Nat Benchley grew up with his brother Peter in Nantucket and first encountered sharks while fishing with their father off the South shore. They mostly encountered Blues and Makos which are not as large as Great Whites, but scary enough with no land in sight.

While Peter was writing horror stories in a Connecticut turkey coop, Nat was experiencing real-life adventures in South East Asia with the US Naval Security Group. Since his return Stateside he has worked for Public Television and written for a variety of government and law enforcement clients in Washington, DC.

Nat has been a freelance actor and writer since 1978 and is remembered for his role as the perpetually pickled Detective Augie Polk in HBO’s highly acclaimed series The Wire. Nat and his wife Kathy have loved living in Sharon since 2006.