## **DIVE NUMBER: JSLI-4682**

# STUDY AREA: Cape Canaveral North

#### STATION OVERVIEW

Project Life on the Edge 2004

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Purpose Mapping of deep coral banks, ecological studies

of macroinvertebrates and fishes, paleoclimate studies, coral genetics and educational outreach

Vessel R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I

Submersible

Science Divers KJ Sulak (bow), M Nizinski (stern)

External Video Tapes 2 mini DVs, 1 HD

Internal Video Tapes 2 mini DVs

Digital Still Photos 0

Positioning System dGPS

CTD File ✓

Specimens Collected

Other Hard copies of bow and stern audio logs

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Museum of Natural Sciences

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**DIVE DATA** 

**Bottom Current (Kts)** 

### **GENERAL LOCATION**



**Dive Track:** 

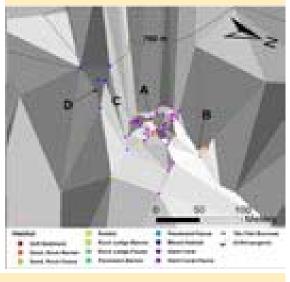


Image A: Hard Coral-Fauna 28° 47.746' N, 79° 37.277' W

### Date 09-Jun-04 760 Minimum Bottom Depth (m) Maximum Bottom Depth (m) 773 Start Bottom Time (EDT) 17:06 **End Bottom End (EDT)** 19:08 Starting Latitude (N) 28° 47.756' Starting Longitude (W) 79° 37.304' **Ending Latitude (N)** 28° 47.749' **Ending Longitude (W)** 79° 37.240' **Surface Current (Kts)**



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### **IMAGE GALLERY**

\* indicates image position is approximated

Image B: Sand/Rubble/Rock-Barren

28° 47.783' N. 79° 37.286' W



Image C: Hard Coral-Fauna 28° 47.744' N, 79° 37.266' W





Image D: Mixed Habitat

28° 47.742' N, 79° 37.232' W

### **RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED**

EEZ-SCAN 87 Scientific Staff (1991) Reed (2002) Reed and Ross (2005) Reed et al. (2006) Ross and Nizinski (in press)

### **BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Few species of invertebrates or fish were seen during this dive. The dominant fish species was *Synaphobranchus* spp. Other species included *Fenestraja plutonia, Nezumia sclerorhynchus, Trachyscorpia cristulata*, and a chimaerid. Mobile invertebrates included a number of unidentified red shrimp and several pancake urchins. Though there were some live *Lophelia pertusa* growths, the majority of the sessile invertebrate community was composed of antipatharians and hexactinellid sponges.

## PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

The substrate surrounding the reef structure was primarily a mixture of sand and coral rubble with a crusty sediment layer. It was difficult to distinguish between the strictly sediment habitat category and that of sand/rubble/rock. The reef structure in the area was confined to isolated islands of hard corals and encrusting fauna.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

This dive was recorded on 2 mini DVs and 1 HD and saved to 2 DVDs for archiving. The transects were often dark and moderate marine snow made much of the habitat difficult to observe. There was some technical difficulty during the recording of the second DV that caused the recording to be intermittent.