



SAMMY THE SEA SERPENT

RYDE CASE FILE

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: VA-AQUA

TYPE: COASTAL SEA SERPENT | RISK: LOW | MISCHIEF: HIGH

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FIELD SKETCH: SUBJECT NOT TO SCALE

Observed near Ryde • Appley • Puckpool • Seaview • Elmfield

CASE STATUS
ACTIVE

CASE FILE OPENED: RYDE

INVESTIGATION DESK • STORY 12

SUBJECT CARD

NAME	Sammy
TYPE	Sea serpent
LENGTH	30+ feet
RISK	Low
MISCHIEF	Very high
FAVOURITE	Ice cream



PRIMARY SIGHTING: NORTH-EAST COAST



FOLLOW THE ICE-CREAM CLUES

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Sharp teeth do not always mean a sharp temper. Watch what the creature actually does.

EVIDENCE 01: RYDE BEACH



One sunny day, Ryde beach was full of families, towels and picnic baskets. Beneath the clear water, Sammy watched with a mischievous grin.

Up he rose. One enormous splash sent towels fluttering, umbrellas wobbling and children squealing with delight.

THE PLAYFUL SEA SERPENT WAS BACK!

ANATOMY OF A SAMMY SPLASH



TAIL STARTS THE WAVE

UMBRELLAS TAKE FLIGHT

WHIRLPOOL: SMALL AND SILLY

OBSERVATION: Sammy enjoyed surprise, not harm.
The laughter mattered more than the splash.

SPINNING, NOT SINKING

Sammy's favourite trick was a tiny whirlpool close to shore. It turned swimmers in a slow circle and stopped before anyone became frightened.

The people of Ryde soon learned the rule: if the water began to twirl, hold your nose, keep calm and prepare to laugh.



Professor Follies notes: A prank stops being funny when the other person is not enjoying it.

EVIDENCE 02: APPLEY



At Appley, Sammy discovered that a giant hat was not a very convincing disguise for a giant sea serpent.

The café owner served him a towering Serpent Sundae. Sammy's eyes shone. The cherry lasted approximately one second.

DISGUISE: POOR • ICE-CREAM MANNERS: ENTHUSIASTIC

CAN A HAT HIDE A SEA SERPENT?



OVERSIZED HAT

YES



THIRTY-FOOT BODY

STILL VISIBLE

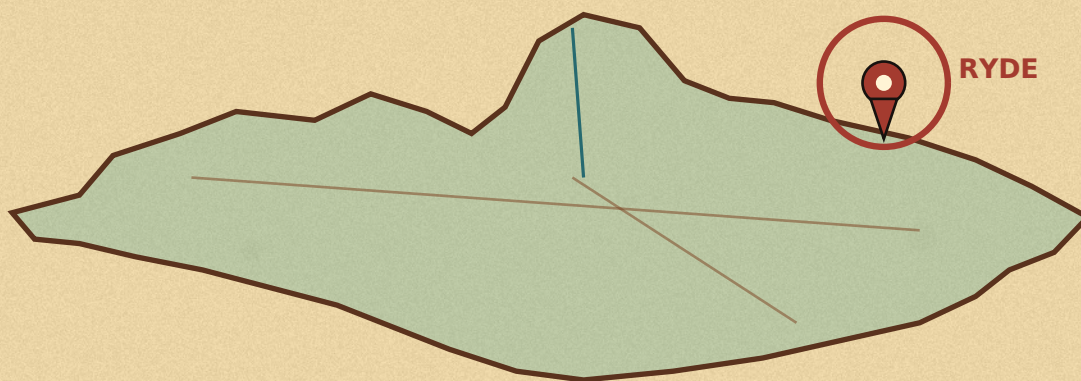


MYSTERY DROOL

SUSPICIOUS

VERDICT: Sammy fooled almost nobody. He did, however, improve the queue considerably.

SAMMY'S COASTAL TRAIL



NORTH-EAST ISLE OF WIGHT



The coastal path linked Sammy's favourite places. Every bay offered a new audience, a new prank or, ideally, a new ice cream.

EVIDENCE 03: PUCKPOOL



At Puckpool, Sammy twisted through the water beside the old coastal battery and raced the dolphins.

The historic walls had watched ships for generations. They had probably never watched a sea serpent lose a race and demand a rematch.

EVIDENCE 04: SEAVIEW



At Seaview, Sammy met a chimera. Sammy stared. The chimera stared back. Both creatures had expected an ordinary afternoon.

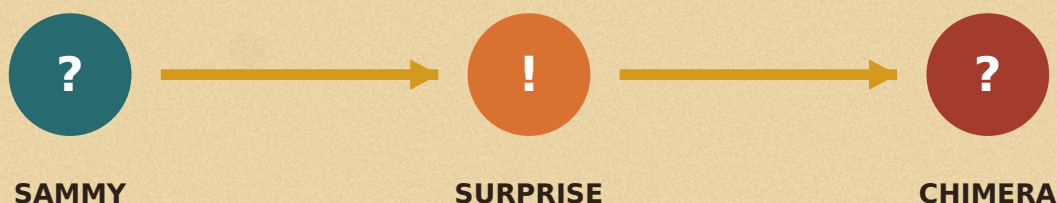
They scattered in opposite directions while children behind a beach hut tried very hard not to laugh.

WHEN LEGENDS BUMP INTO LEGENDS

CREATURE ONE: A playful sea serpent expecting a quiet beach.

CREATURE TWO: A chimera expecting exactly the same thing.

RESULT: Two surprised legends, several delighted witnesses and one story retold all along Seaview.



Professor Follies asks: If two mythical creatures meet, which one is supposed to be surprised?

EVIDENCE 05: ELMFIELD



Near Elmfield, Sammy found four vampires conducting an extremely serious moonlit gathering.

He watched from the pond, decided they needed to lighten up and prepared one of his driest comments. They never noticed him.

WHAT MAKES SAMMY, SAMMY?

PLAYFUL

Turns ordinary beach days into stories.

HUNGRY

Can detect ice cream through a very large hat.

SOCIABLE

Wants laughter, attention and connection.

INDIVIDUAL

A legend who enjoys very simple pleasures.

A creature can look frightening and still be friendly.
Evidence matters more than first impressions.

FROM PRANKS TO A LOCAL LEGEND

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SIGHTINGS

Children retold each splashy encounter.

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STORIES

Every retelling became a little more enormous.

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ARTWORK

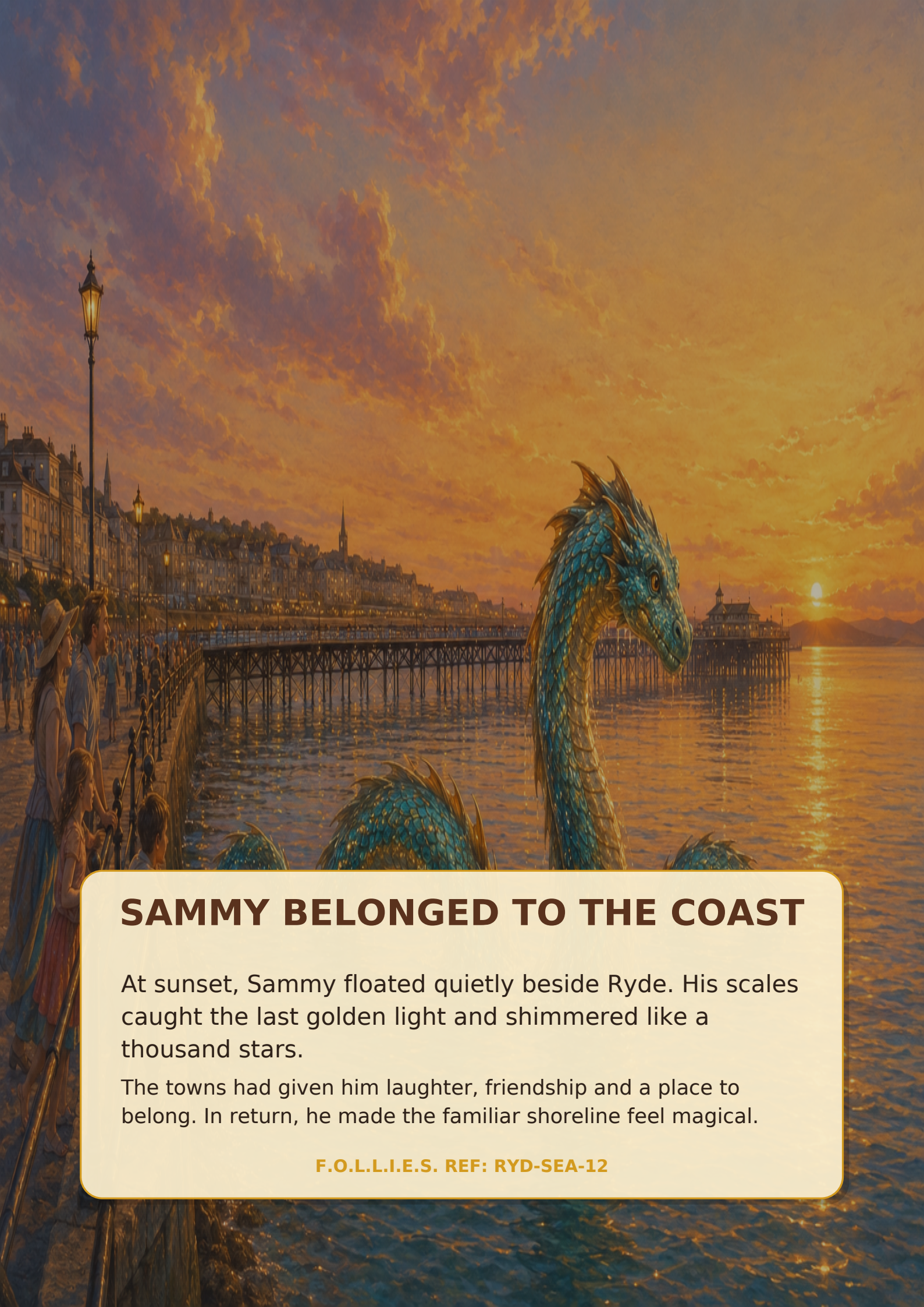
Artists captured the scales, hat and sundae.

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CELEBRATIONS

Sammy became part of the coast's identity.

The best local legends help people see familiar places with fresh eyes.



SAMMY BELONGED TO THE COAST

At sunset, Sammy floated quietly beside Ryde. His scales caught the last golden light and shimmered like a thousand stars.

The towns had given him laughter, friendship and a place to belong. In return, he made the familiar shoreline feel magical.

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WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

LEGENDARY

More than thirty feet of shimmering mystery.

MISCHIEVOUS

Splashes first, explanations later.

FRIENDLY

His pranks were meant to create laughter.

UNFORGETTABLE

Nobody forgets a serpent in a sun hat.

FINAL FINDING: Wonder can be enormous, turquoise and wearing a hat that fools absolutely nobody.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. If Sammy splashed your picnic, would you laugh or hide the sandwiches?

2. When does a prank stop being funny?

3. Would a larger hat make Sammy less obvious, or even more obvious?

4. What do you think Sammy said about the vampires' serious gathering?

5. If you designed a new Serpent Sundae, what would be in it?

6. Which Isle of Wight place should Sammy explore next, and why?

Professor Follies says: There are no wrong answers, although hiding ice cream from Sammy may require expert help.





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Keep watching the water. The next ripple may have a very
mischievous reason.

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