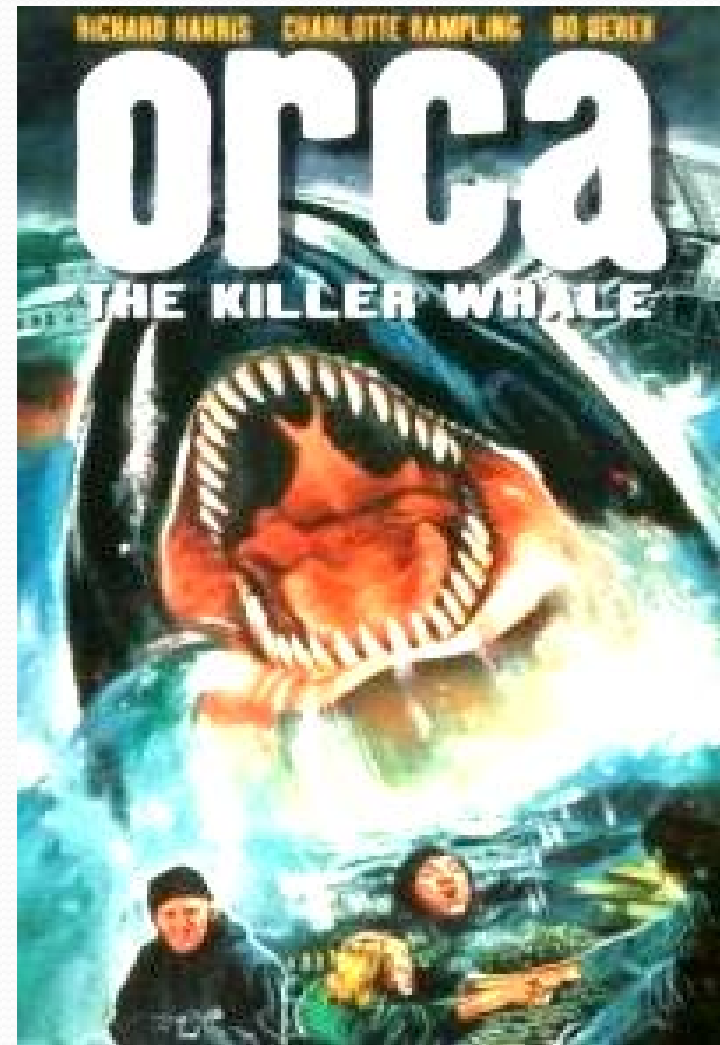


# Of course, there were imitators...

Grizzly (1976): “Jaws With Claws”



1977: Orca









But the first Jaws is still the best.



“Farewell and *adeux* to you....”

