

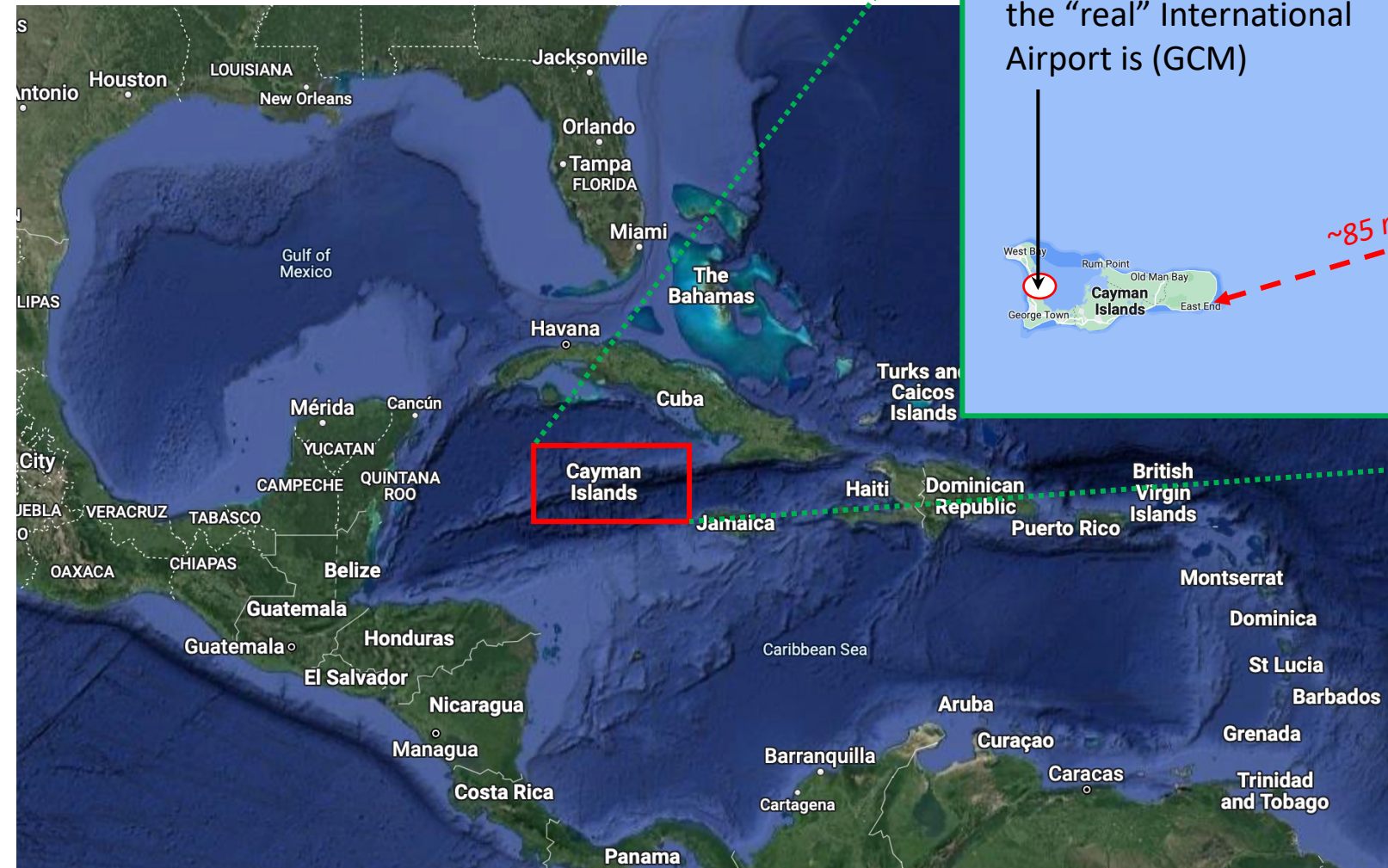
Cayman Brac

A visitor's primer



“He hath founded it upon the seas”

Caribbean ... but where?



Grand Cayman: where the “real” International Airport is (GCM)

An inset map of the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman is shown with labels for West Bay, George Town, Rum Point, Old Man Bay, and East End. A red dashed arrow points from Grand Cayman to the other two islands. A red oval encircles Little Cayman and Cayman Brac. Arrows point from the text below to these islands.

*~85 miles; not a taxi ride
(no ferries either)*

Cayman “Sister Islands”:
Little Cayman: LYB
Cayman Brac: CYB

Getting There:

Airport Codes:

GCM Grand Cayman
CYB Cayman Brac
LYB Little Cayman

Airlines serving GCM:

- Air Canada (via Toronto)
- American Airlines (via BOS, CLT, MIA, ORD, DFW, DTW, PHI)
- British Airways (via London / Nassau)
- Cayman Airways (**JFK**, or via DEN, KIN, **MIA**, MBJ, **TPA**, or Havana, Cuba La Ceiba or Roatan, Honduras)
- Delta Airlines (via ATL, DTW, MSP)
- JetBlue Airways (**JFK**, or via BOS, FLL)
- Southwest (via FLL, IAH, BWI)
- United Airlines (**EWR**, or via IAH, IAD, ORD)
- WestJet (via Toronto)
- Caribbean Airlines (via Kingston, Jamaica)

Cayman Airways:

Airline Alliance: none

Codeshare Partners: none

This means you'll have to pick up your baggage in GCM Customs and then go check-in & check bags on Cayman Airways in Grand (& ditto homewards)

• Airlines serving CYB & LYB:

- Cayman Airways (KX)
- Custom private charters (\$\$\$\$)

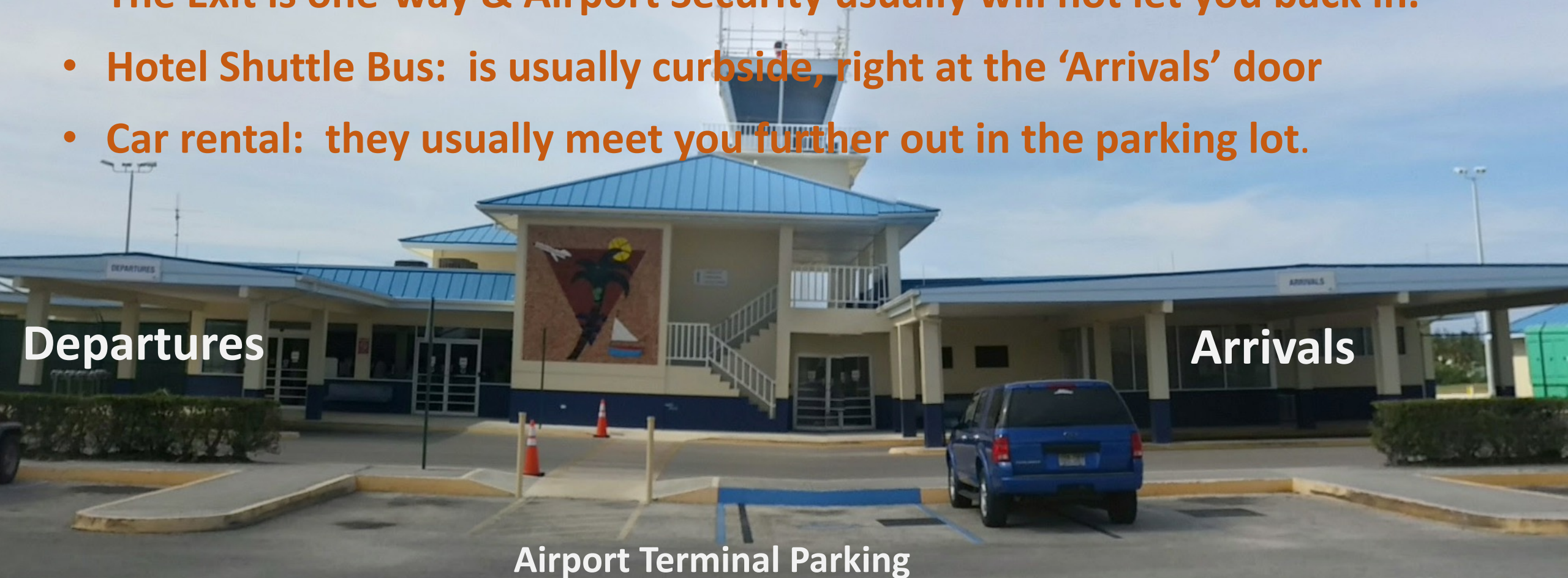
• **Baggage Restrictions:**

- **GCM – CYB via the Twin Otter or Saab aircraft:**
 - 55lbs checked (may be split into 2 pieces)
 - One carry-on (15lb max)
- **GCM – CYB via 737 Jet (when scheduled):**
 - **Two 55lb checked bags (free)**
 - One carry-on
- **GCM – LYB is via Twin Otter or Saab only:**
 - 55lbs checked (may be split into 2 pieces)
 - One carry-on (15lb max)

Pack Light, then take out even more.

Cayman Brac Airport

- Follow the Crowd; use the luggage carts (free) if you're renting a car
- Checked Bags: make sure to get them all before leaving the room. The Exit is one-way & Airport Security usually will not let you back in.
- Hotel Shuttle Bus: is usually curbside, right at the 'Arrivals' door
- Car rental: they usually meet you further out in the parking lot.



Departures

Arrivals

Airport Terminal Parking

Cayman Brac Diving

Northside Walls: Leeward

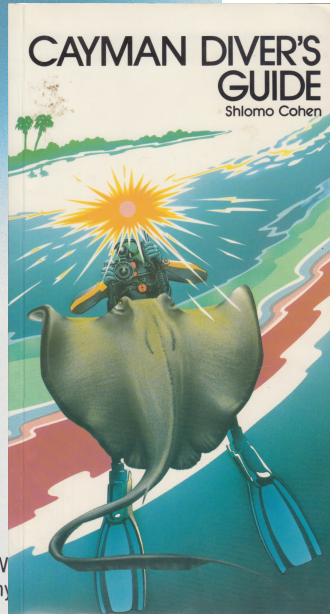
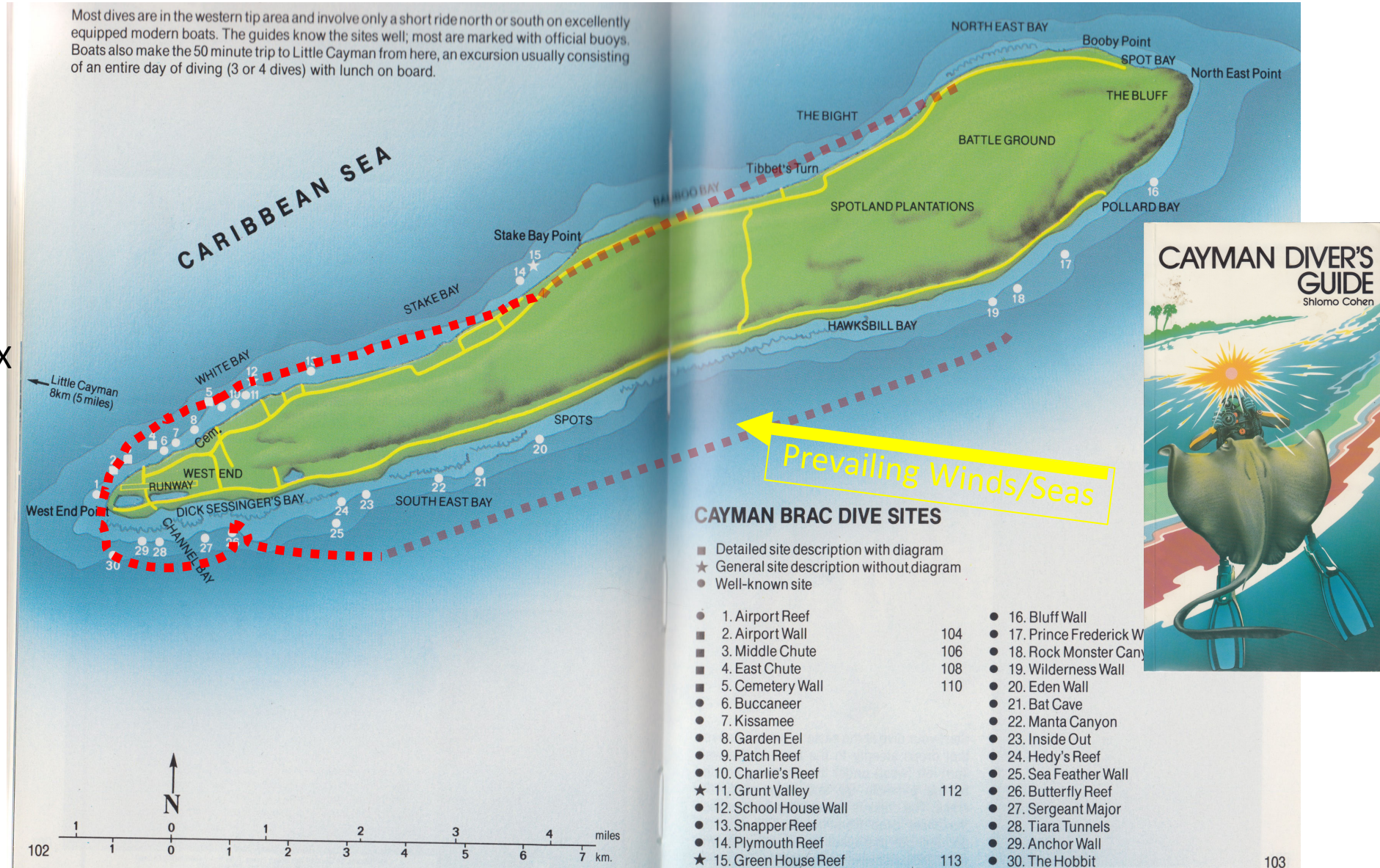
- 60' – 100' to the top
- Big Sand Chutes
- Some swim-throughs

Southside Walls: Windward

- Deeper to the top – NITROX
- Big relief / big formations
 - 30-50' of coral relief
- Many swim-throughs

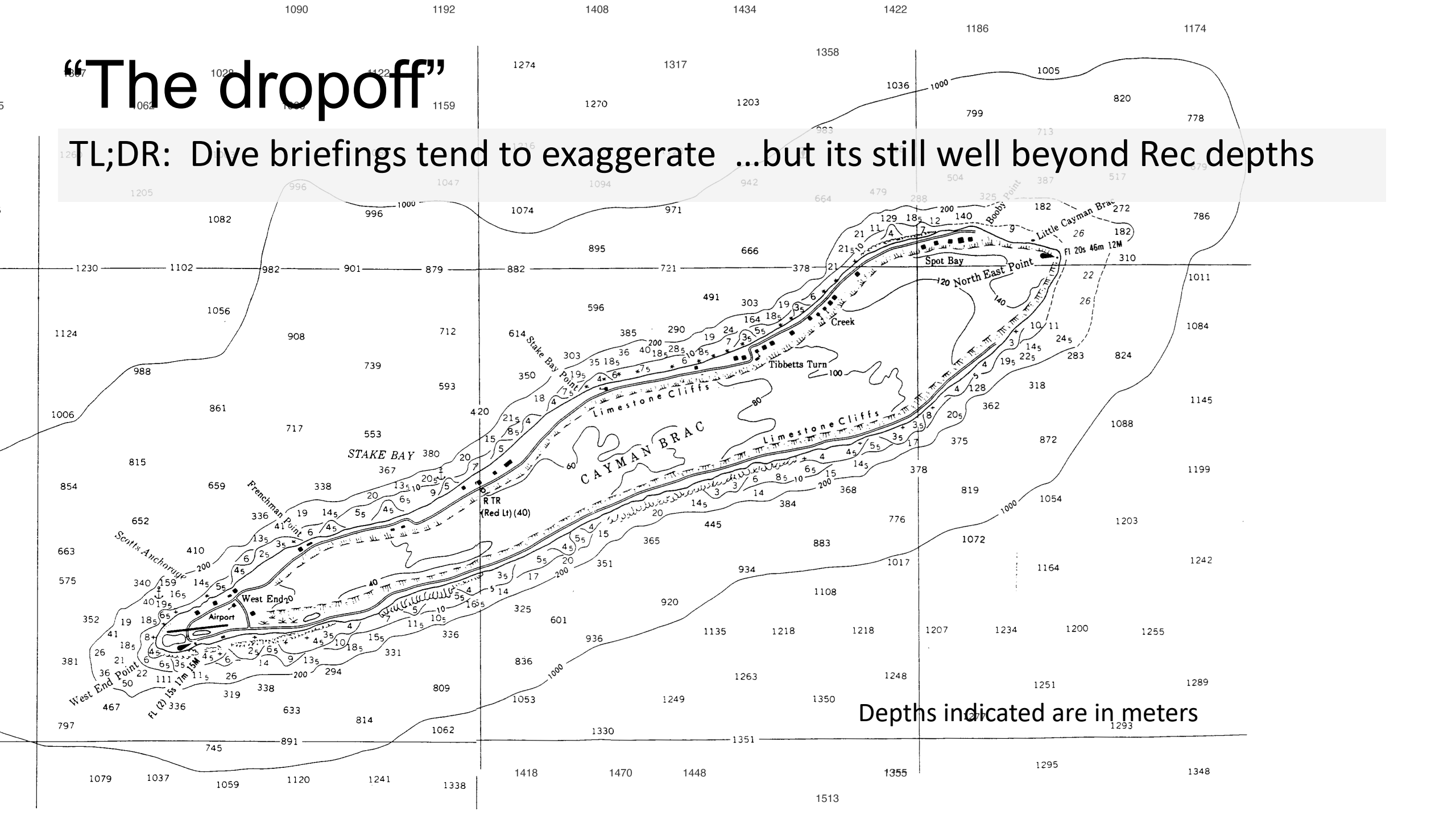
Reefs (both sides):

- Spur & Groove; Patches
- 5' – 25' coral relief
- Occasional swim-unders
- Wrecks



“The dropoff”

TL;DR: Dive briefings tend to exaggerate ...but its still well beyond Rec depths



Depths indicated are in meters

Off to the Diveboats



Northside: East Chute

A common "Sunday First Dive" location, because the mooring location isn't bottomless, but drops to 60' sand



CAYMAN BRAC NORTH SIDE

EAST CHUTE

66° STAKE BAY POINT
98° RAYMOND ANTENNA
208° WEST END POINT

This is one of the most popular dive sites in the area, and justifiably so. A dive here is an underwater experience that combines wreck, sand chutes, canyons, shallow and wall dives in a single adventure. It is a relatively shallow site for the island, starting at 17m (50ft). The wreck is that of the 65ft Cayman Mariner which used to be a metal workboat and was operated by Cayman Energy Ltd. She was purchased by Brac Aquatic and deliberately sunk in 1986.

Old Mooring location
66° N 208°

GARDEN EEL

Swim Thru

'Secret' Anchor

EAST CHUTE

CAYMAN MARINER WRECK

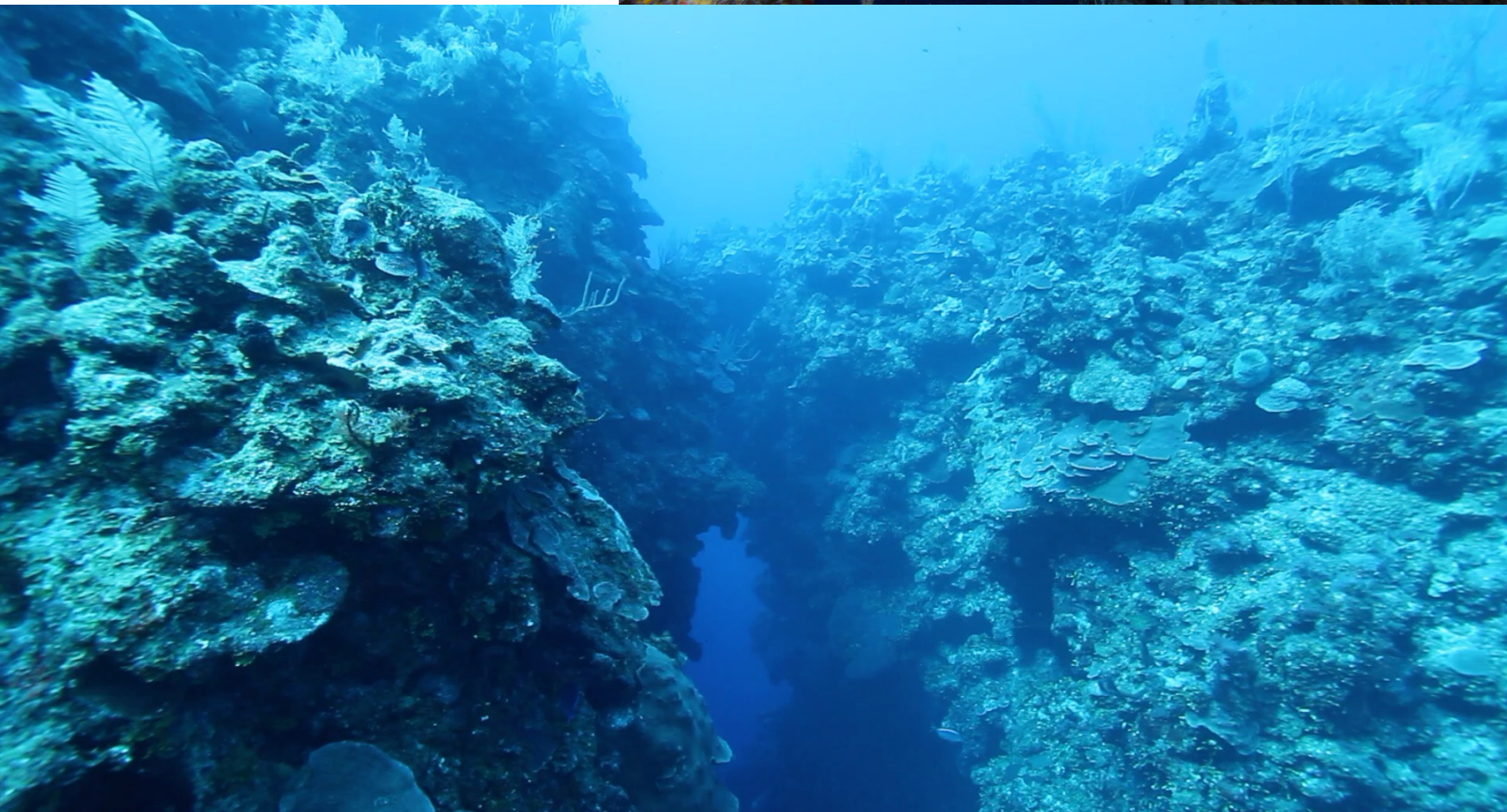
real wall. The head of the pinnacle is higher than the surrounding reef and forms a corner, which you follow along the wall (D). The wall face is home to many large

The boat's remains lie at a depth of some 18m (55ft) on the flat sandy floor at the end

Southside Walls



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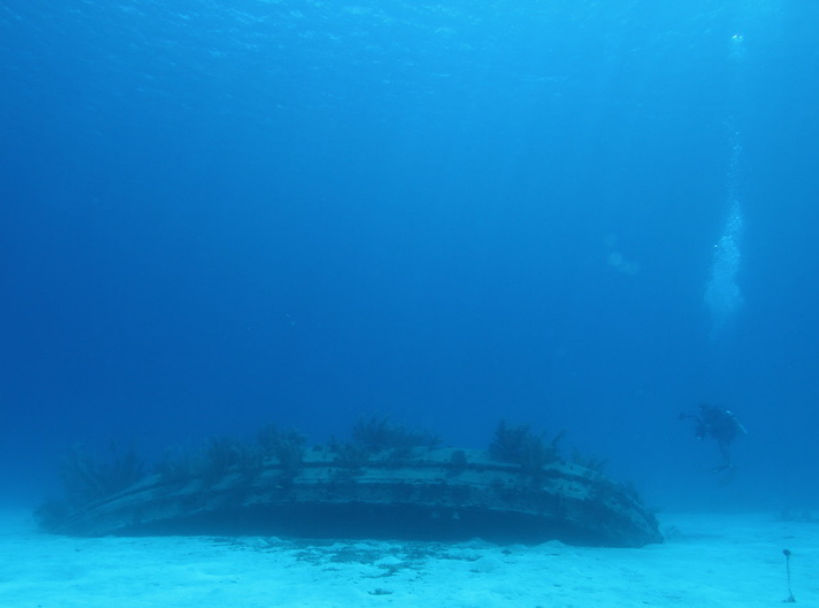


Shallow Reefs



Lighthouse Reef – Sand @ 40fsw





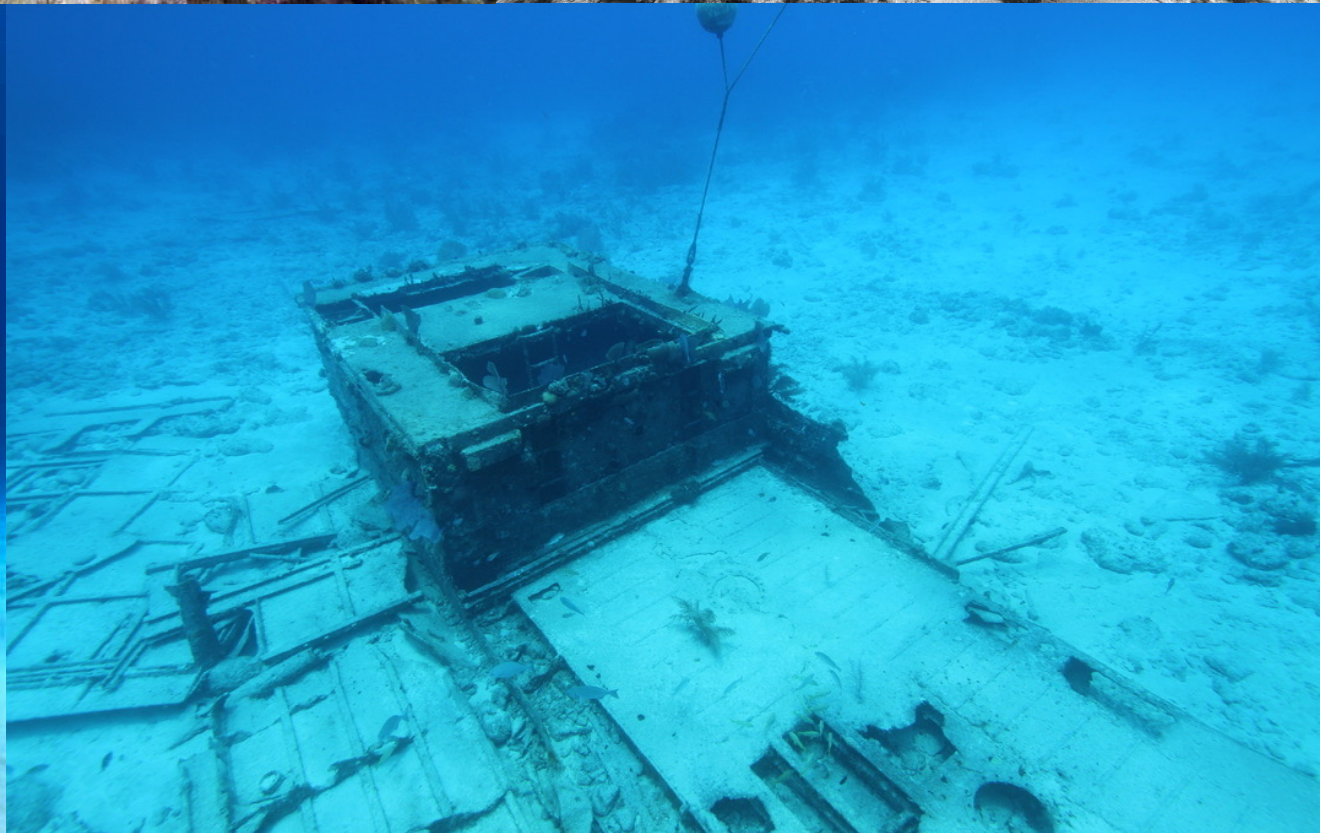
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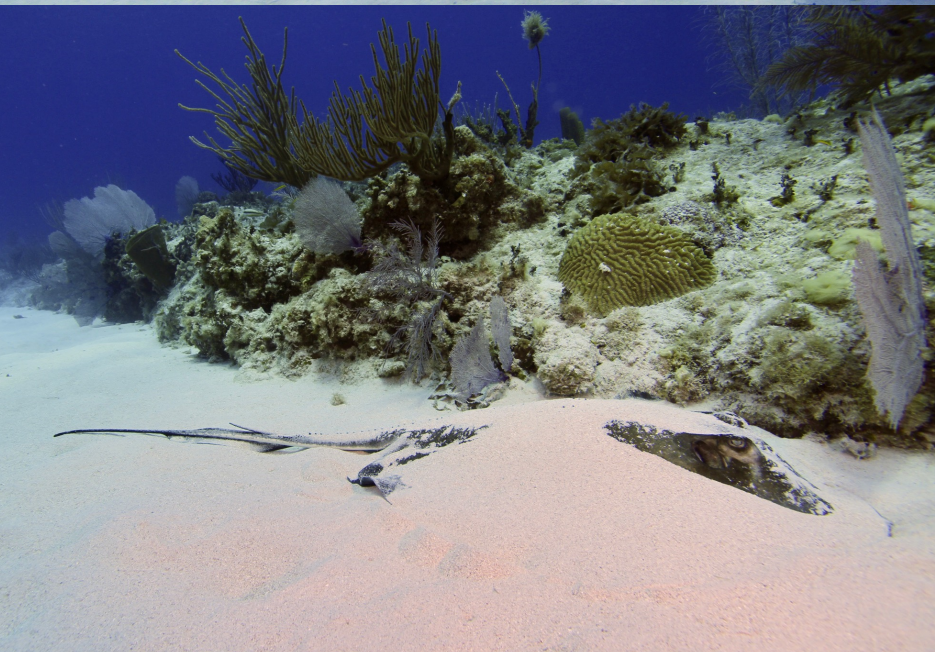
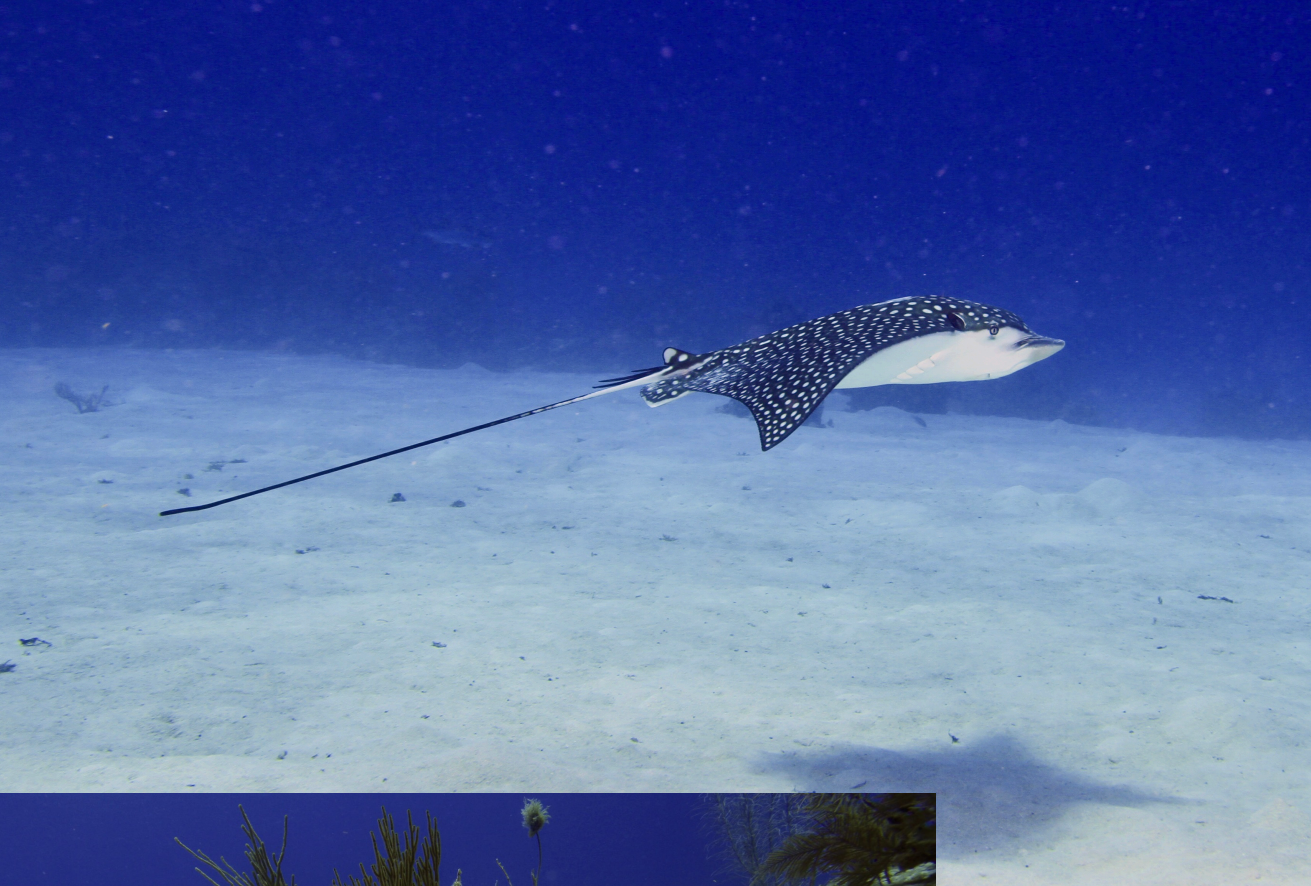
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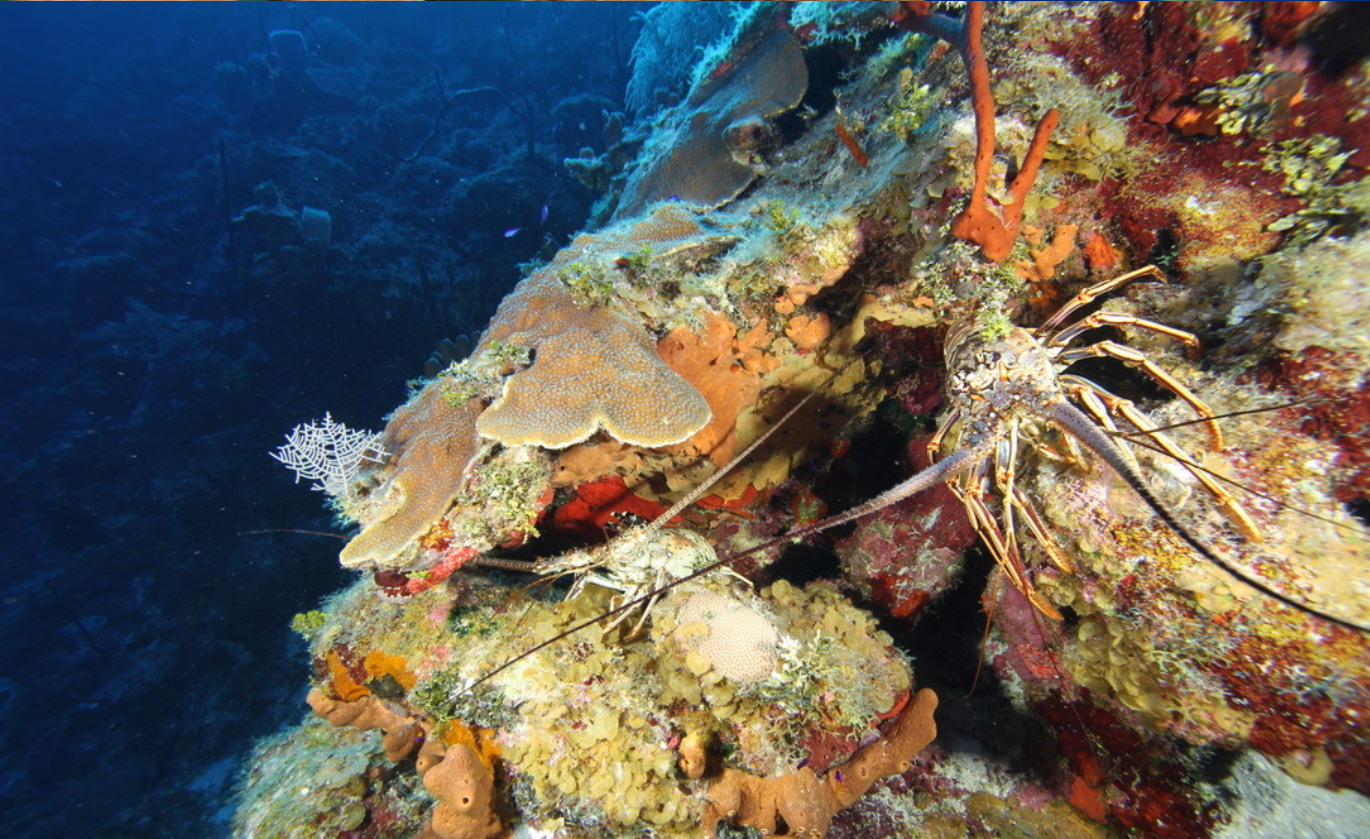


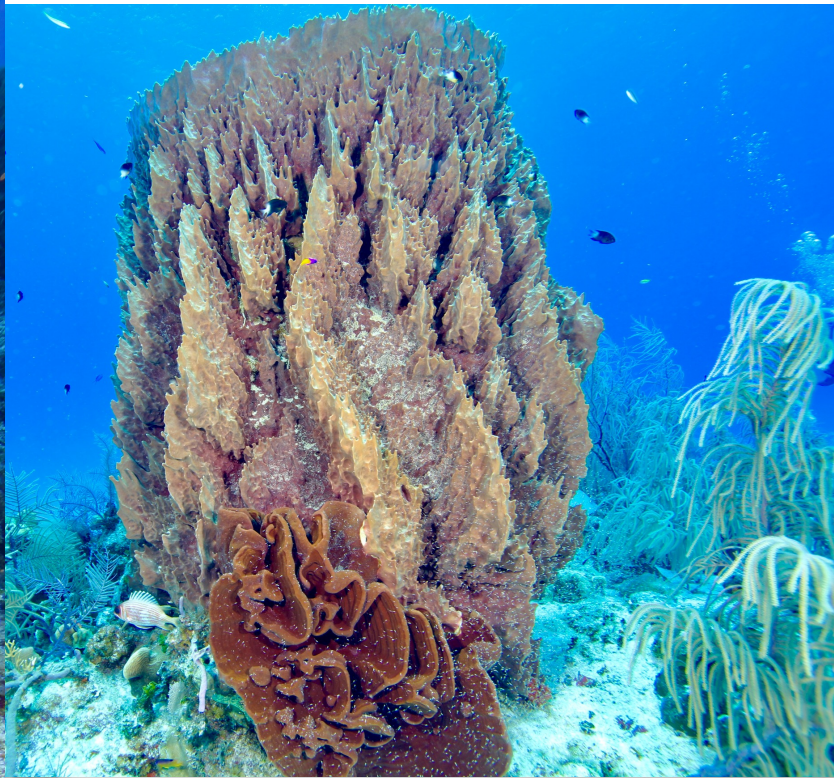
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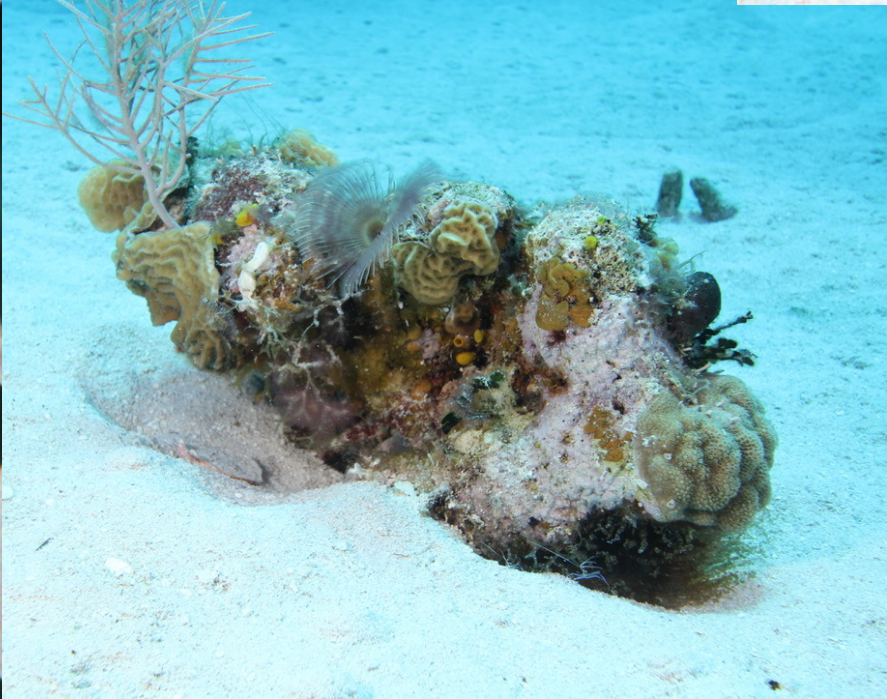
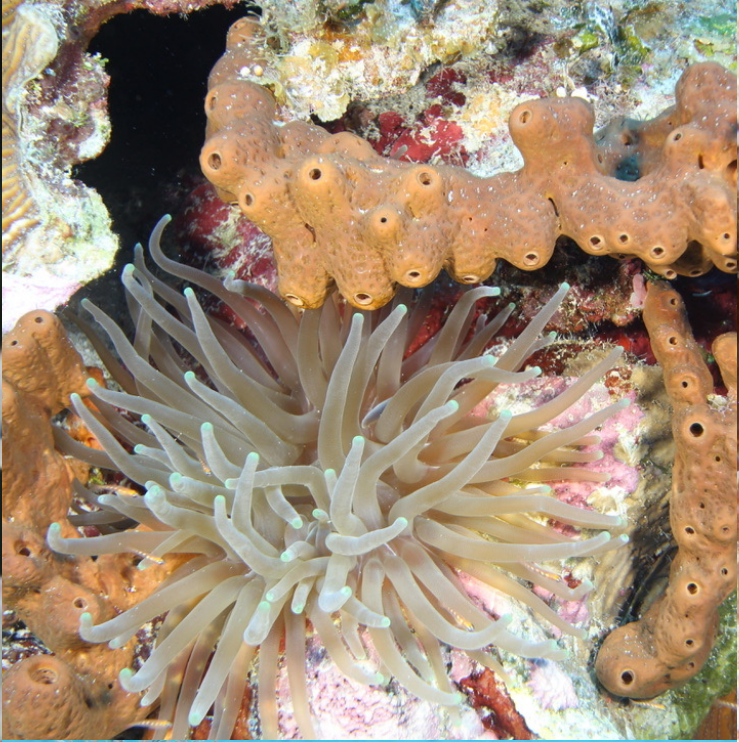













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