NINE FATHOM REEF

Northwest of San Clemente Island • California (9 Fathom Purple Coral Reef)

CONCEPTUAL ILLUSTRATION — NOT SURVEYED BATHYMETRY

LOOKING TOWARD THE ISLAND • CONCEPTUAL GEOMETRY
Orientation and reef geometry are illustrative.

≈1 mi off NW end of island, near Castle Rock

Reef top: ≈55–60 ft

Visibility to 100+ ft

Reef flanks and ledges: ≈75–90 ft

Northwest end: purple & red hydrocoral, gorgonians

Rock arch (a.k.a. Arch Rock)

Open-ocean exposure: strong current

Published dive descriptions; shape and positions unverified.

ILLUSTRATIVE DEPTH COLORS (ft)

- 0 ft
- 20 ft
- 40 ft
- 60 ft
- 80 ft
- 100 ft
- 120 ft
- 145 ft

Model scale only — not surveyed soundings.

SITE FEATURES (PUBLISHED DESCRIPTIONS)

Deep offshore reef off the northwest end of San Clemente Island.
Depths ≈55–90 ft.
Intermediate to advanced.
Visibility up to 100+ ft.
Boat access only; exposed to open ocean, strong currents.
Navy-controlled island; check closures.

Reef shape, colors and relative positions are illustrative.

Verify with current charts, sonar and local briefing.

NOT FOR DIVE DEPTHS, ROUTES OR NAVIGATION

Verify positions, depths and bearings with current charts, sonar and local briefing.

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