DIVE NUMBER: JSLI-4685

STUDY AREA: Jacksonville

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

R/V Seward Johnson, Johnson Sea Link I Vessel

Submersible

Science Divers SW Ross (bow), C Morrison (stern)

External Video Tapes 3 mini DVs 3 mini DVs **Internal Video Tapes**

Digital Still Photos 0

dGPS **Positioning System**

CTD File V V

Specimens Collected

Other Hard copies of bow and stern audio logs

NOAA-OE, NOAA Fisheries, USGS, UNCW, NC Acknowledgements

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GENERAL LOCATION



Dive Track:

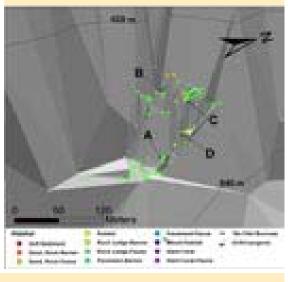


Image A: Rock Ledge-Fauna 30° 48.730' N, 79° 37.922' W

DIVE DATA

Date	11-Jun-04
Minimum Bottom Depth (m)	626
Maximum Bottom Depth (m)	652
Start Bottom Time (EDT)	8:45
End Bottom End (EDT)	11:00
Starting Latitude (N)	30° 48.811'
Starting Longitude (W)	79° 37.809'
Ending Latitude (N)	30° 48.696'
Ending Longitude (W)	79° 37.934'
Surface Current (Kts)	
Bottom Current (Kts)	0.2



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IMAGE GALLERY

* indicates image position is approximated

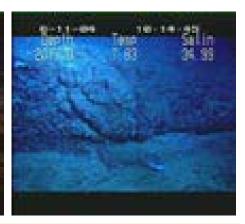
Image B: Rock Ledge-Fauna 30° 48.755' N, 79° 37.944' W

Image C: Rock Ledge-Fauna 30° 48.756' N, 79° 37.926' W

Image D: Rock Ledge-Barren 30° 48.738' N, 79° 37.944' W







RELEVANT WORK AND/OR LITERATURE CITED

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BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Several fish species were observed during this dive, including *Nezumia sclerorhynchus*, *Synaphobranchus* spp., *Trachyscorpia cristulata*, *Hoplostethus occidentalis*, and *Laemonema melanurum*. Also, a chimaerid and *Dibranchus atlanticus* were observed on sand/rubble bottom. Mobile invertebrates observed during this dive included *Chaceon* crabs, unidentified shrimps, and galatheoids. Sessile invertebrates included antipatharians, crinoids, isidids, and *Lophelia pertusa*.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

This dive started off reef over a sand/coral rubble bottom with no attached fauna. A transitional area was then encountered, which included patches of various habitats, such as rubble, sand/coral rubble with attached fauna, and rock ledges with attached fauna. The majority of the dive was spent on rugged, rock ledges with barren and attached fauna areas. Rock ledges were covered with sand and coral rubble, and the attached fauna was confined mostly to the tops of ledges. Attached fauna included abundant antipatharians and isidids and sparse living *L. pertusa*.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

This dive was recorded on 3 mini DVs and saved to 3 DVDs for archiving. There was some interference with the video feed that caused fuzziness to the footage.