



After gearing up we entered the water among large swells, crashing waves, and swirling surf. Descending quickly, a completely vertical wall covered with sea life came into view. Dropping down into the 90-100 foot range, numerous tropical fish and large heads of black coral clinging to the wall could be observed in rapid succession. With visibility nearly 100 feet, schools of barracuda circled above. The first dive ended with a slow free-water ascent, making it easier for the boat to retrieve us.

Spending the surface interval motoring to the next dive site, we were offered sandwiches, fresh fruit and drinks. I had no idea where we were headed. We arrived before long at the next dive site; it looked somehow familiar. Chris announced "Here we are – Jurassic Rock," the site of the opening scene of Jurassic Park, the movie. And we were going to dive it! Our plan was to get dropped on one side and have the boat pick us up on the other side. We wanted to look for a possible swim-through on the backside of this large pinnacle of rock. The entry was a bit easier this time because it was somewhat sheltered.