

**David Graham Patriquin**  
February 4 ·

"Back Home" (We spent the first 3 years of our life together in Barbados, 1967-70) With **Nina Patriquin**, **Maria Jessica Patriquin**, **Graham Patriquin**

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**James Boyer**  
Great picture of you and Nina! Looks like you've adapted quickly. It's almost as if you have never left.  
We are counting the days.

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**Bev Wigney**  
Yay! Glad to see you are down there. It's obvious to see that you're in your element. ❤️

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Vauxhall Reef in the distance; I have been documenting what's there and the changes since 2015. <http://versicolor.ca/barbados>

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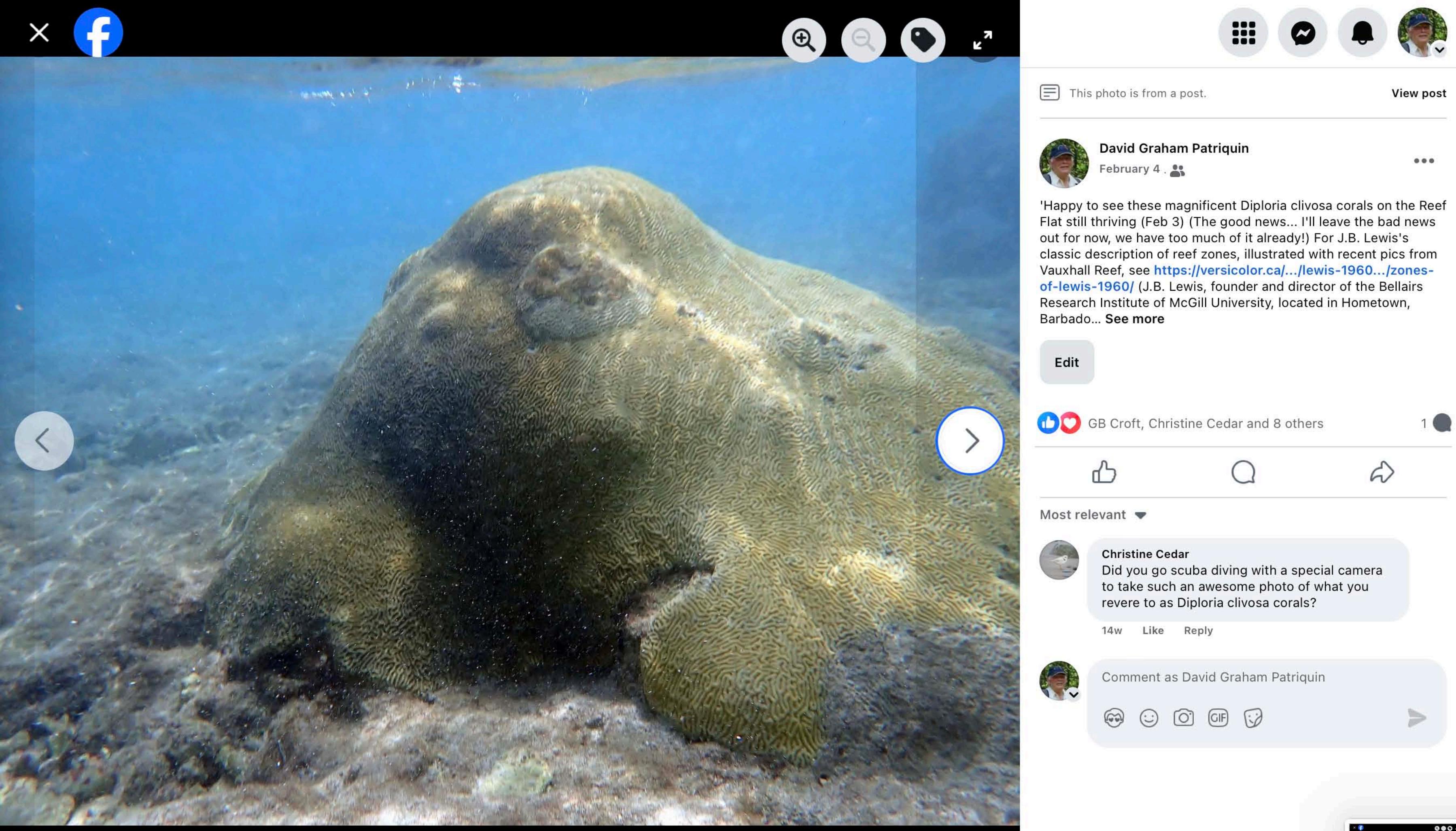
Lovely scenery, the colour of the ocean is exquisite.

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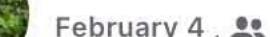
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'Happy to see these magnificent *Diploria clivosa* corals on the Reef Flat still thriving (Feb 3) (The good news... I'll leave the bad news out for now, we have too much of it already!) For J.B. Lewis's classic description of reef zones, illustrated with recent pics from Vauxhall Reef, see <https://versicolor.ca/.../lewis-1960.../zones-of-lewis-1960/> (J.B. Lewis, founder and director of the Bellairs Research Institute of McGill University, located in Hometown, Barbado... [See more](#)

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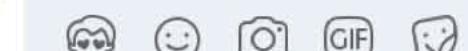
Christine Cedar

Did you go scuba diving with a special camera to take such an awesome photo of what you revere to as *Diploria clivosa* corals?

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Gail Storey

how are my little guys doing? Echinometra lacunter

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Cute fish ! I wish I encountered this one instead of the tarpon, last year 😊

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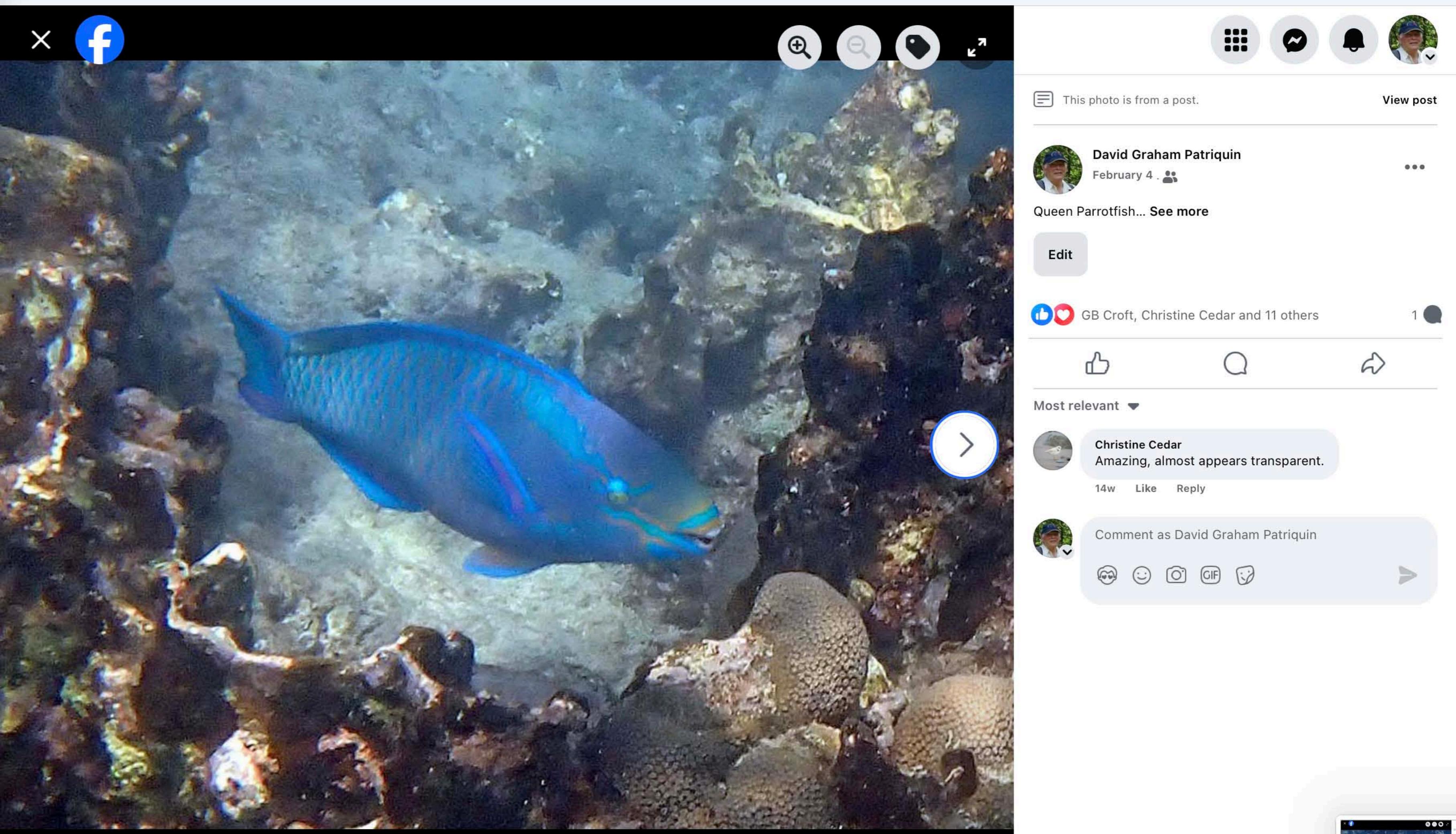


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Beautiful!

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Amazing, almost appears transparent.

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Fab 5, by breakwater at "Surfside". Safe swimming in the lee of it...  
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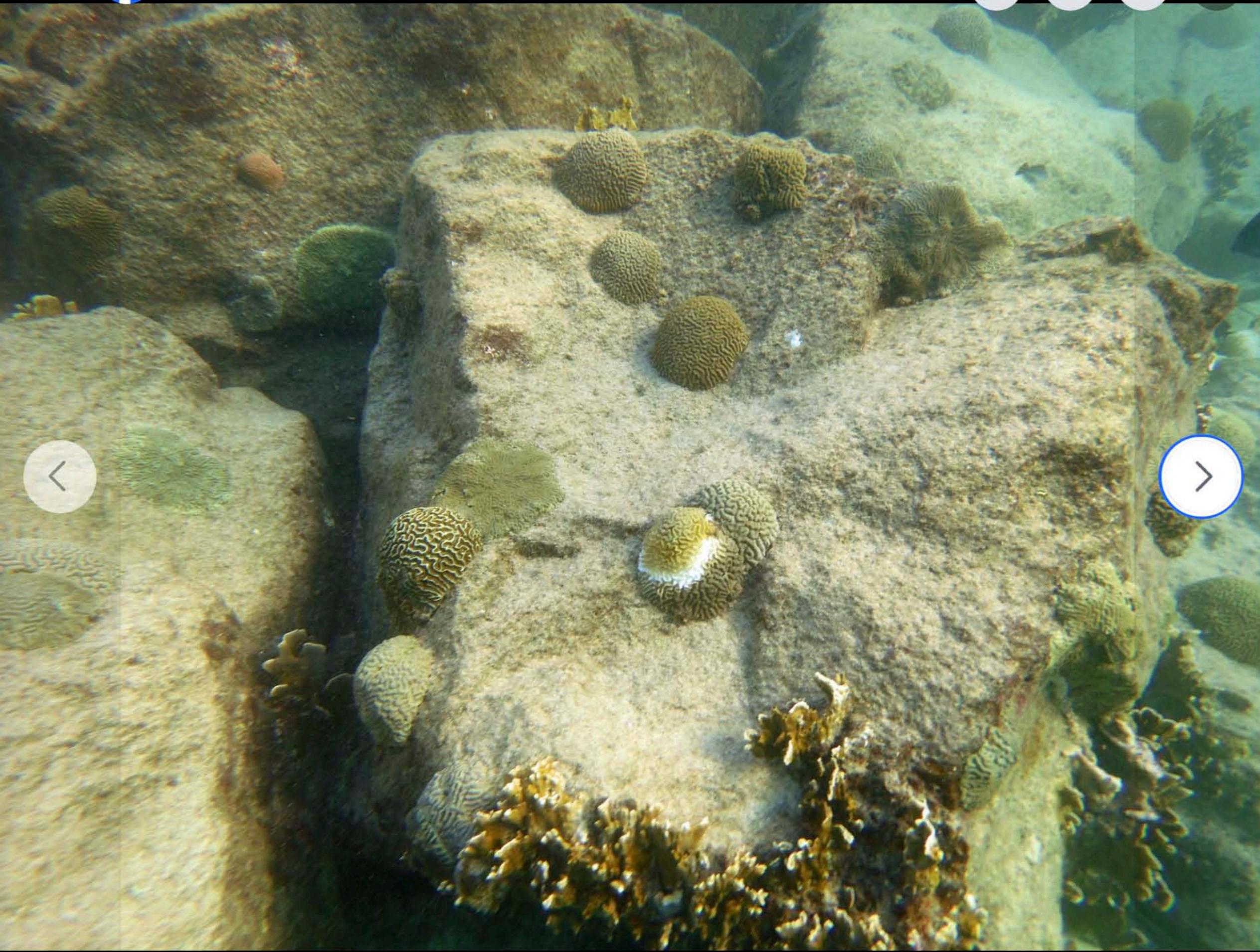


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Typical coral cover on my first visit to this breakwater, on Feb 15, 2023. One coral just developing Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease in foreground, others all living. The disease developed rapidly in 2023 affecting 60% of species; in 2024 bleaching (warm water) events killed some of the same species and other species including the Acroporoids and Stinging coral (at bottom of this pic) that were not attacked by SCTLD.... [See more](#)

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Typical coral cover on Feb 5, 2025. One living coral (just top of it in foreground, another off to the right; 13 dead.... [See more](#)

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**Sheila Stevenson**  
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Surfside breakwater Feb 5, 2025. Some good news, At least 5 healthy *Acropora palmata* colonies. This was the smallest/youngest, ... **See more**

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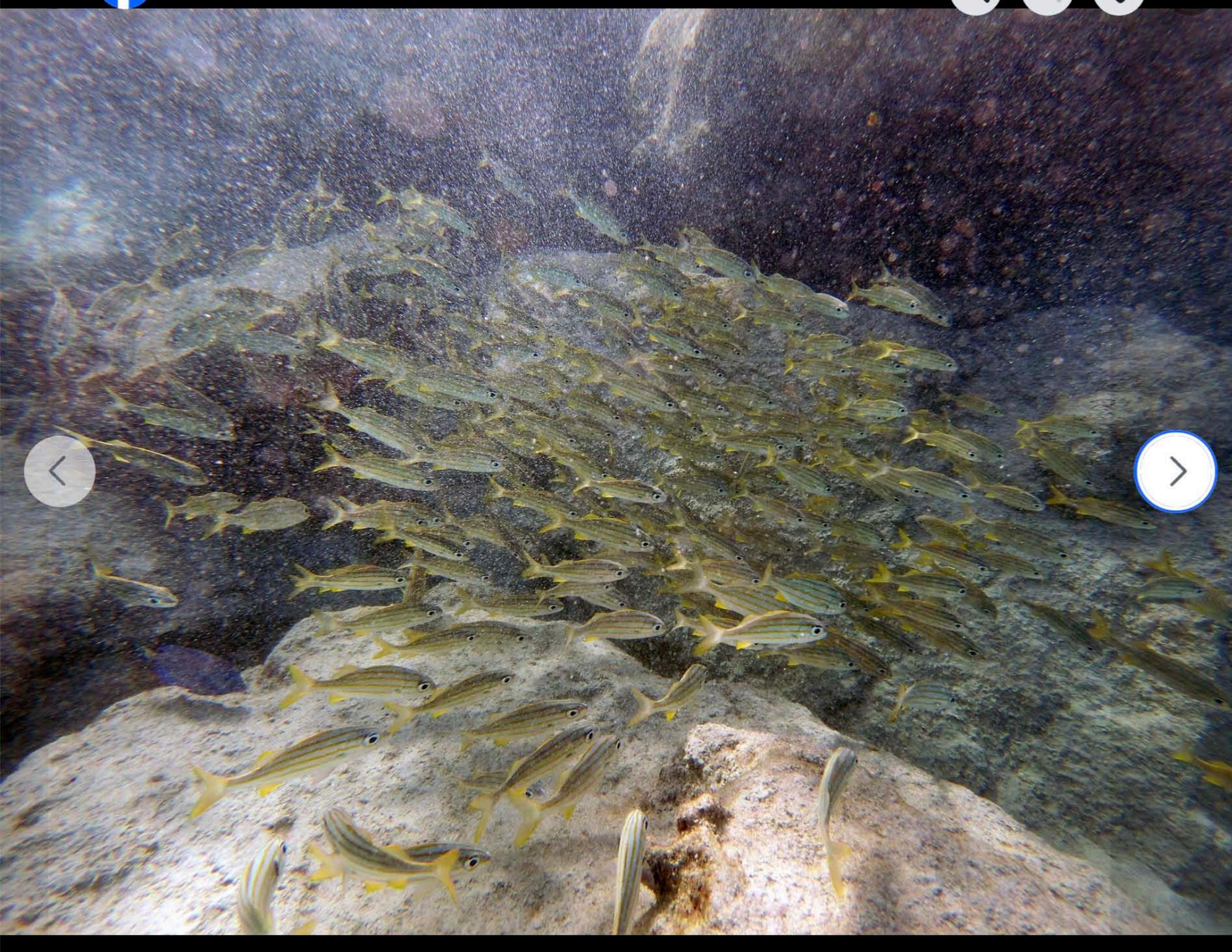


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Surfside breakwater Feb 5 small mouth grunt... [See more](#)

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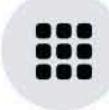


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Wow they came a long way



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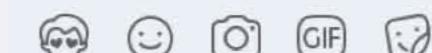
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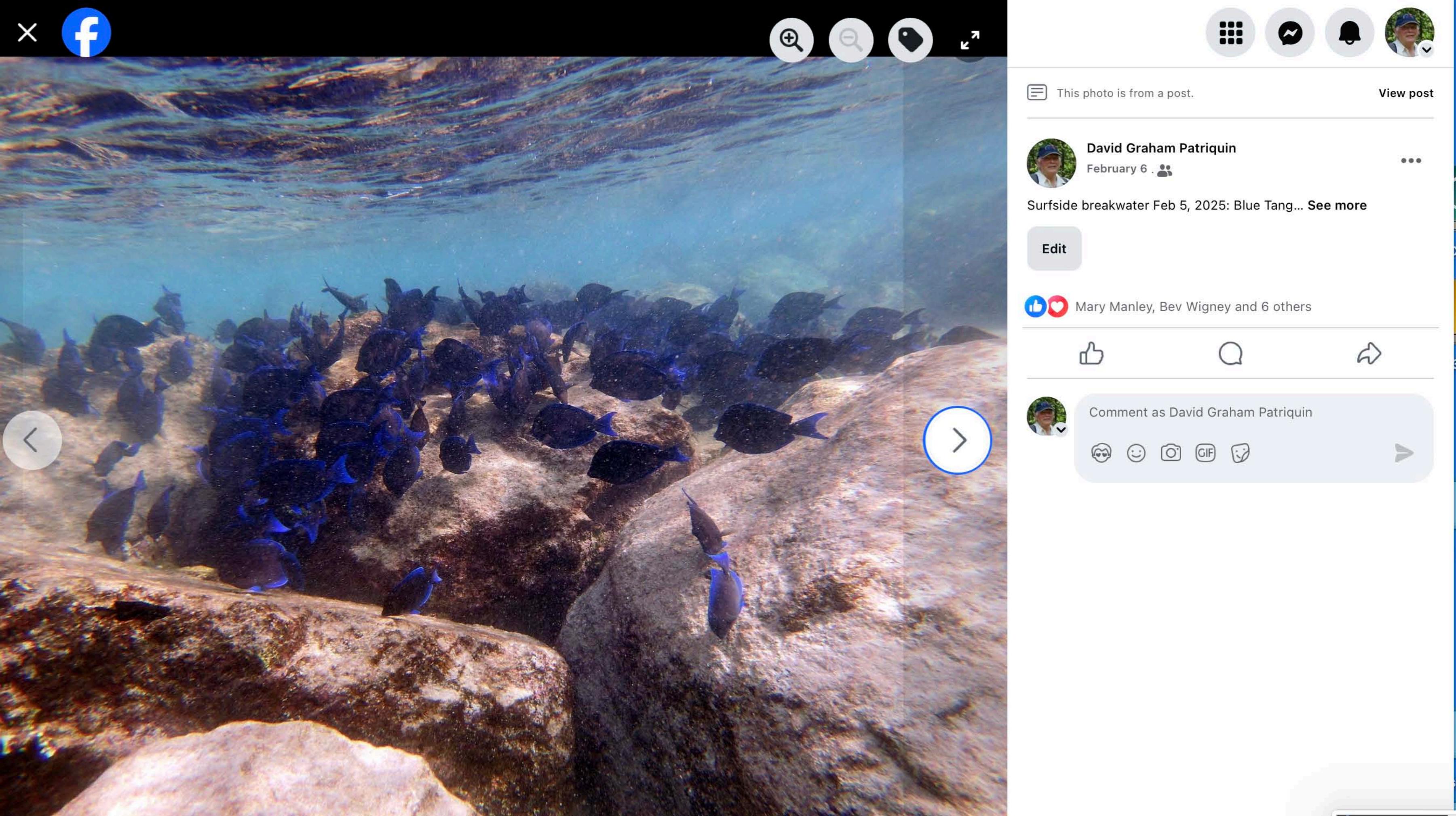
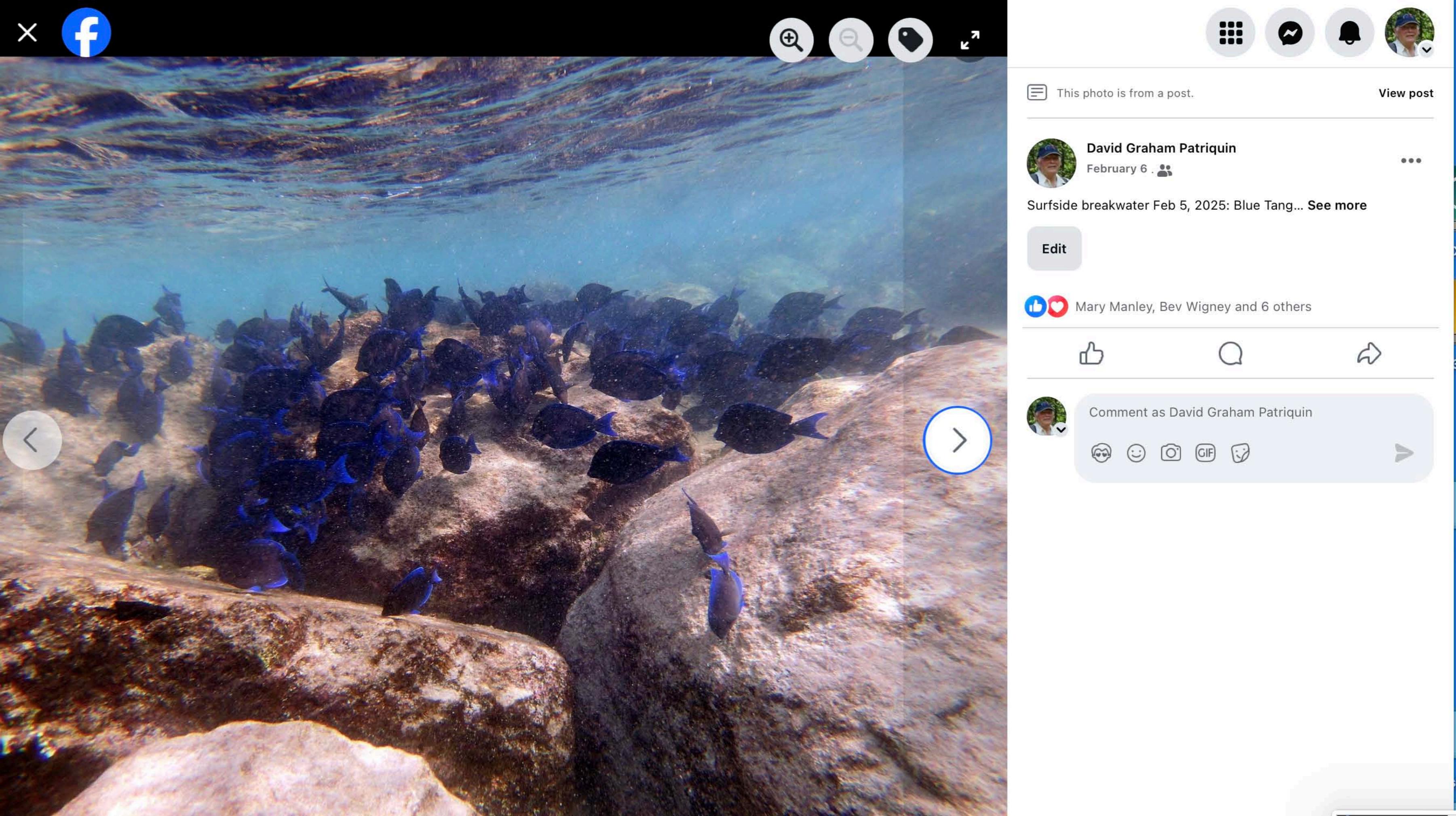
A very beautiful creature.

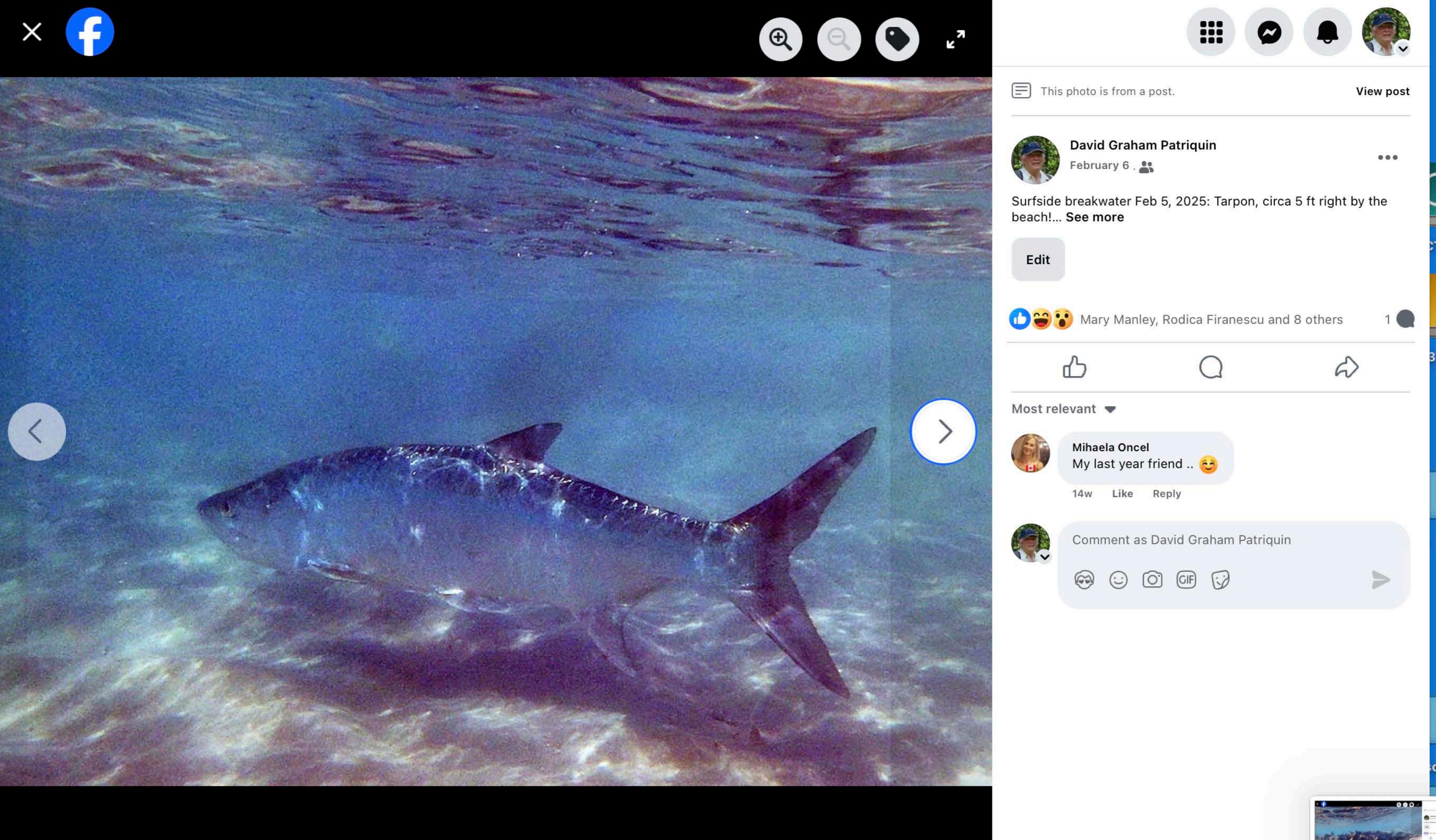
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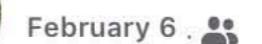
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Surfside breakwater Feb 5, 2025: Tarpon, circa 5 ft right by the beach!... [See more](#)

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My last year friend .. 😊

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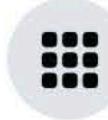
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Feb 9 Fish of the Day: Spinyhead Blenny. Mouth would accommodate tip of my little finger but I didn't give it to him... [See more](#)

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**Gail Storey**  
great photo

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**David Graham Patriquin** replied · 1 Reply**James Boyer**  
Yikes, now that's a new one for me. I'll watch for this one keeping my hands well away.

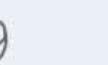
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**Anne Mills**  
Neat.

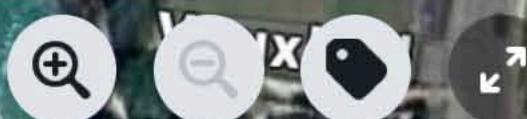
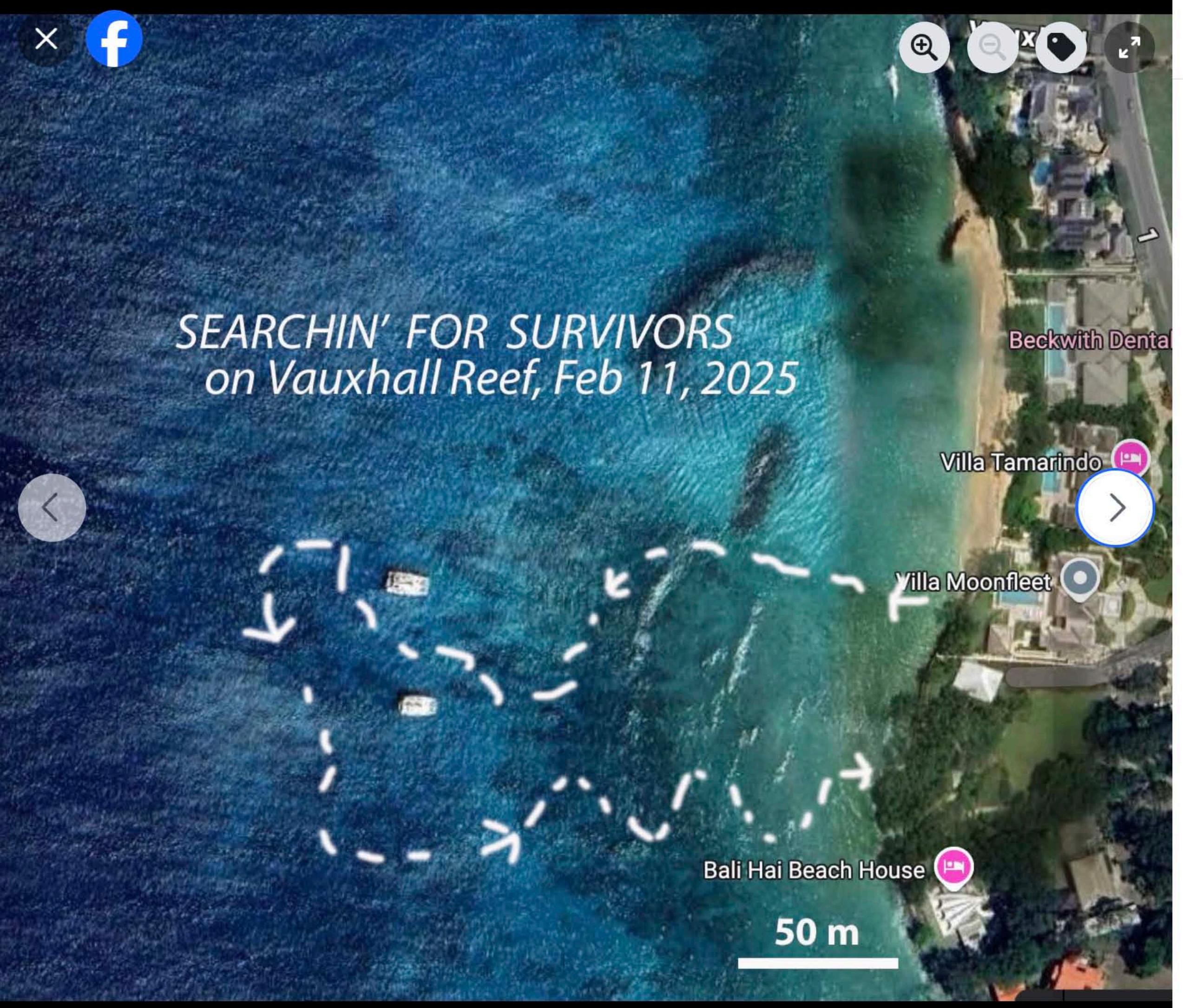
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**Maria Jessica Patriquin**  
Yikes the horror

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Vauxhall Reef was hit hard by SCTLD (Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease) in early 2023 and Extreme Warming/Coral Bleaching events the fall of 2023 and ongoing in 2024, losing many brain corals, stinging coral and most of the Acroporas (3 app)... So I look for "Survivors", what's still doing well?... [See more](#)

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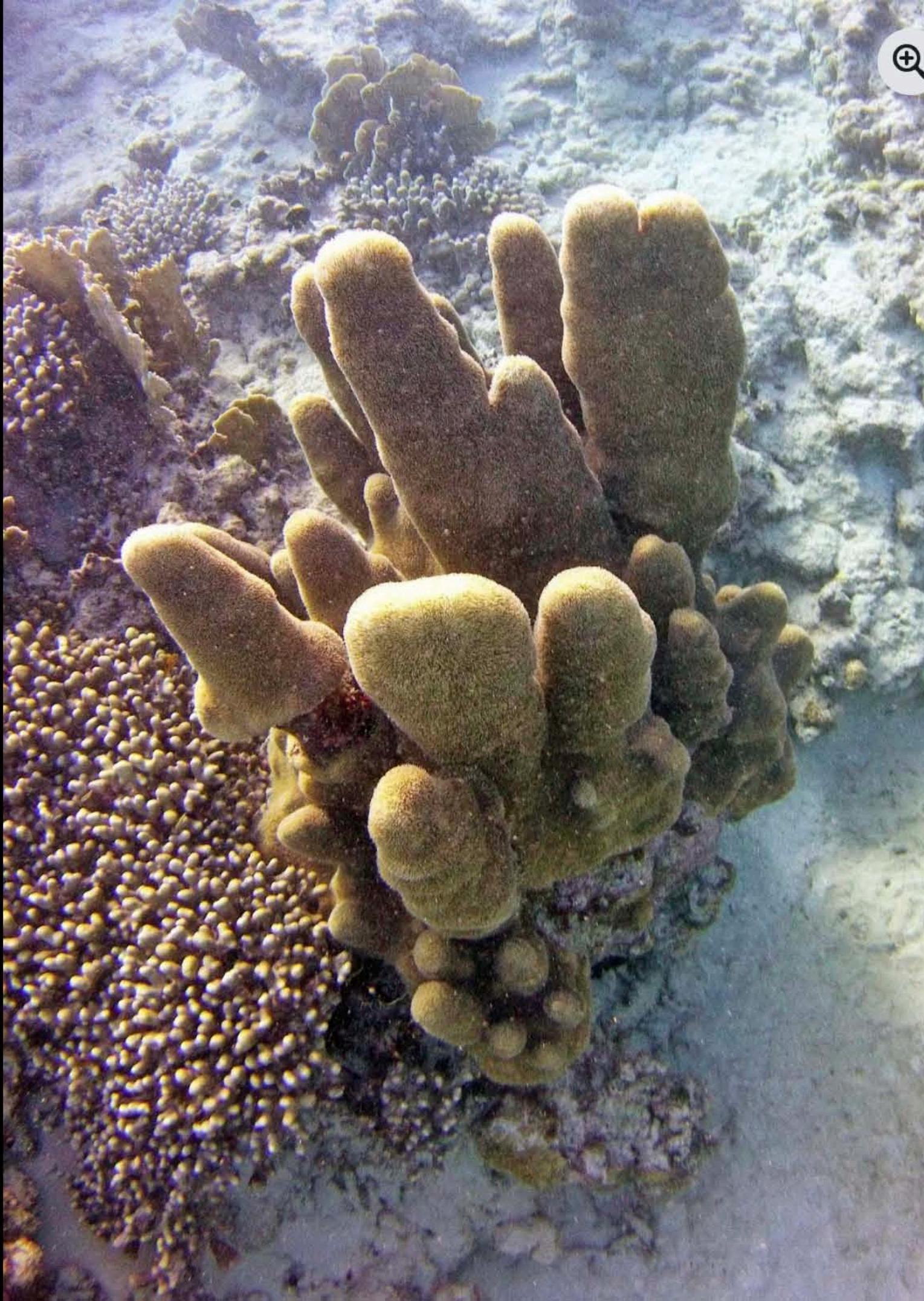


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Pillar Coral, an endangered species, was doing well on Vauxhall Reef 2015 (at left) up to early 2023 [See less](#)

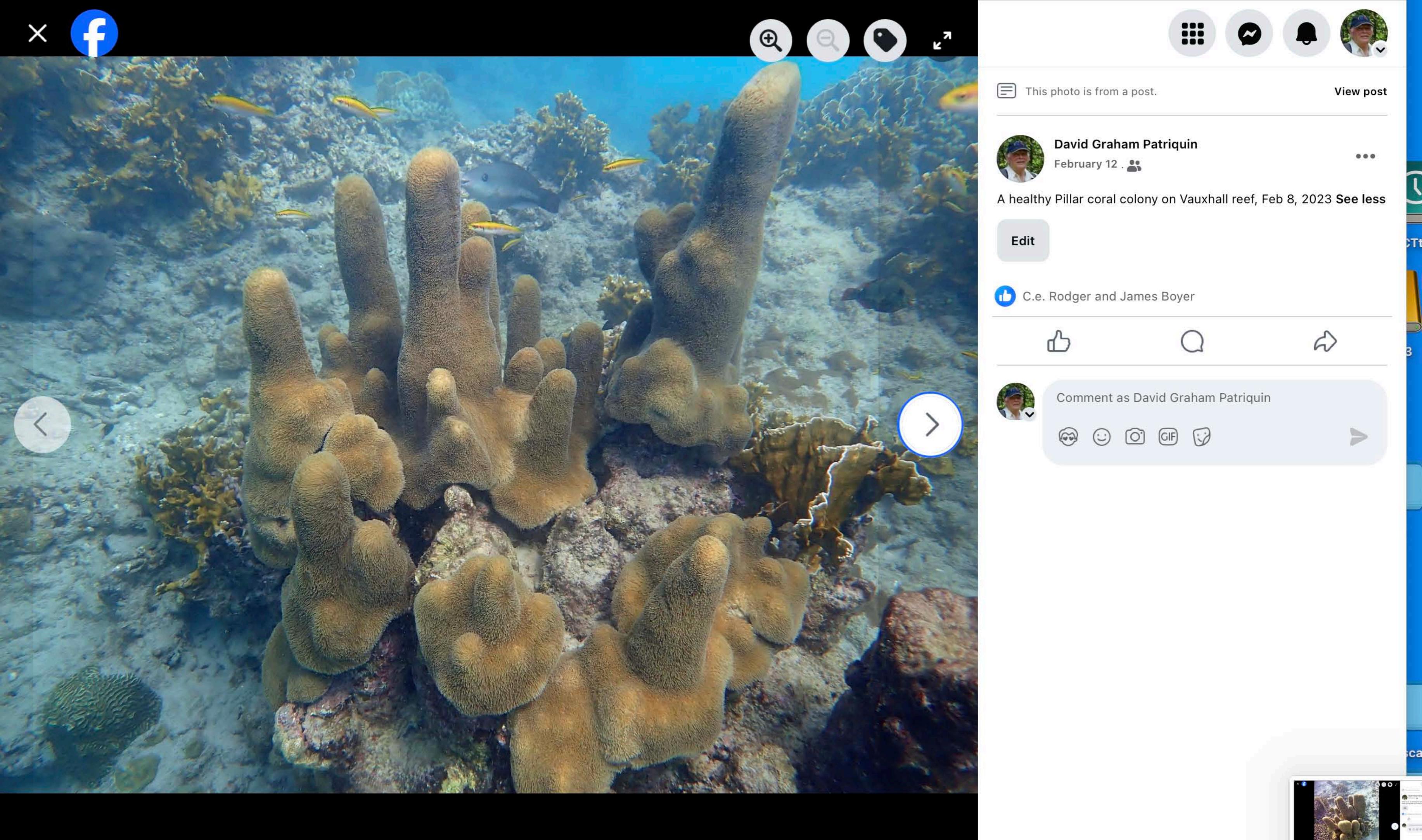
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A healthy Pillar coral colony on Vauxhall reef, Feb 8, 2023 [See less](#)

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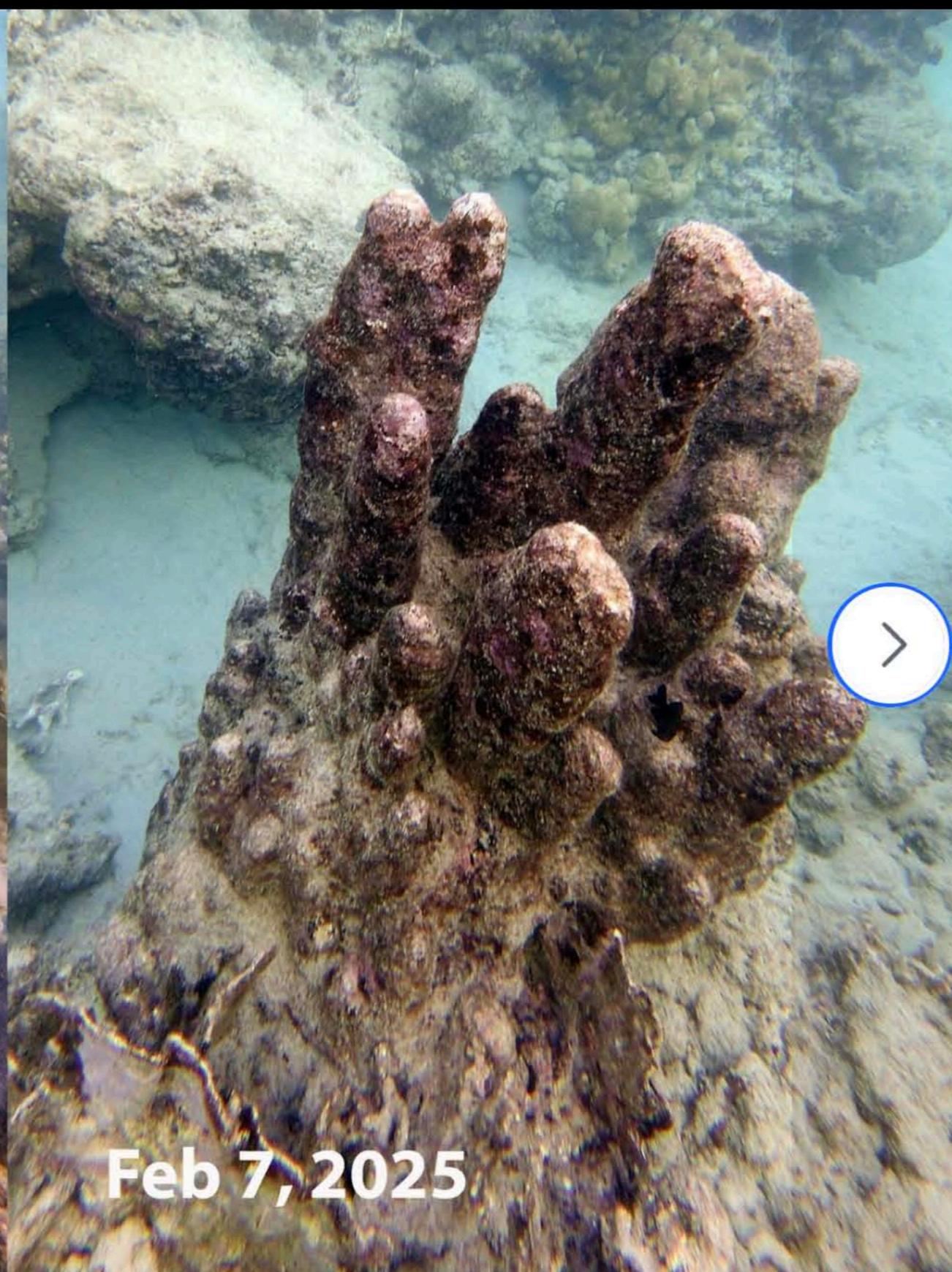
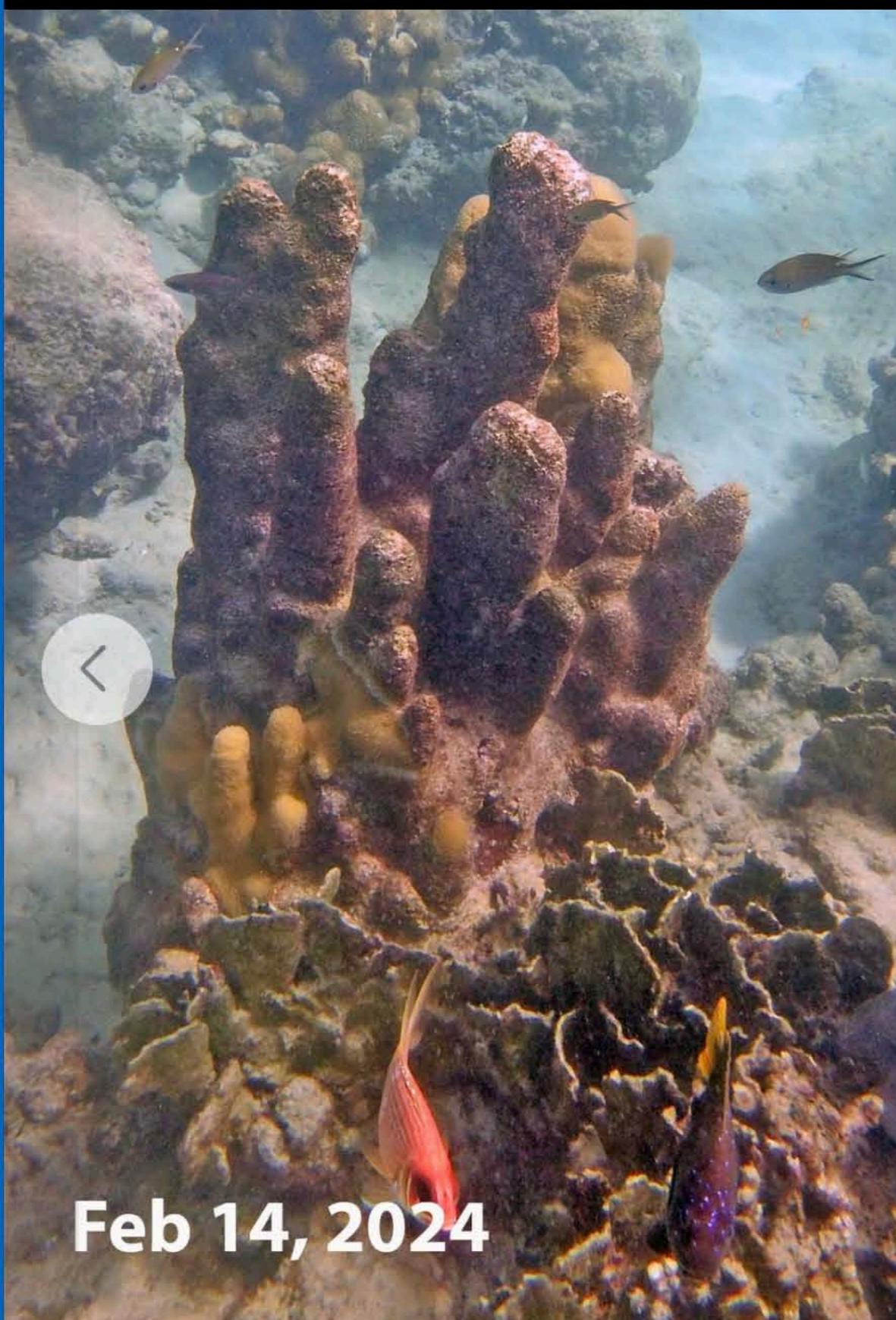
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But it succumbed to SCTLD in 2023; last year most colonies were completely dead but there were signs of survival (left pic); right the same colony on Feb 7 this year, no living remnants. [See less](#)

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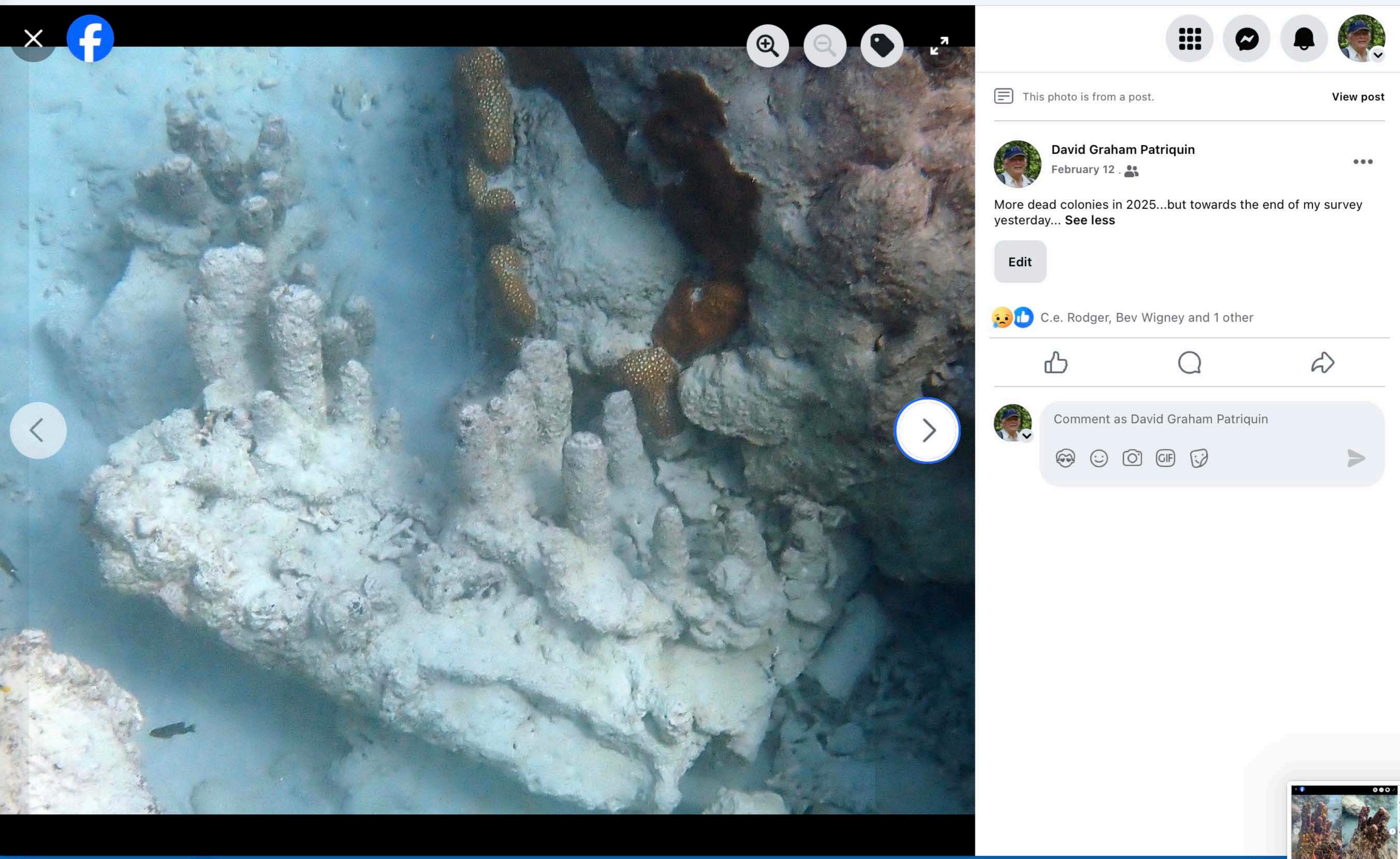
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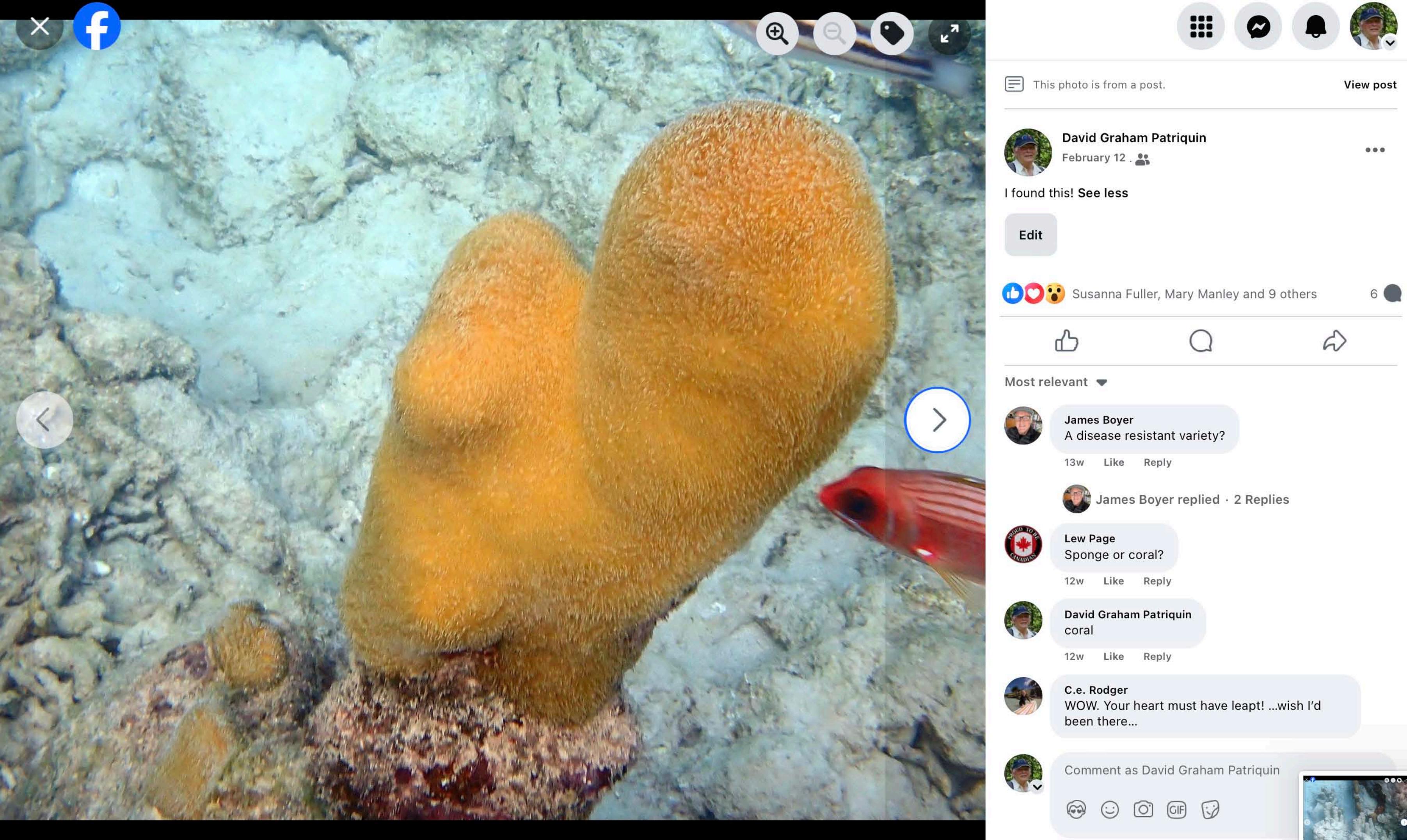


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**James Boyer**

A disease resistant variety?

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**Lew Page**

Sponge or coral?

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coral

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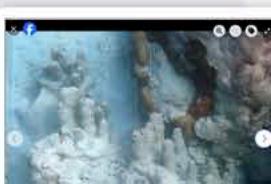


**C.e. Rodger**

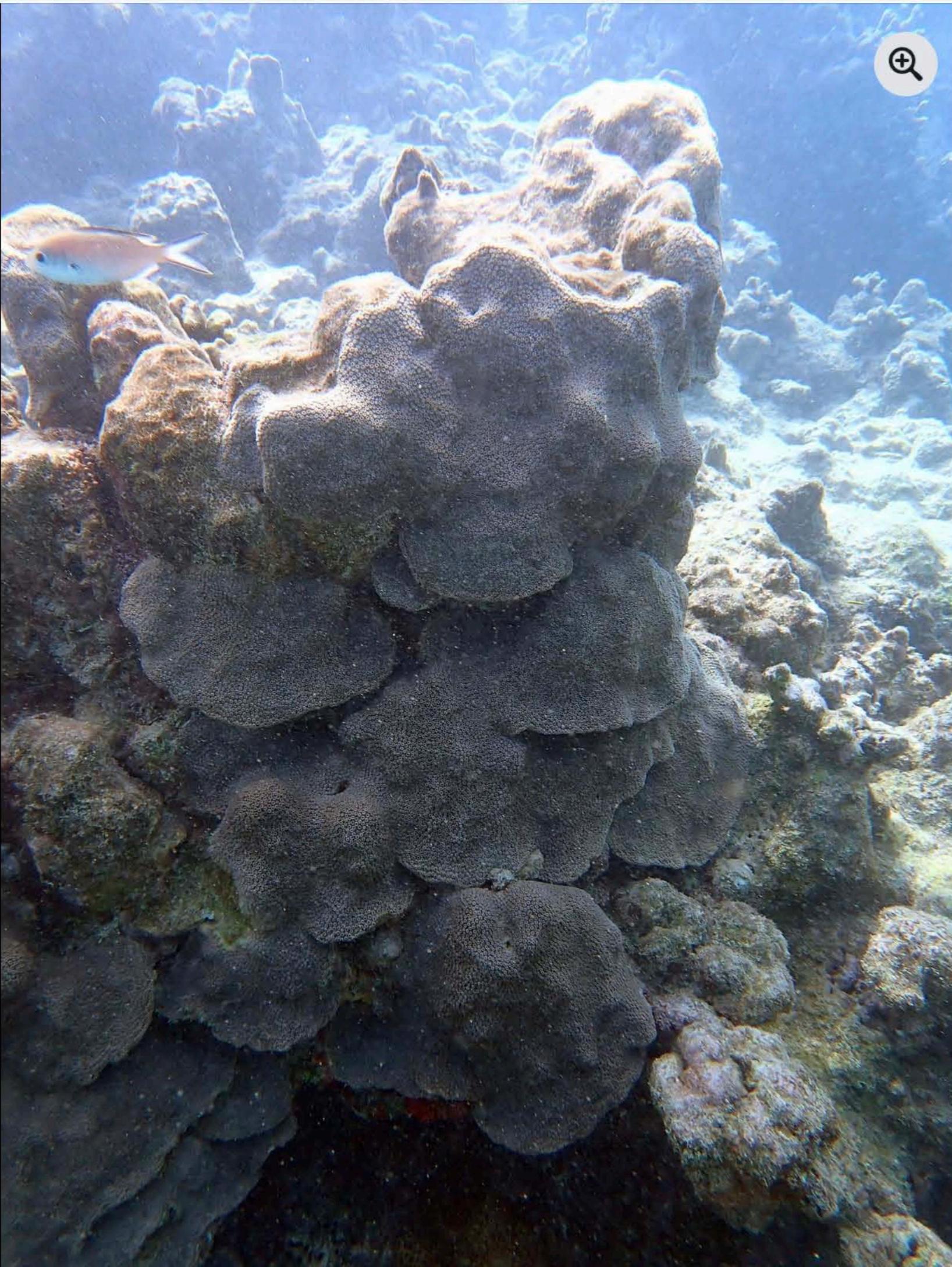
WOW. Your heart must have leapt! ...wish I'd been there...



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Survivors on Vauxhall Reef (Feb 11) continued: *Orbicella annularis*, (Boulder Star Coral) important reef builder, still lots of healthy colonies in the Reef Crest and Reef Front Zones of Lewis <https://versicolor.ca/.../lewis-1960.../zones-of-lewis-1960/> See less

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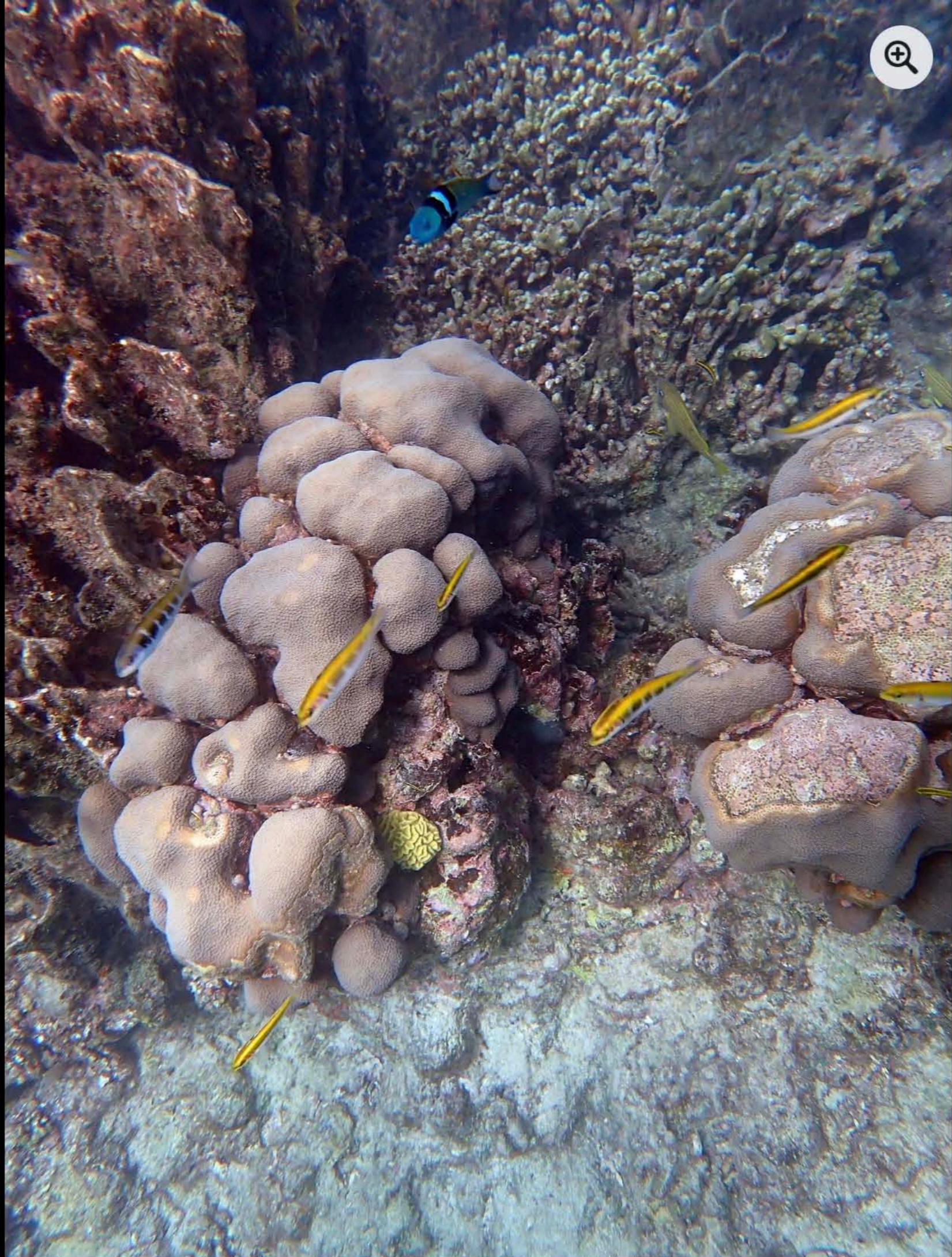
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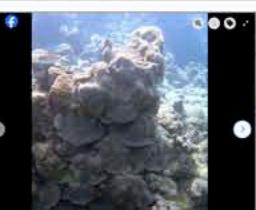
Survivors on Vauxhall Reef (Feb 11) continued: *Orbicella annularis*, Yellowheaded and Blueheaded Wrasses [See less](#)

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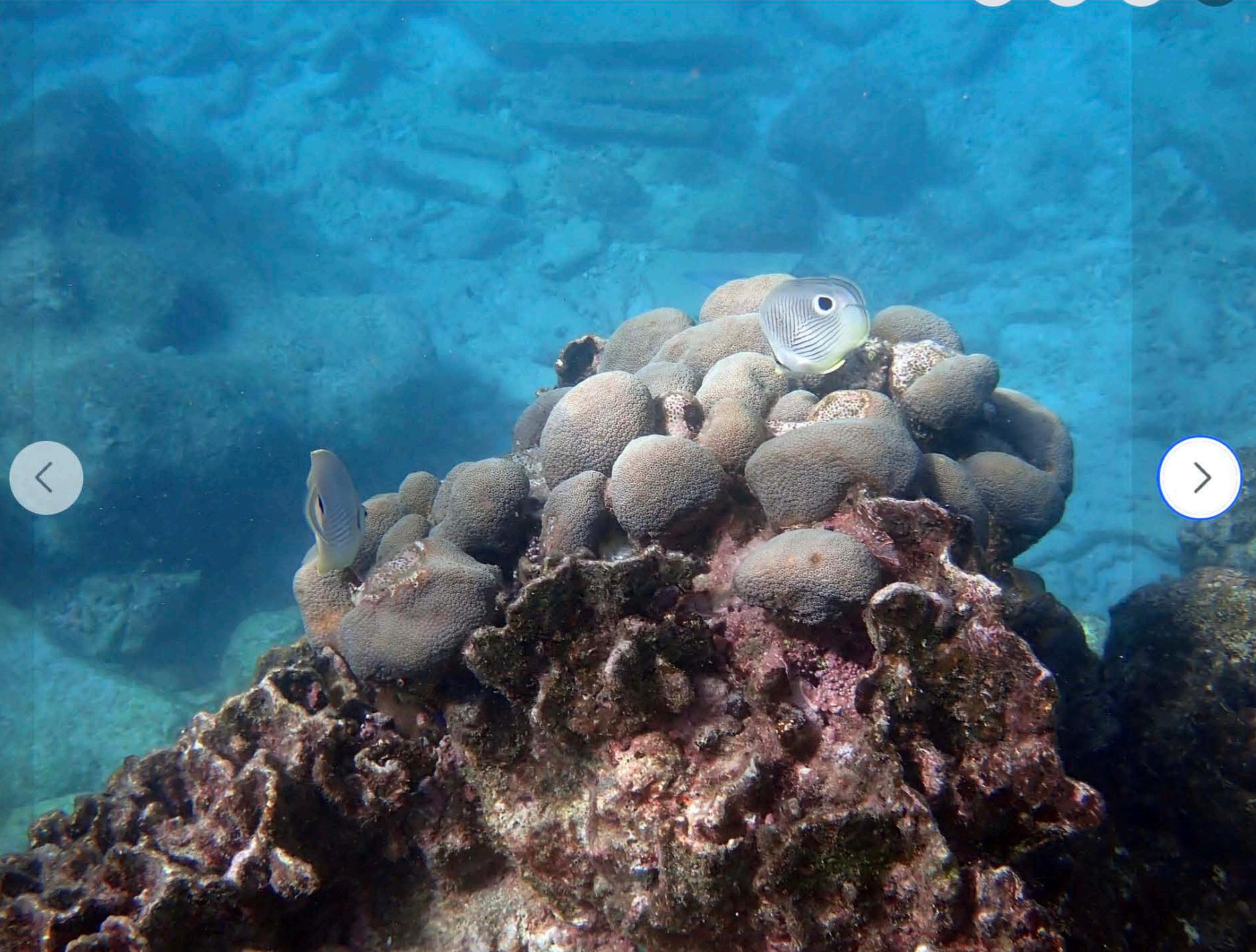
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Survivors on Vauxhall Reef (Feb 11) continued: *Orbicella annularis*; 4-eye butterfly fish " The species gets its common name from a large dark spot on the rear portion of each side of the body. This spot is surrounded by a brilliant white ring, resembling an eye. A black vertical bar on the head runs through the true eye, making it hard to see. This pattern may result in a predator confusing the back end of the fish for the front end." (Wikipedia) [See less](#)

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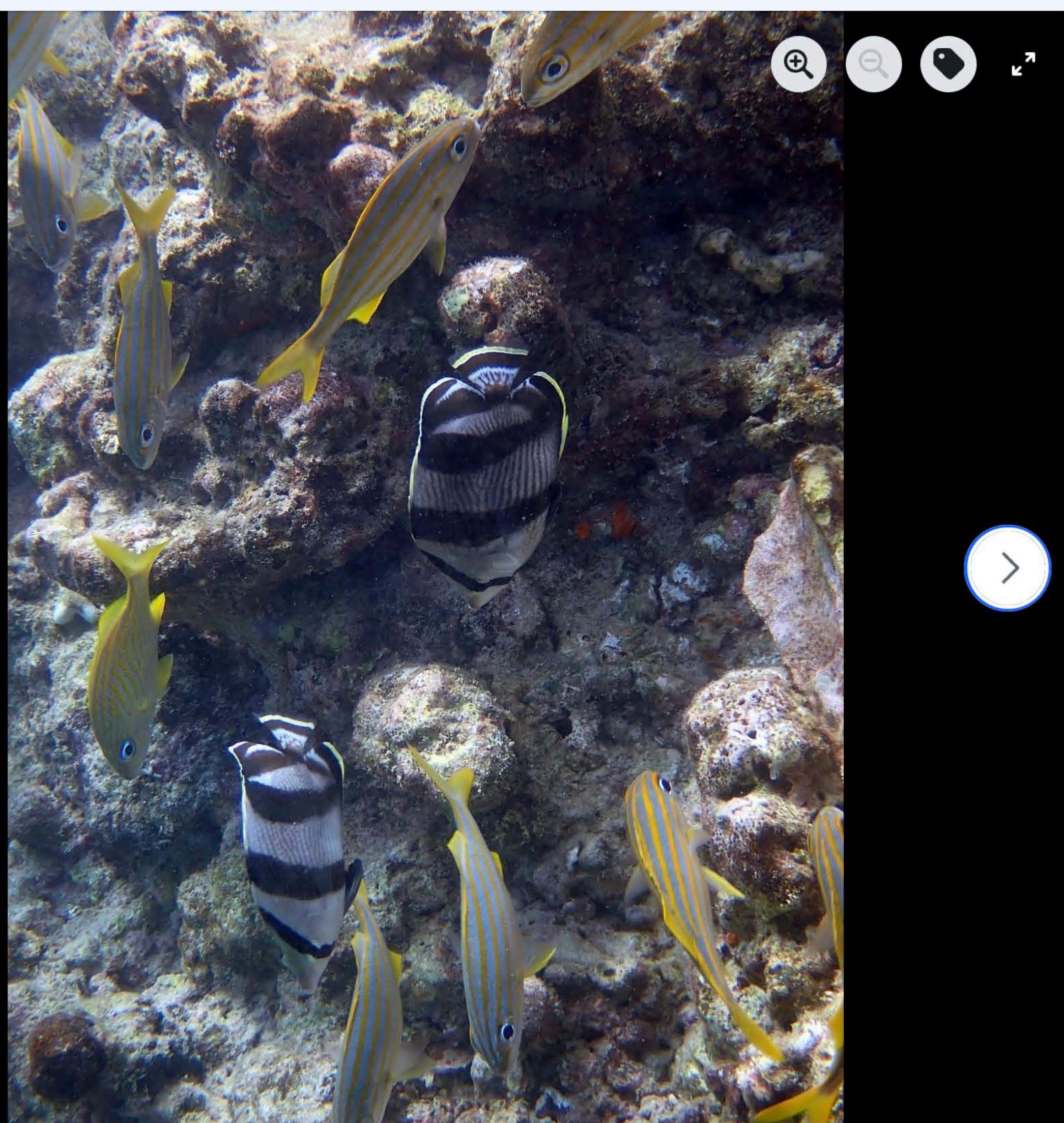


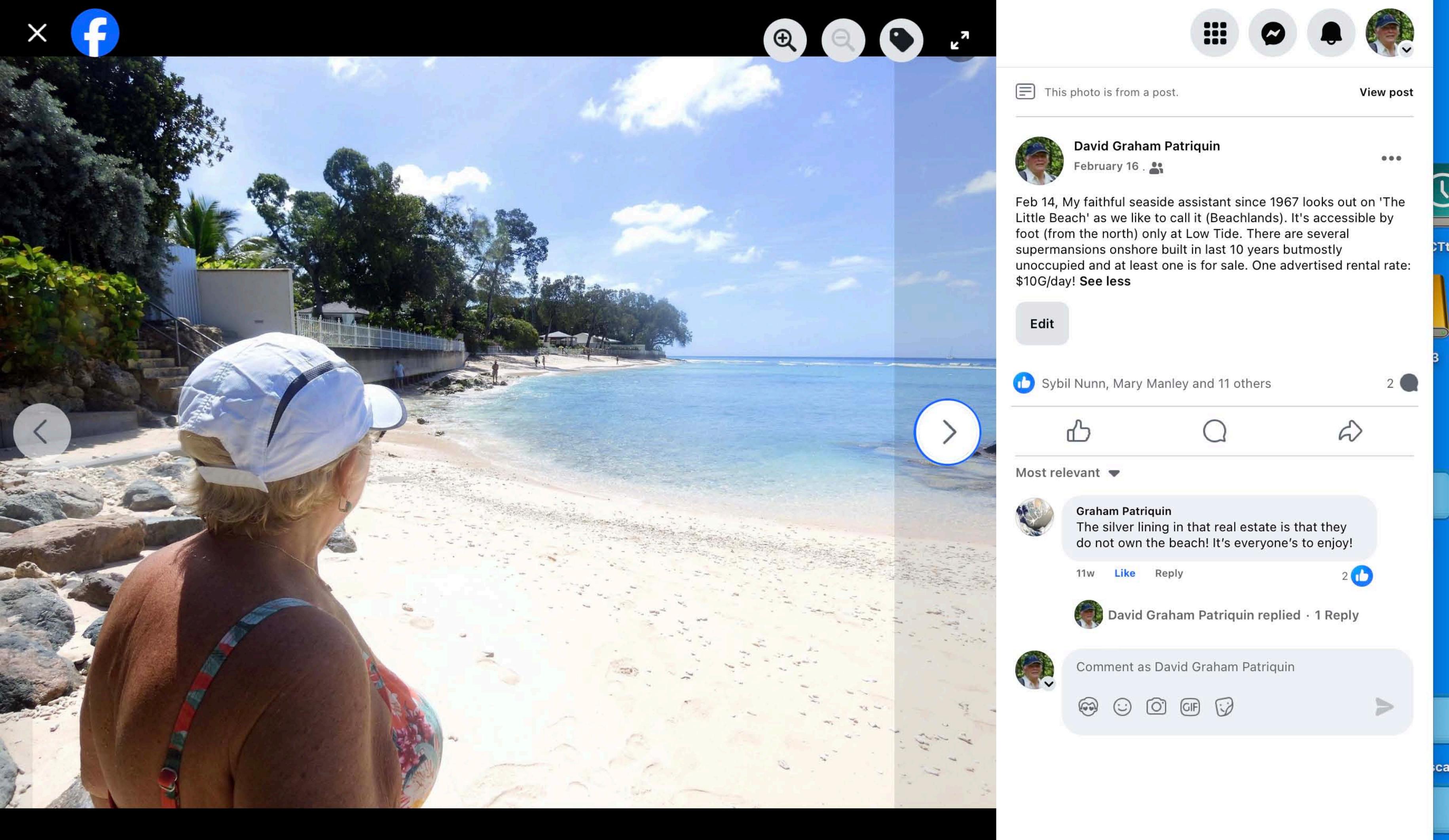
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Feb 14, My faithful seaside assistant since 1967 looks out on 'The Little Beach' as we like to call it (Beachlands). It's accessible by foot (from the north) only at Low Tide. There are several supermansions onshore built in last 10 years but mostly unoccupied and at least one is for sale. One advertised rental rate: \$10G/day! [See less](#)

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**Graham Patriquin**

The silver lining in that real estate is that they do not own the beach! It's everyone's to enjoy!

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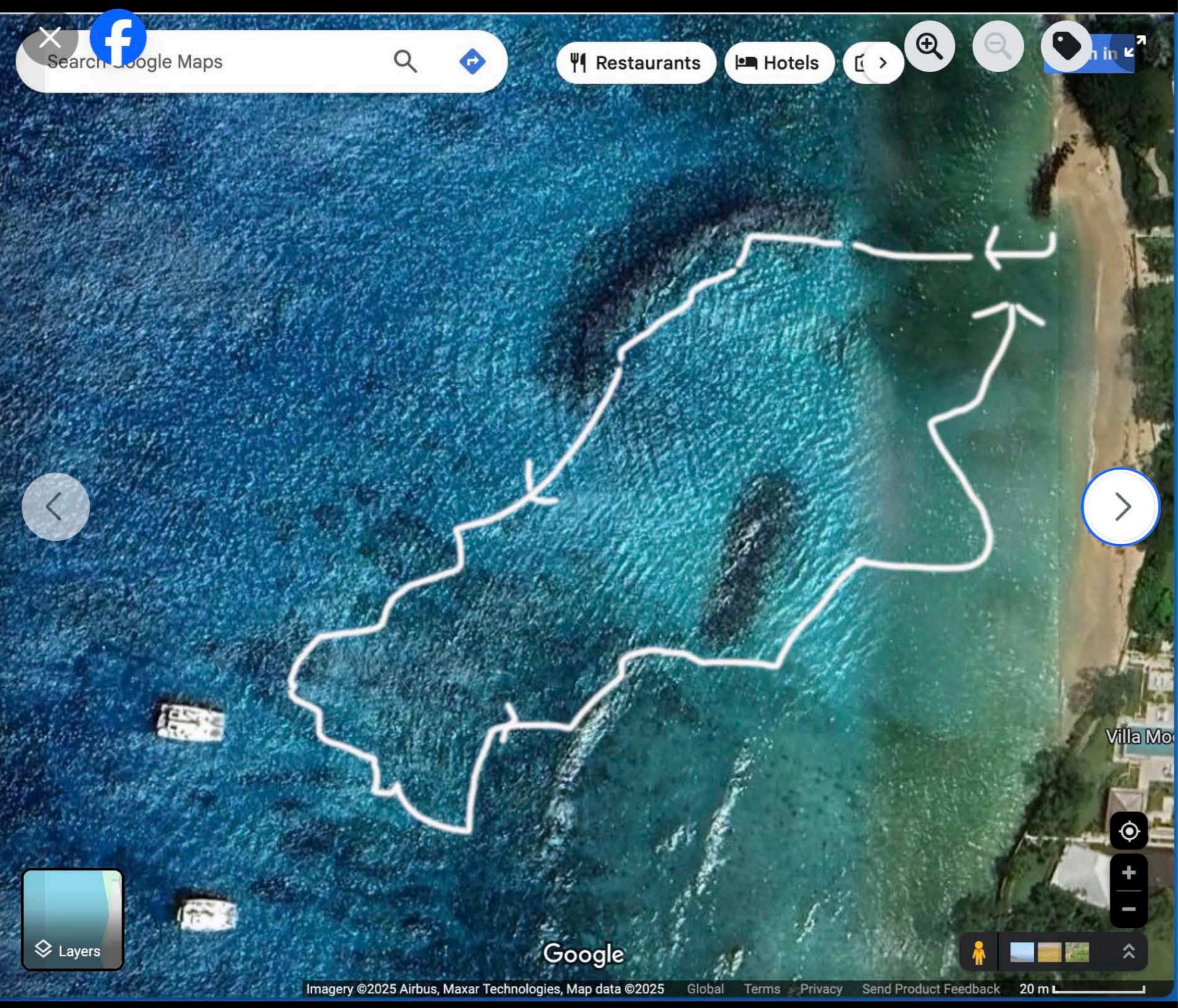


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My Safety leash, 20 ft long, attached to float. Stops boats running into me, - and keeps me afloat when tired! 20 feet is about as deep as I can go these days. ( am still non-metric when I think about depths). [See less](#)

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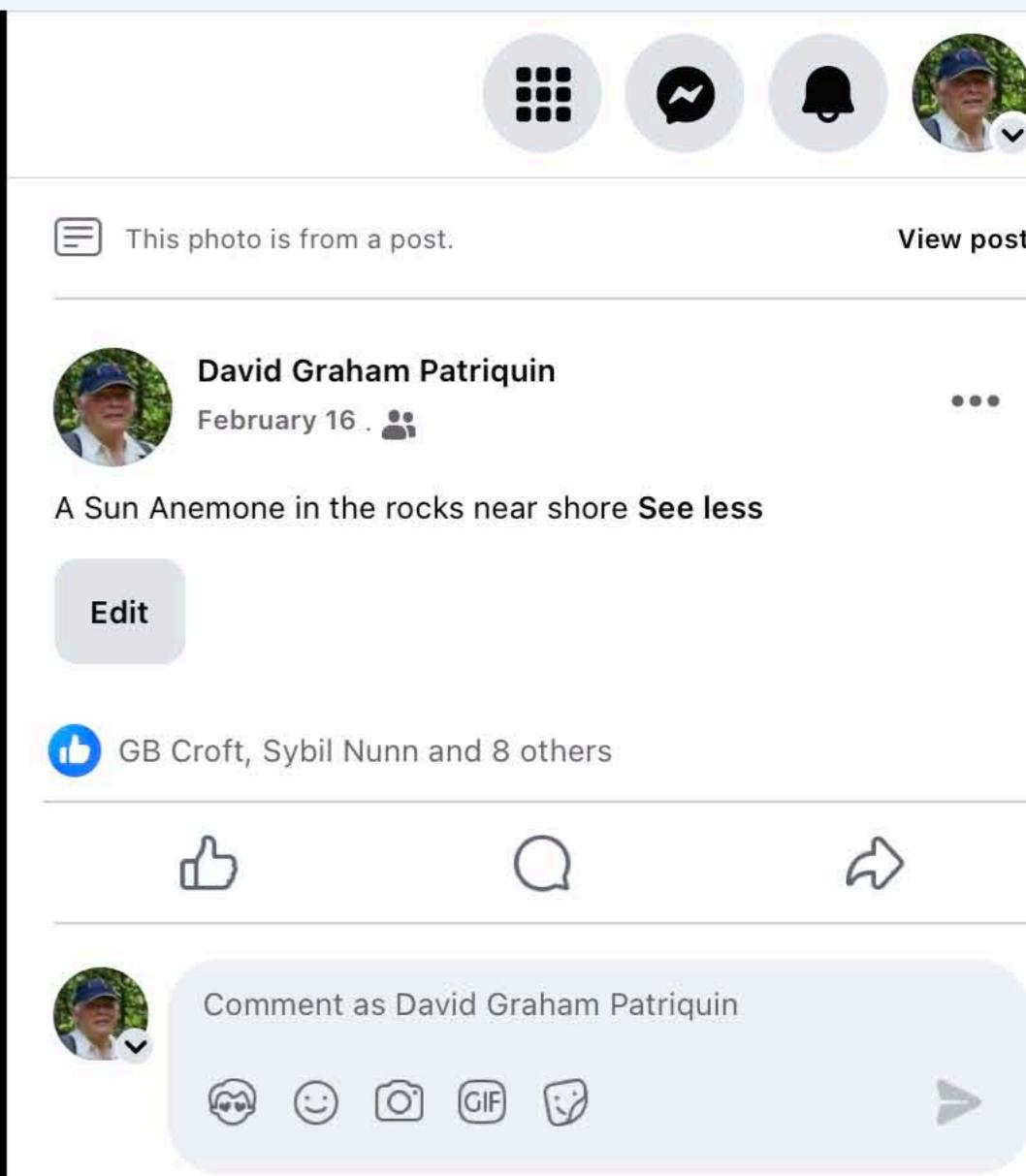
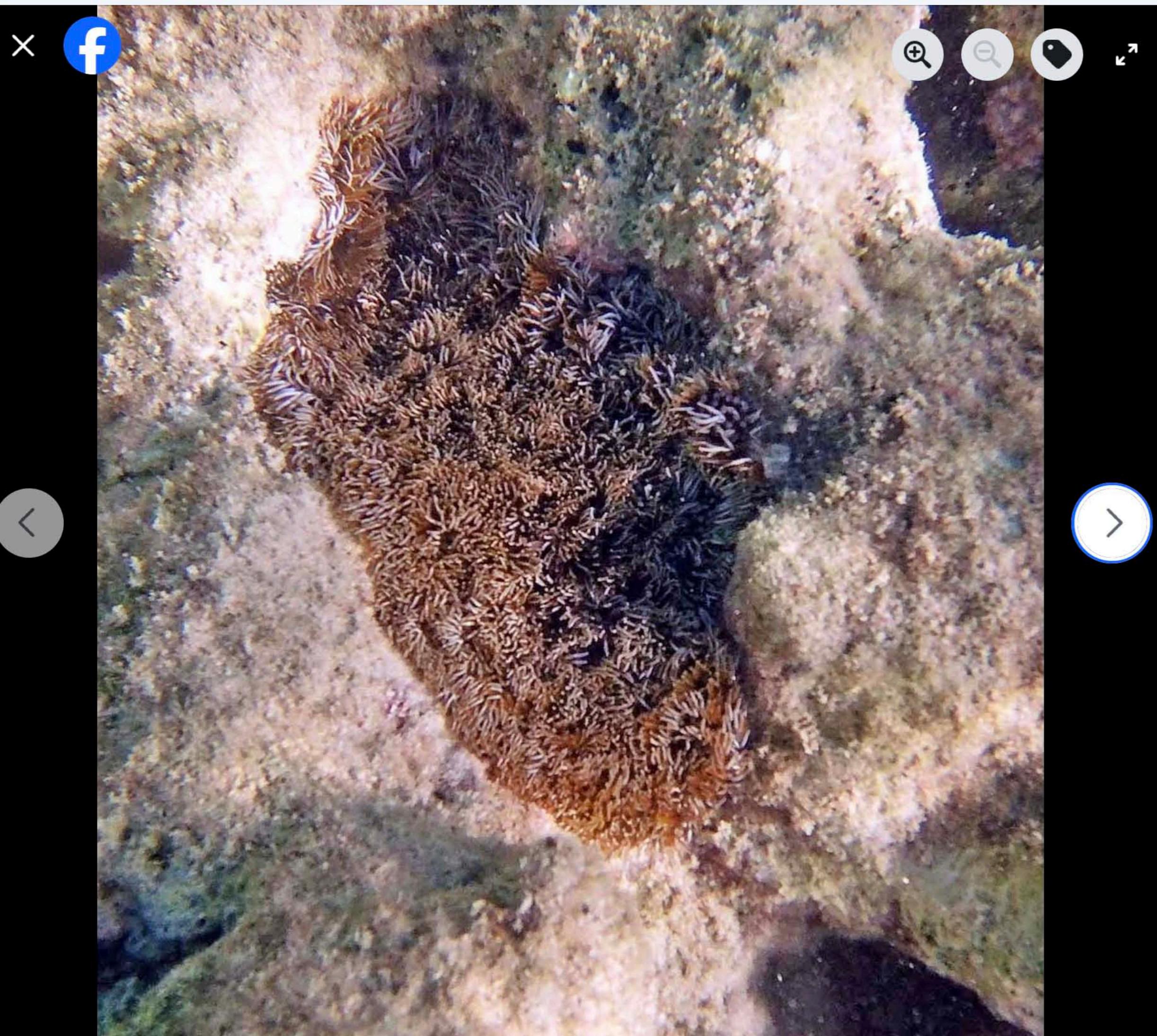
I'm never metric 😊

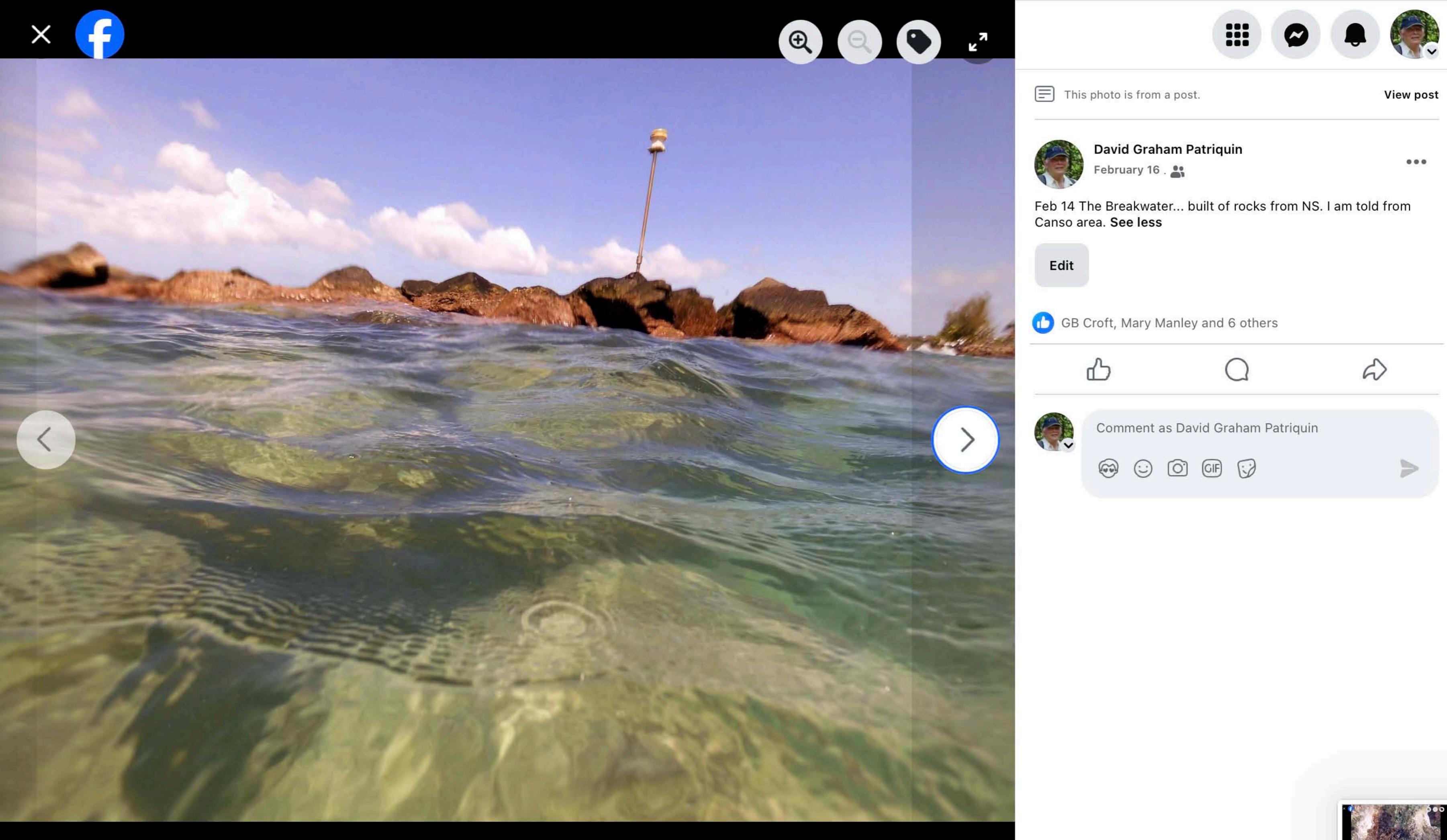
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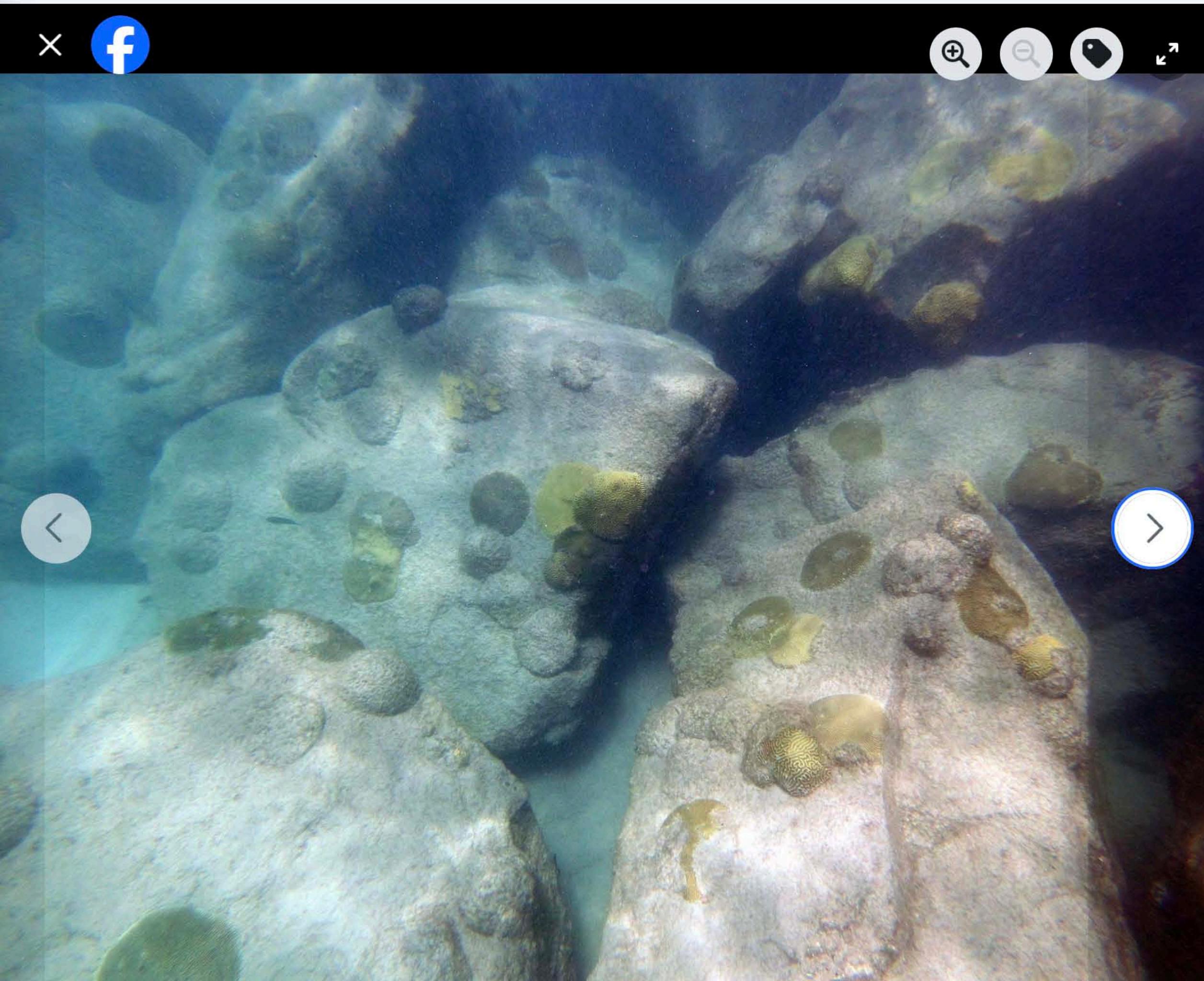




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Feb 14 Corals on the NS rocks have a story to tell. In early 2023, almost all living; then Stony Coral Tissue Loss disease hit in early 2023, followed by coral bleaching (fall off 2023 into 2024 and ongoing). What you see is a mix of totally dead, recently dead, dying... and new corals not yet infected or Resistant... [See less](#)

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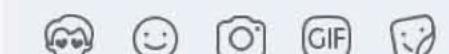
**Graham Patriquin**

Fantastic images of new and 'old' or 'dead' corals.

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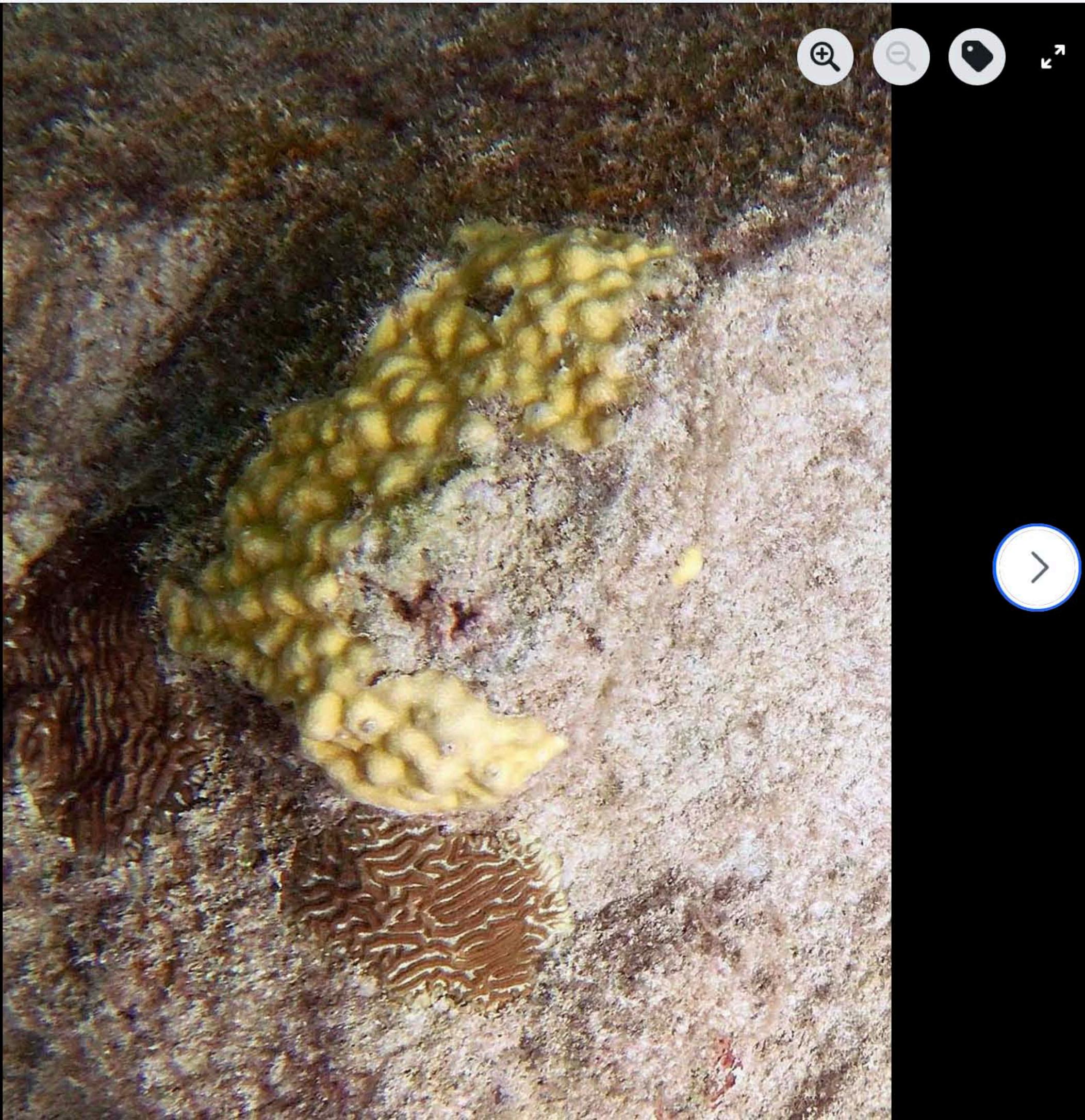


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Feb 14. There appear to be more of this species, *Porites asteroides*, than before, so far unaffected by disease or bleaching. **Roger Samson** [See less](#)

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nice!

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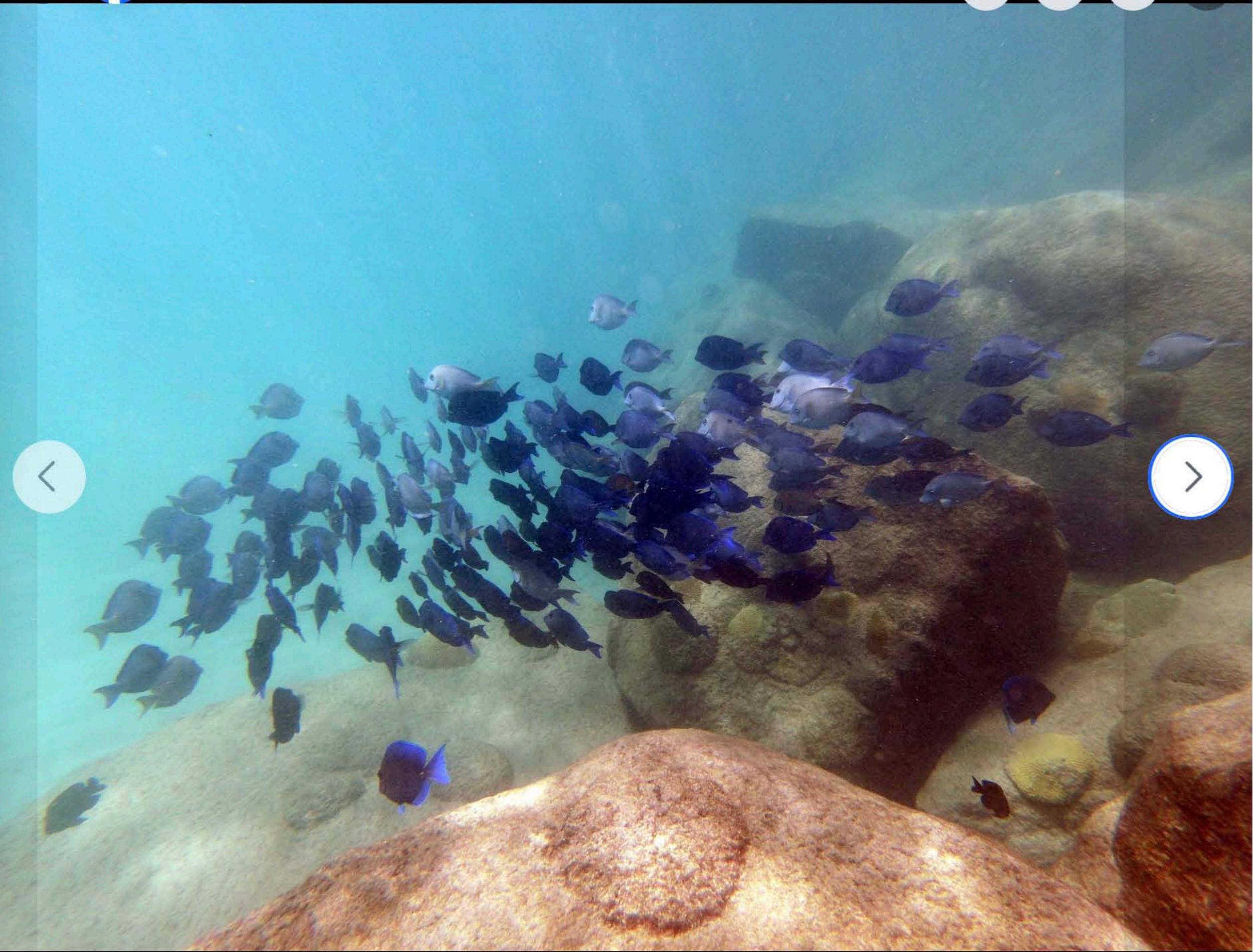
**Eva Torsteinson**  
That is the yellow stuff i was asking you about!

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A circular portrait of a man wearing a blue baseball cap with a logo on the front. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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Feb 14 As always, lots of Blue Tang [See less](#)

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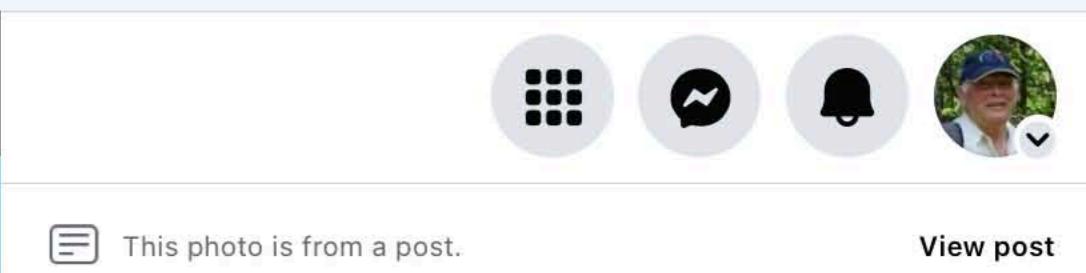
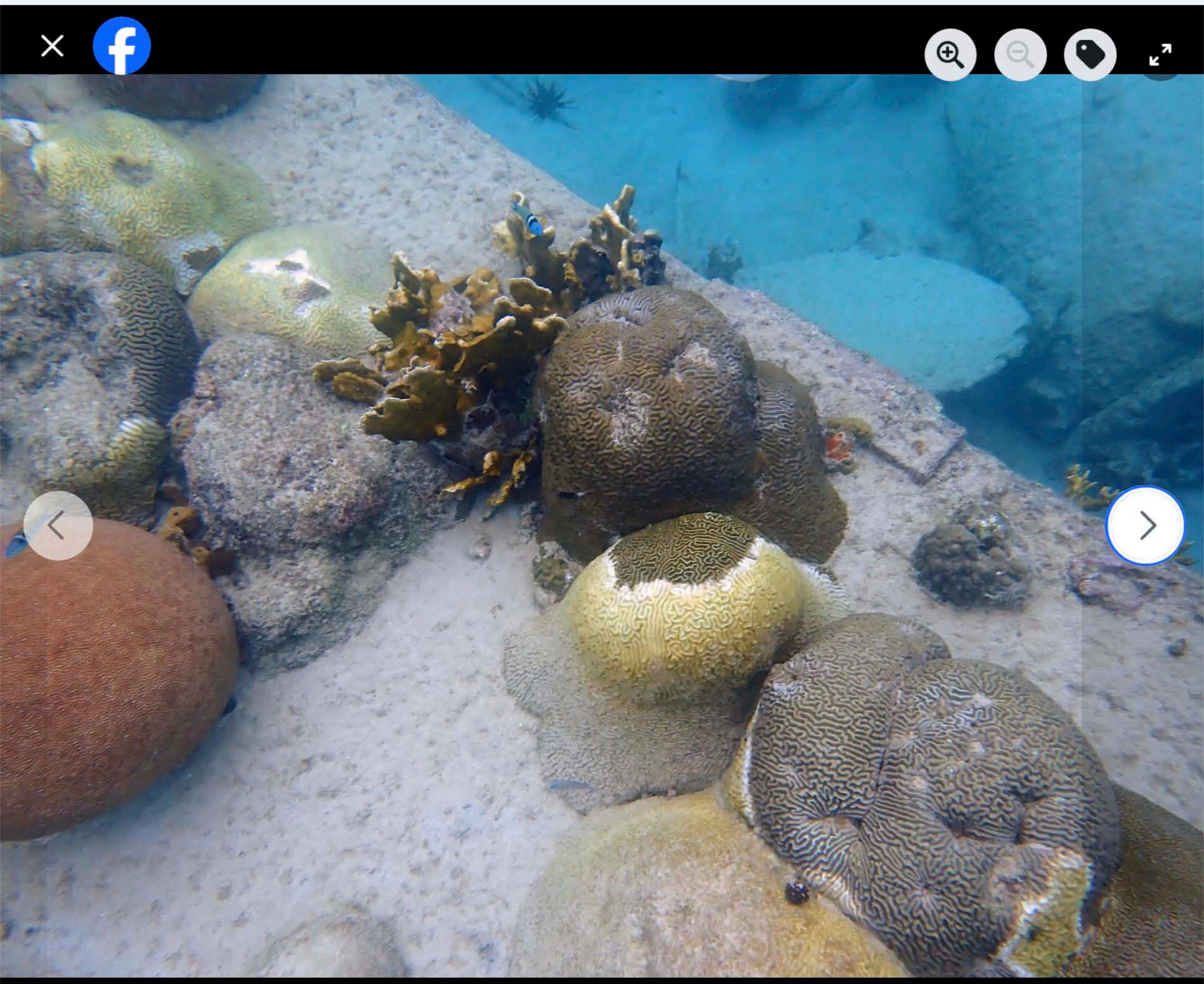
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Feb 14 On the wreck in early 2023. The First big shock to the Vauxhall Reef: Stony Coral Tissue Loss disease. the second big shock... Coral Bleaching that followed in the fall of 2023 and Ongoing that I first observed in jan 2024. This year (2025) brought another shock... [See less](#)

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Feb 14. On the reef slope, elkhorn coral, killed by bleaching in 2023 [See less](#)

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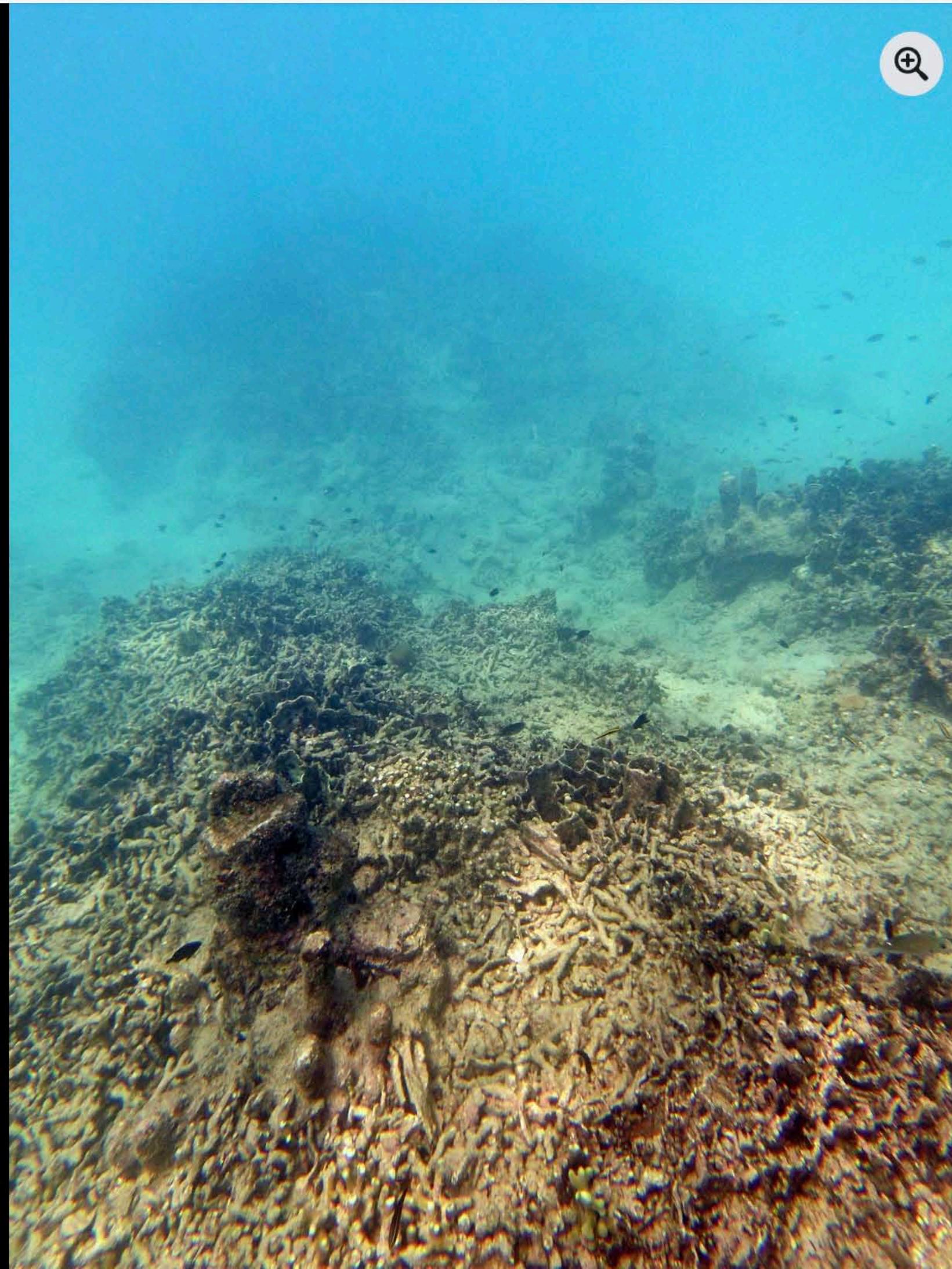


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Feb 14 Tip of SPUR and GROOVE reef, scattered, broken coral, apparently from Hurricane Beryl which hit July 1, 2024 Perhaps 10% living coral now, but regrowing. [See less](#)

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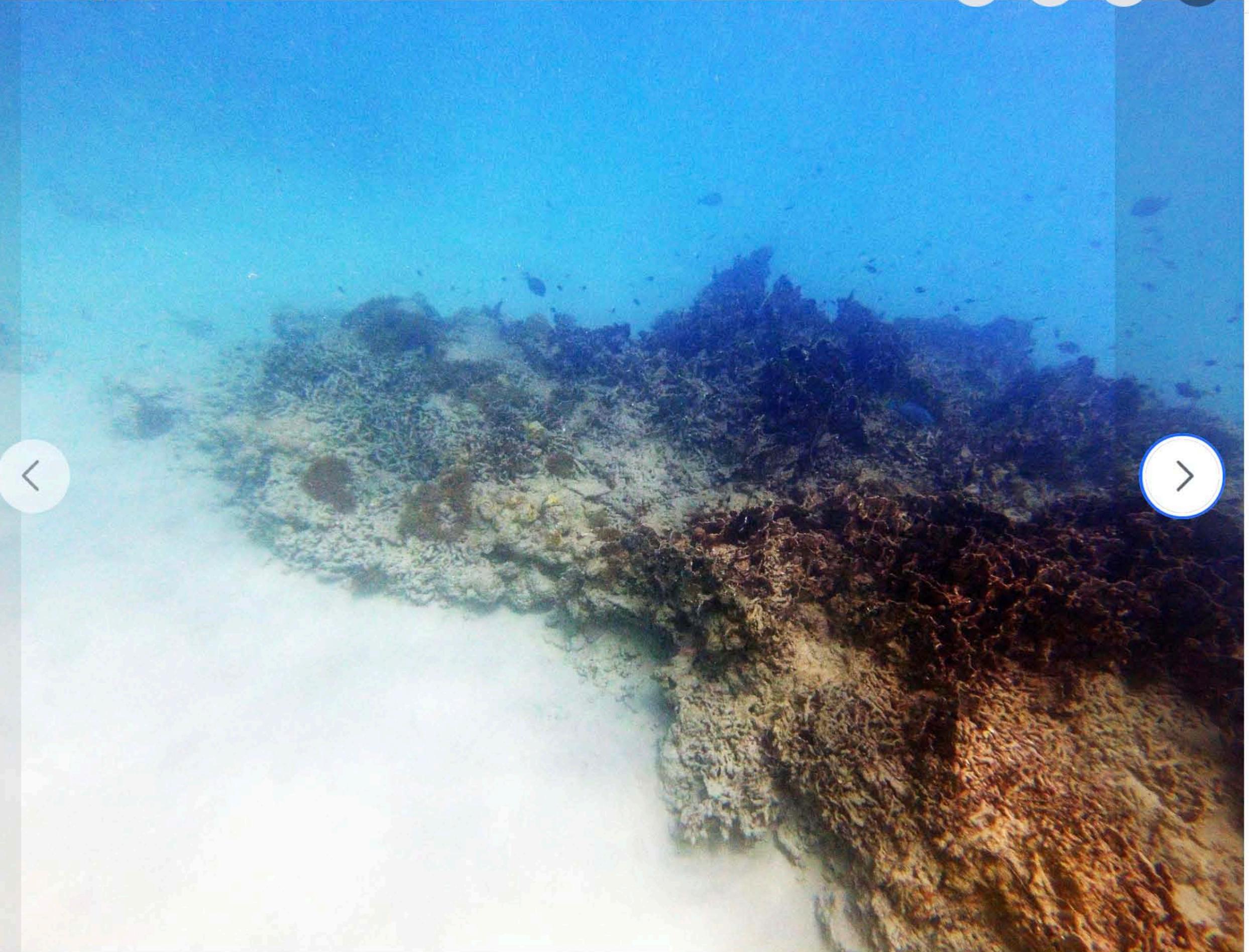
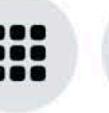
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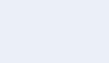
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Same area, Jan 29, 2023. Tip of spur, >85% living coral. the Stinging coral (platy corals in pic) would be completely killed by extreme warming in 2023 and 2024 The Porites (finger) corals are later physically broken and scattered by Hurricane Beryl (July 1, 2024). [See less](#)

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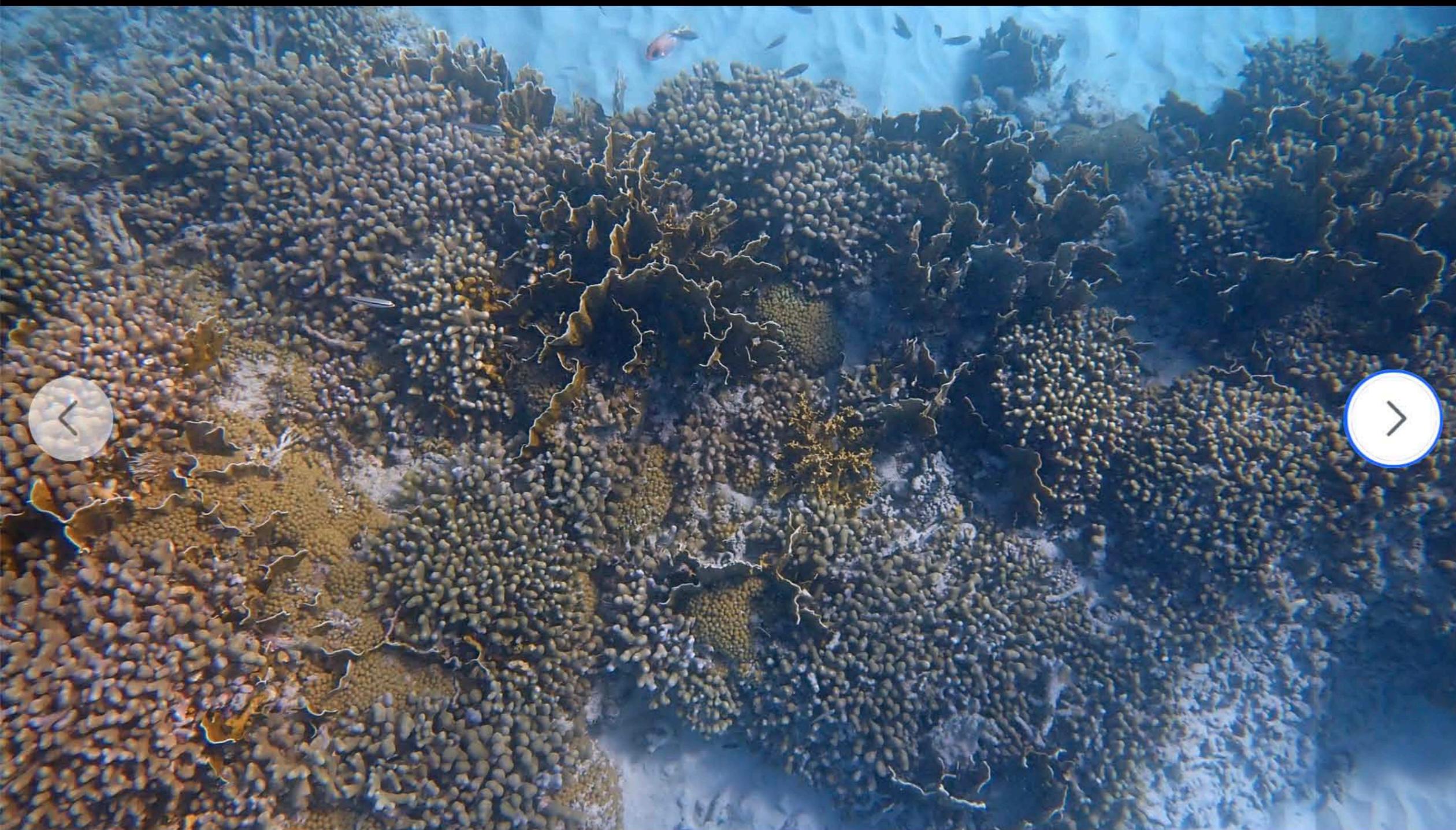
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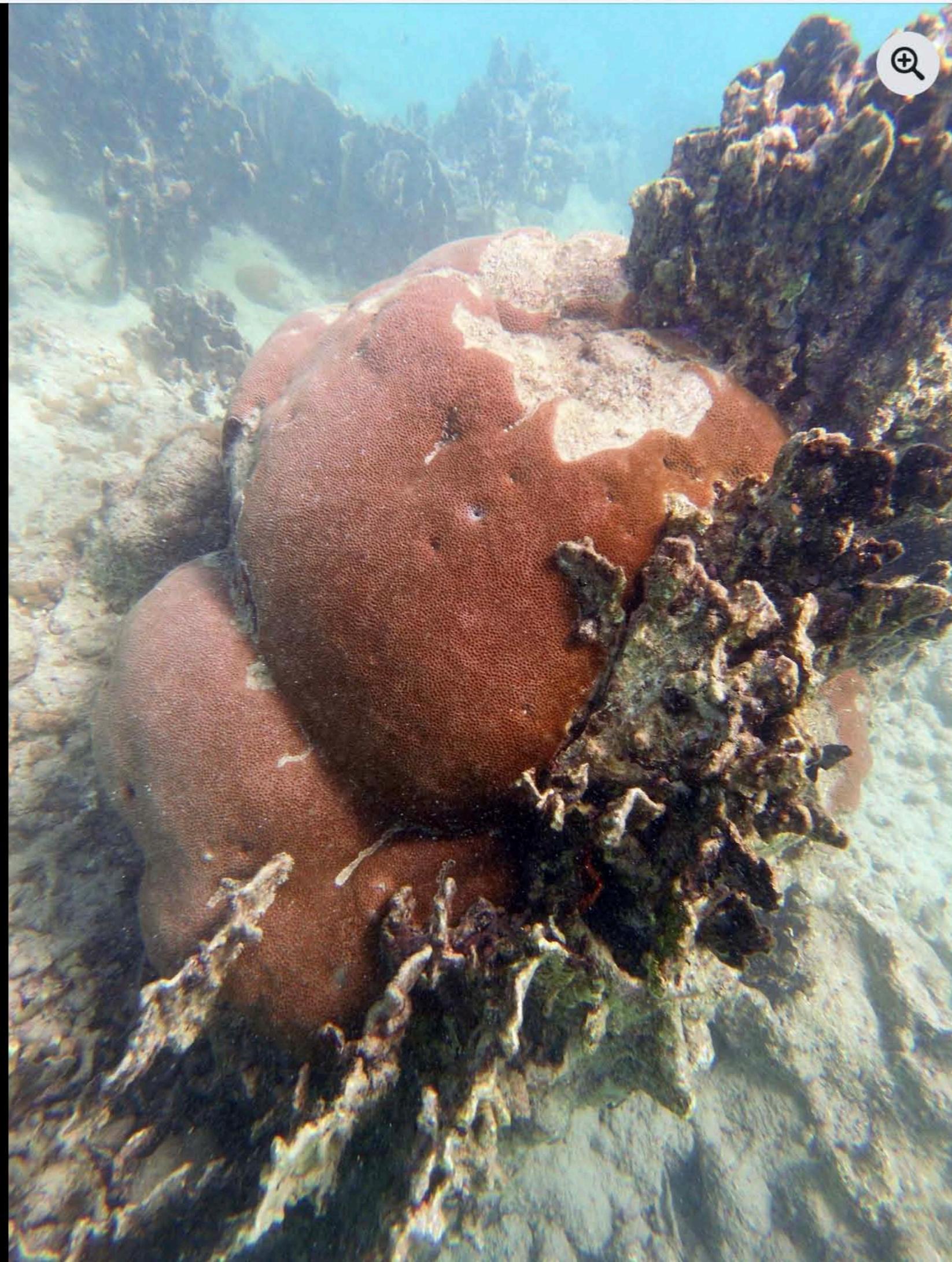
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Some good news- these big *Siderastrea siderea* corals are still healthy (Feb 14). Note stinging corals 100% dead. [See less](#)

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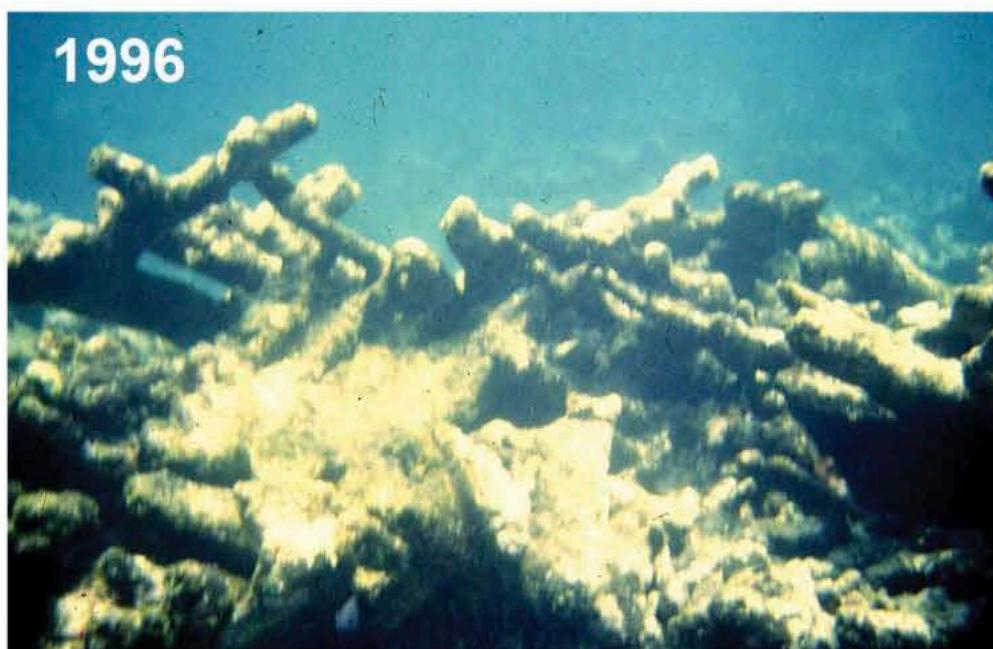
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Unfortunately, I had seen this story before Top: Healthy Elkhorn Coral at Sandy Island in Carriacou in 1969 Mid: same area in 1996. 100% dead but still standing elkhorn coral still protecting the island - a few young living specimens, the rest dead from a disease introduced in the 1980s. Bottom: 2016: the Elkhorn platform collapsed and dispersed by storms. Hurricane Beryl in 2024 hit Carriacou with force 4 head on... These. pics from a paper published in 2024: Shifts in biodiversity and physical structure of seagrass beds across 5 decades at Carriacou, Grenadines <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0306897> It documents effects of reef degradation (as shown at left) on seagrass beds in the lagoons of Carriacou. See less

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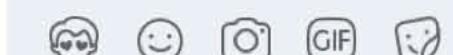


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Rachel Carson warned us ...

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Feb 18 on Vauxhall Reef. A welcome sight, some living *Millepora complanata*... very abundant and an important reef builder until massive die-off associated with extreme warming fall 2023 and ongoing [See less](#)

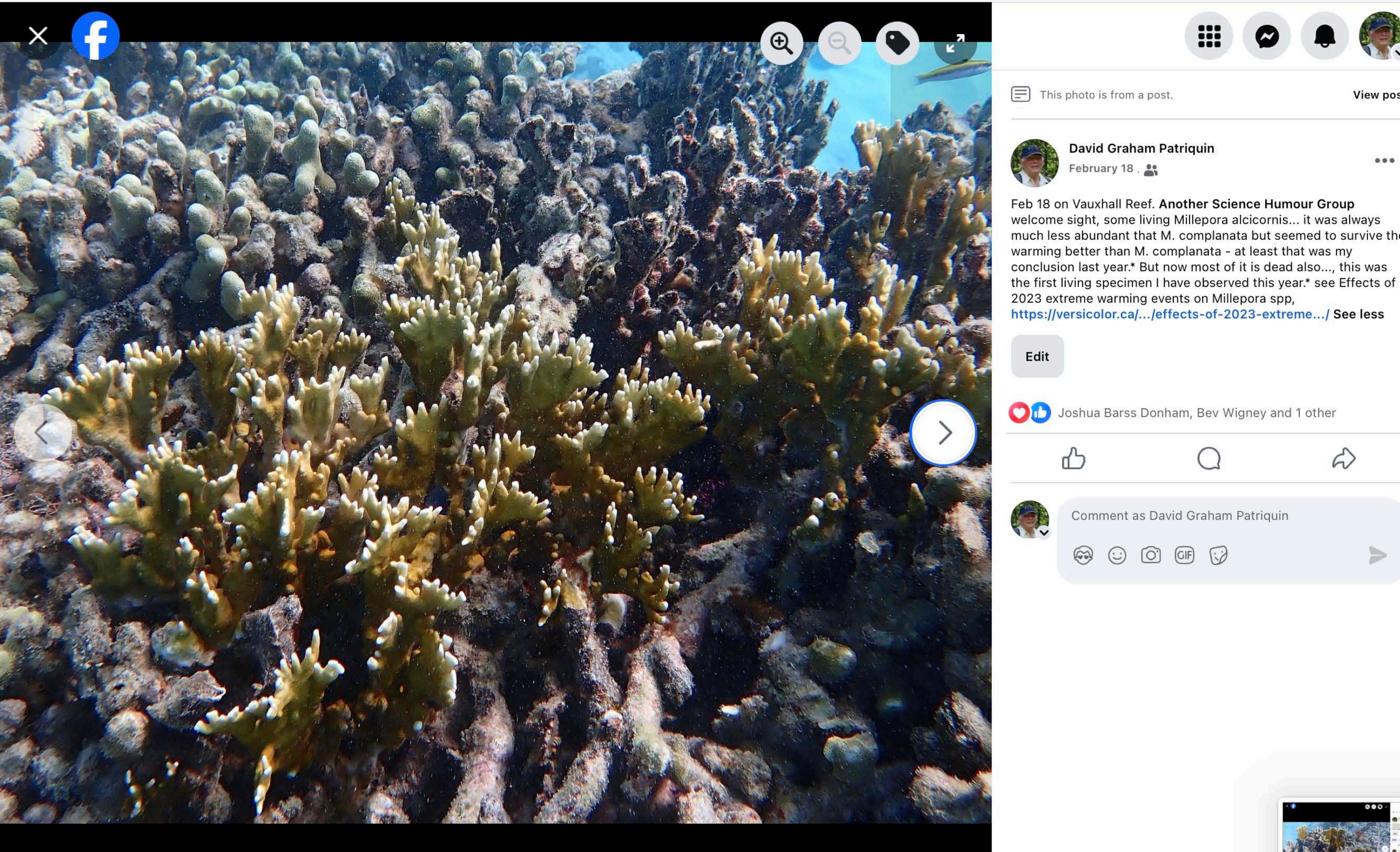
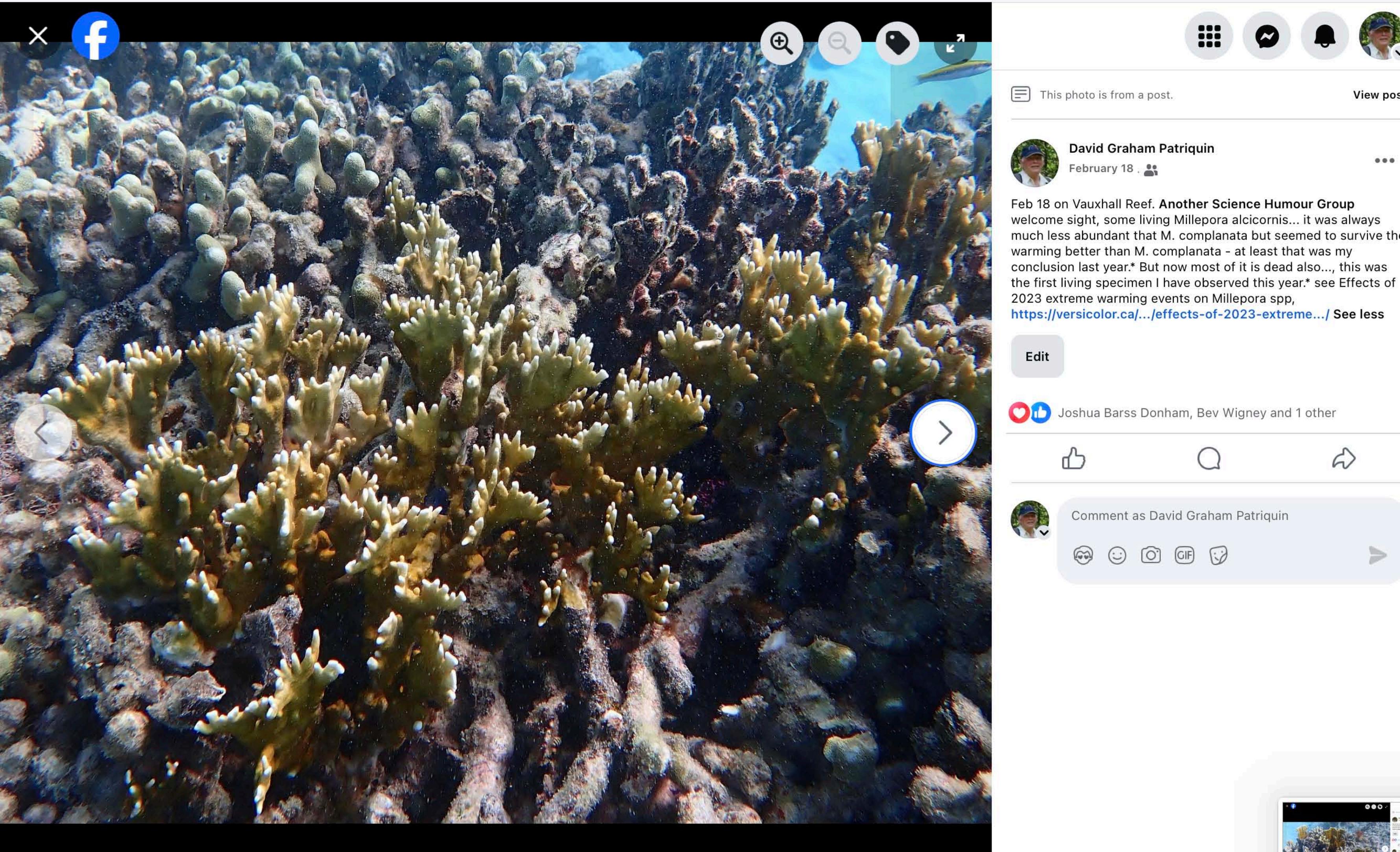
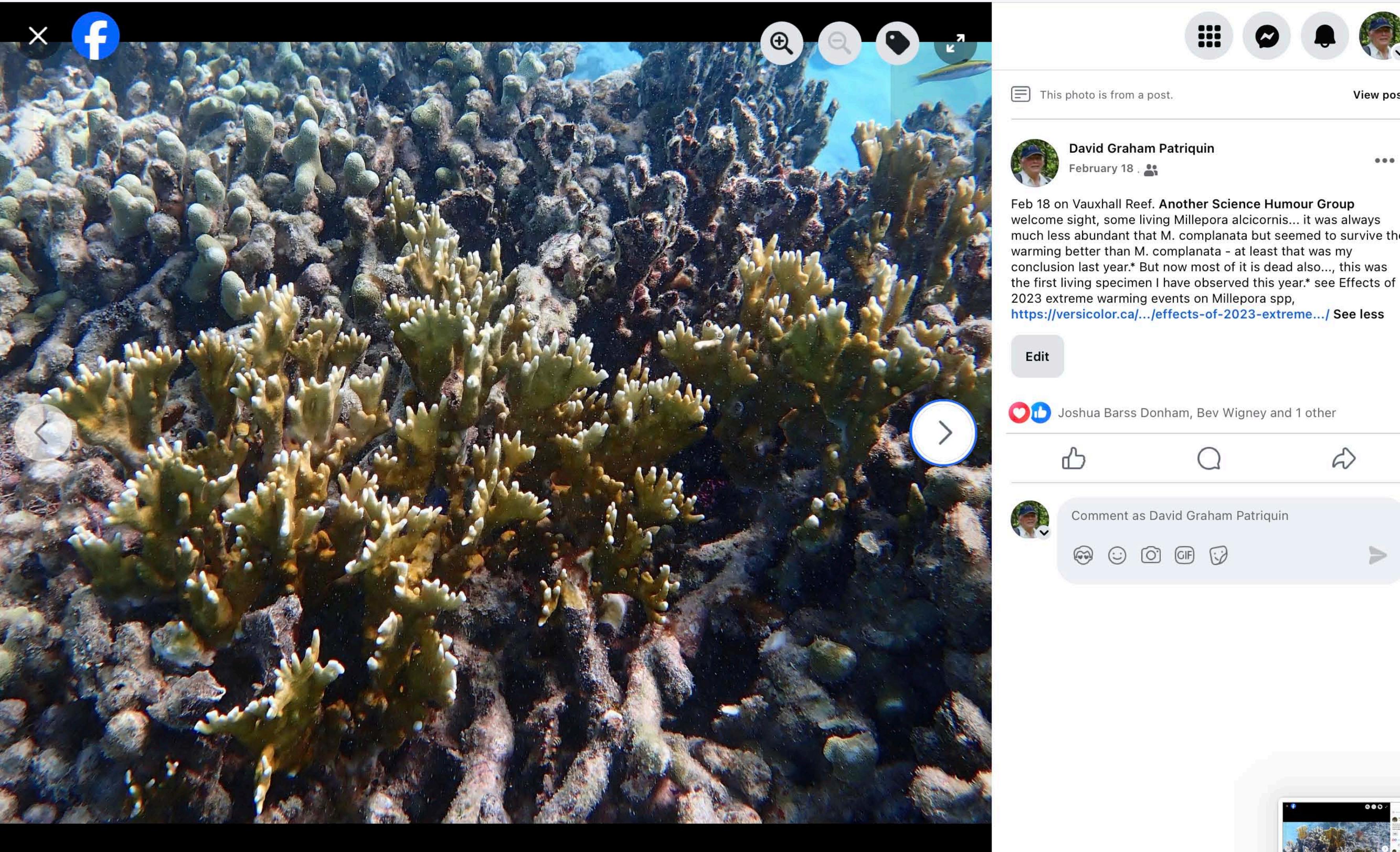
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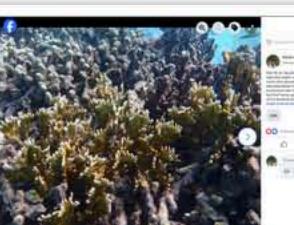
Feb 18 on Vauxhall Reef. Three beauties; #1 Princess Parrotfish  
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Amazing colours.

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Alan McHughen  
Parrotfish are terrific served in a light cream tarragon sauce!

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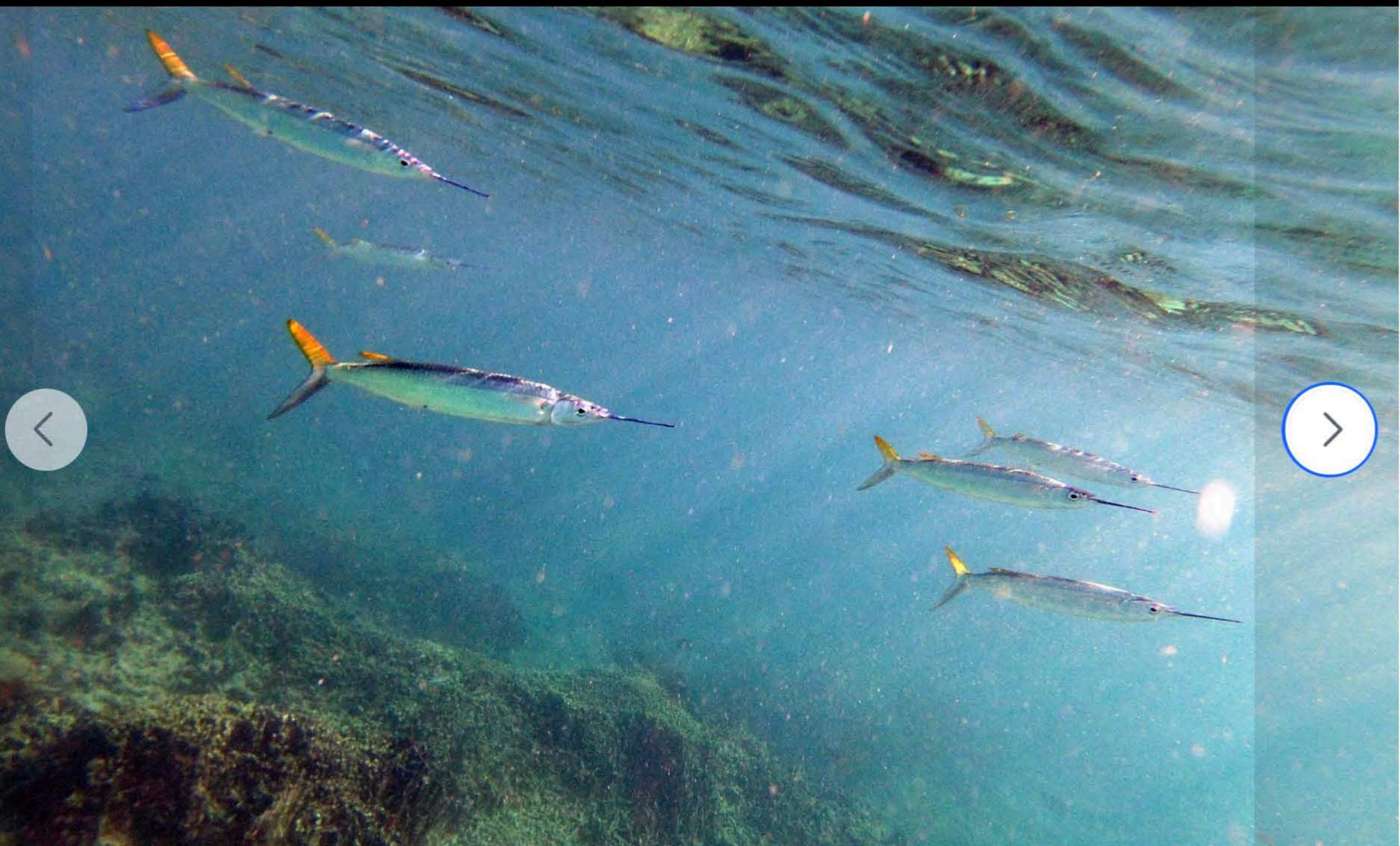
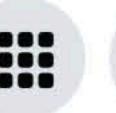
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**James Boyer**  
Beautiful shot!

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**Joshua Barss Donham**  
Those beams of light passing through the water and playing over the backs of the fish, amazing!

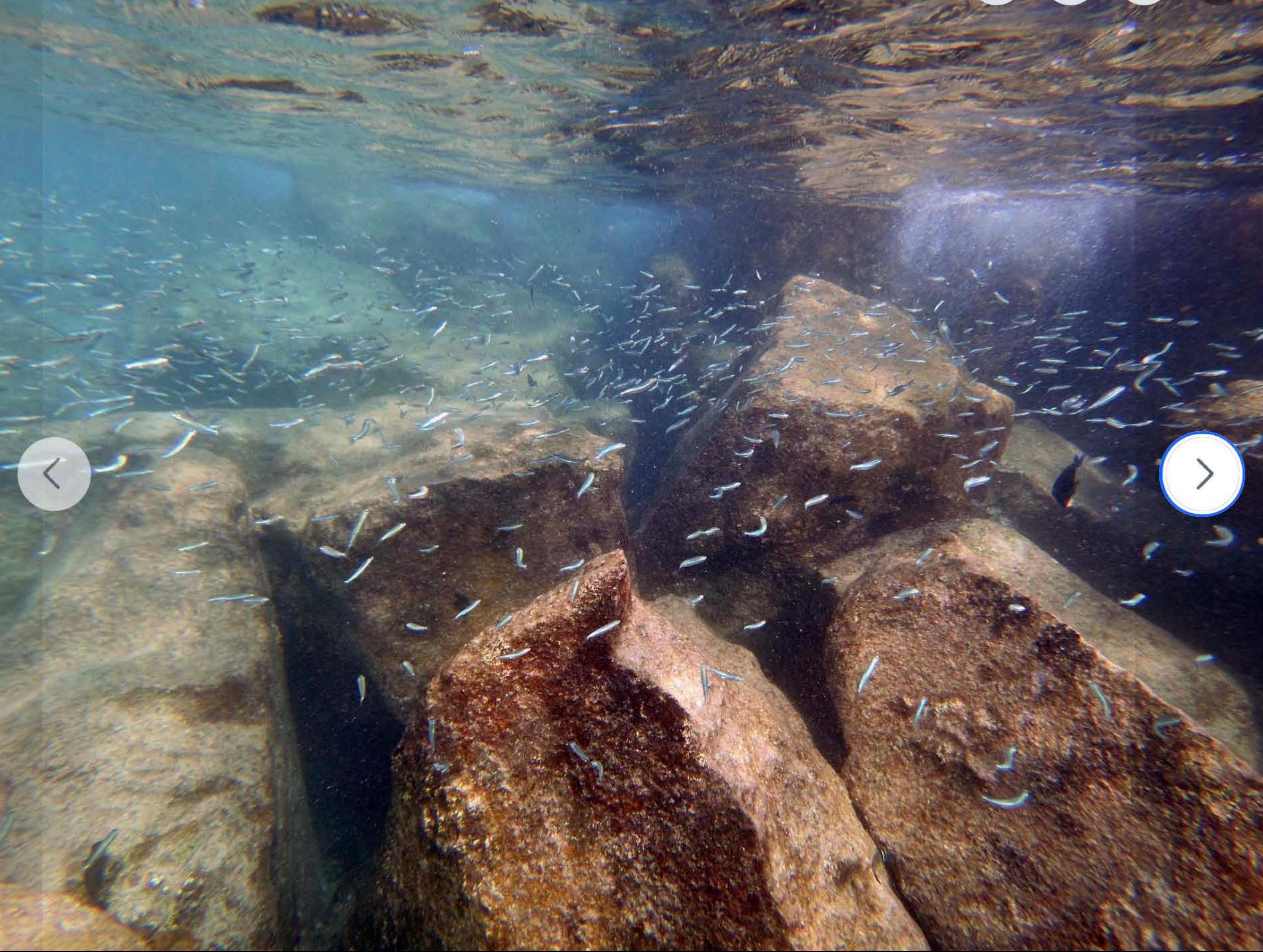
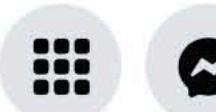
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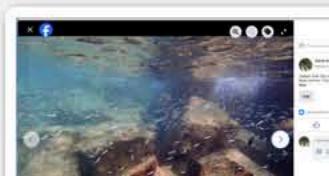
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Todays (Feb 20) catches, leisurely swim with the tide Vauxhall Reef north to 'The Club': A pair of Royal Terns (ii) I got within acoiple of feet of this one before it took off (it returned as soon as I left). [See less](#)

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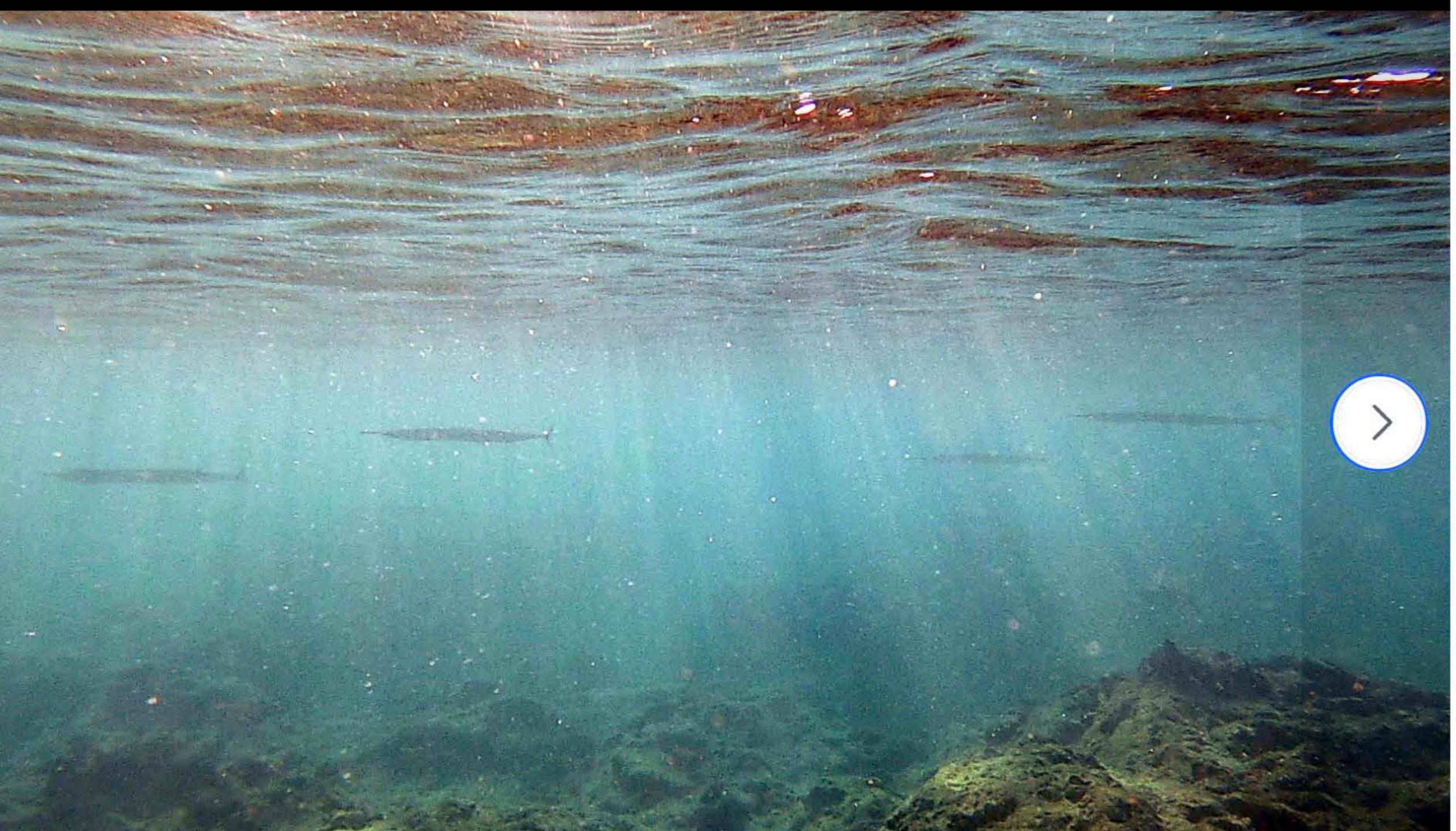
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Todays (Feb 20) catches, leisurely swim with the tide Vauxhall Reef north to 'The Club': Over Reef flat south of the Club, just seaward of where waves break on rocks. Lots of small fish and invertebrates where the waves break and these 'guys' after them think they are Redfin Needlefish. Circa 3ft in length, always at edge of my vision. Occasionally I see big tarpons here, but so far they have proved far too fast to "capture" (unlike at Surfside where they linger in shallow water, after discarded fish wastes)

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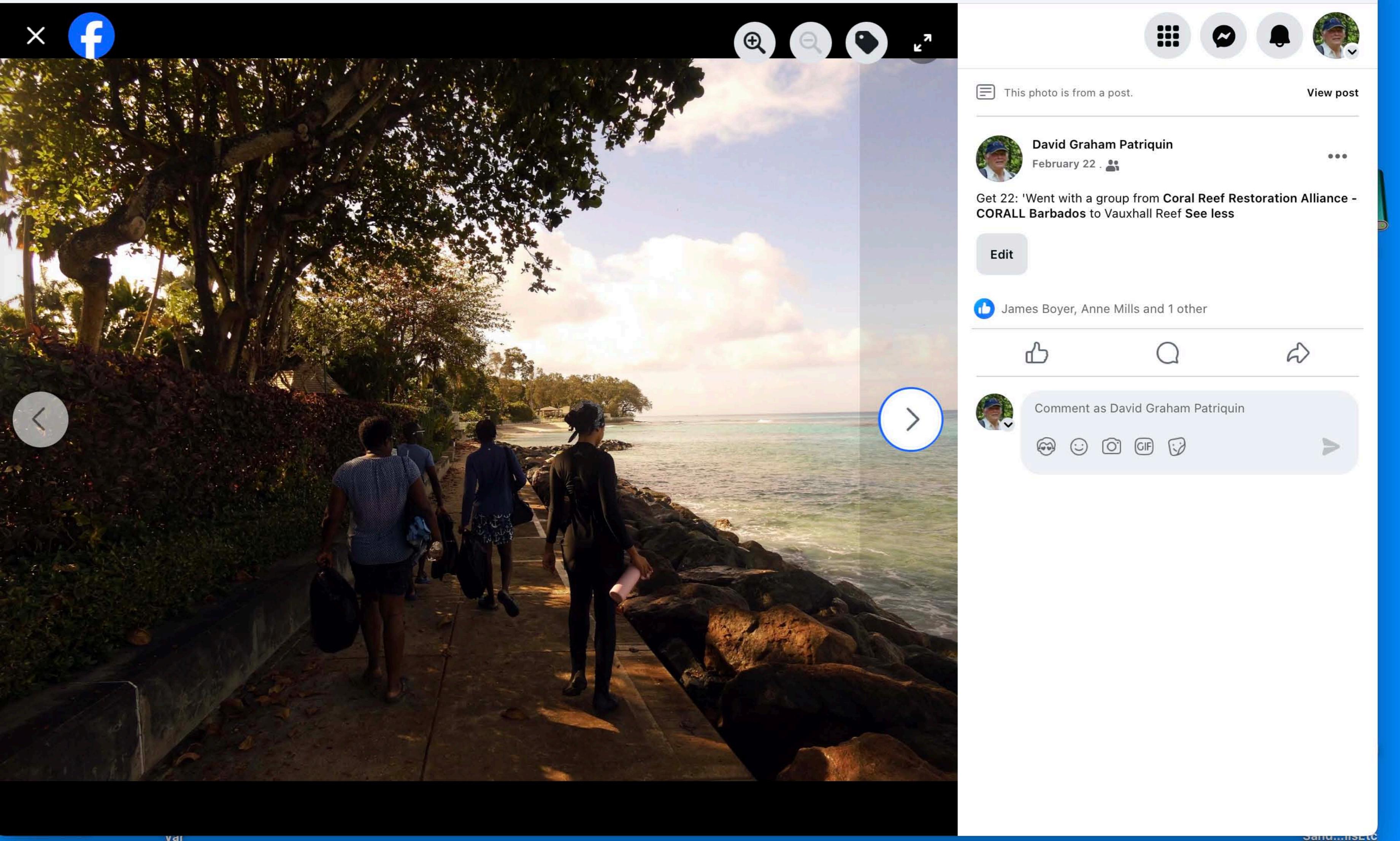


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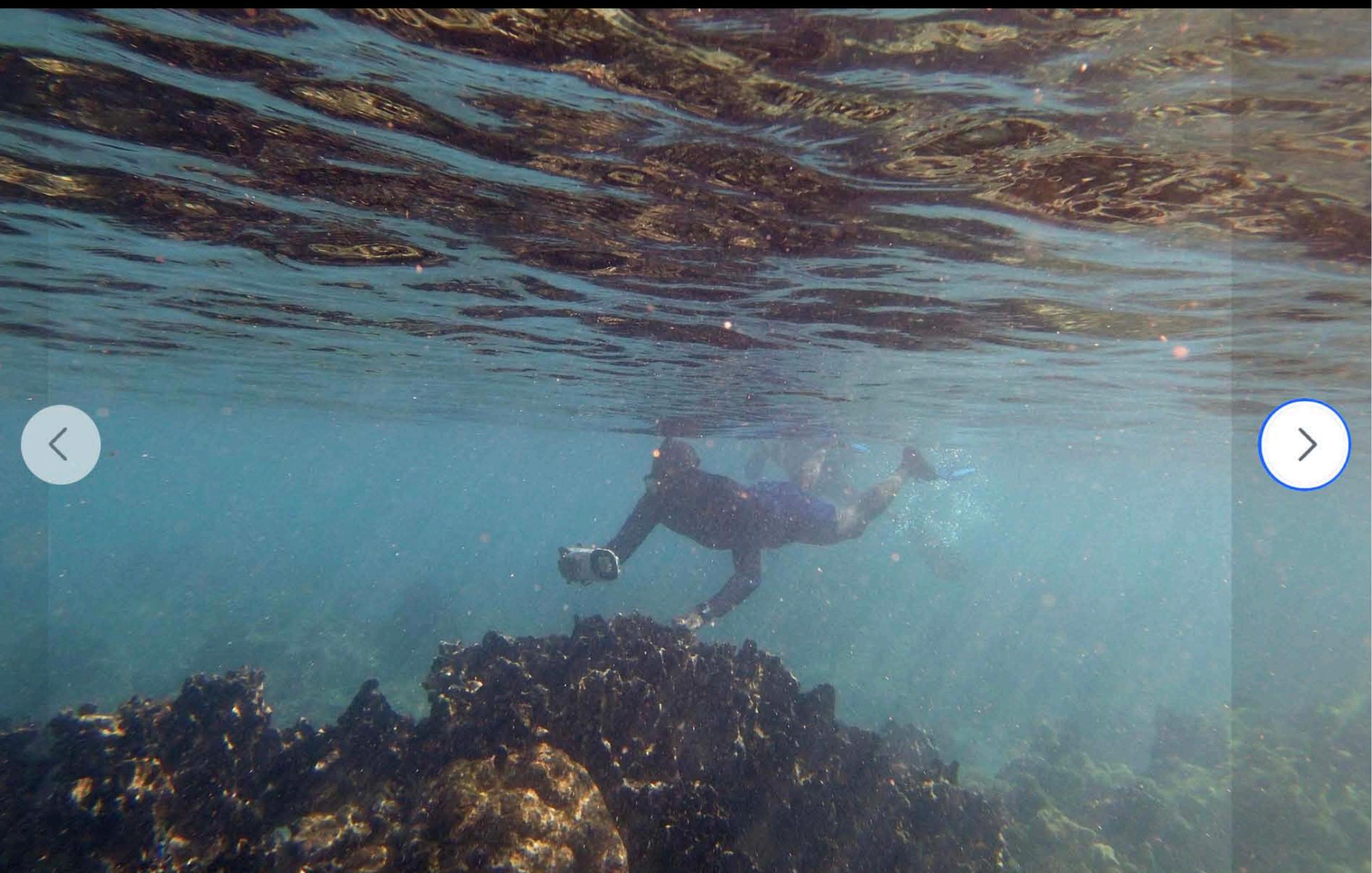
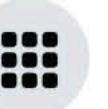
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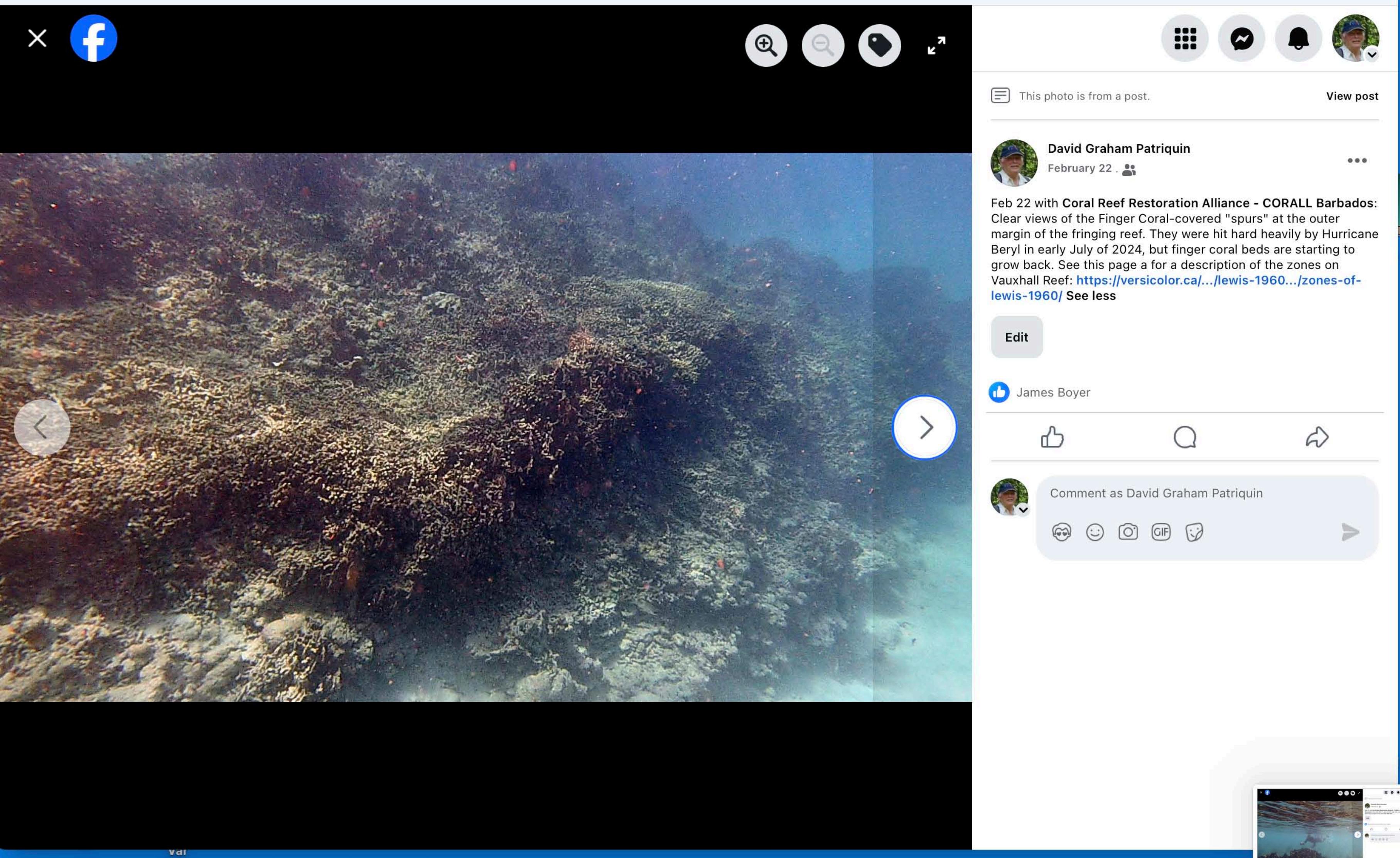
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Feb 22 with **Coral Reef Restoration Alliance - CORALL Barbados**: Clear views of the Finger Coral-covered "spurs" at the outer margin of the fringing reef. They were hit hard heavily by Hurricane Beryl in early July of 2024, but finger coral beds are starting to grow back. See this page a for a description of the zones on Vauxhall Reef: <https://versicolor.ca/.../lewis-1960.../zones-of-lewis-1960/> See less

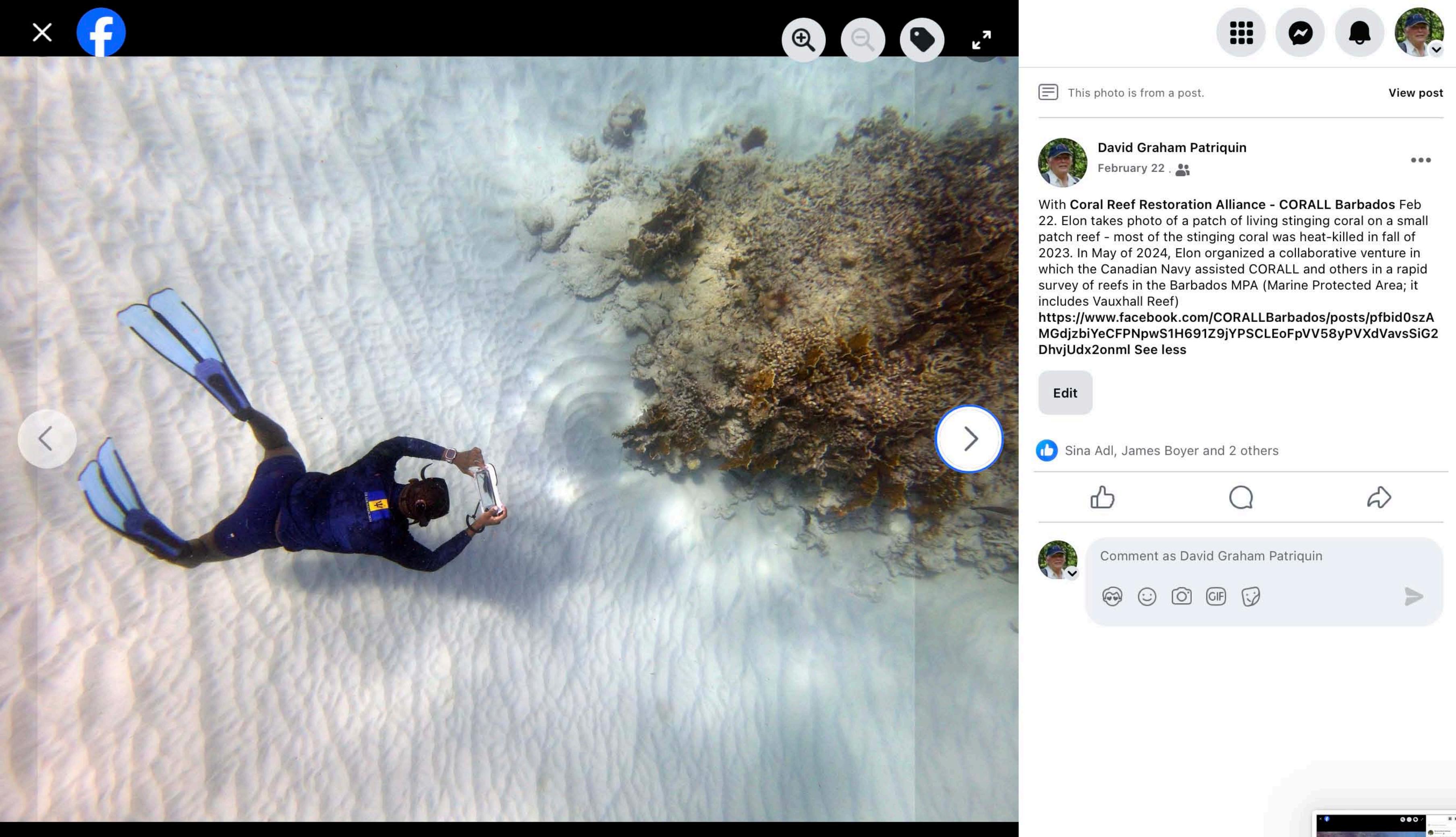
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With **Coral Reef Restoration Alliance - CORALL Barbados** Feb 22. Elon takes photo of a patch of living stinging coral on a small patch reef - most of the stinging coral was heat-killed in fall of 2023. In May of 2024, Elon organized a collaborative venture in which the Canadian Navy assisted CORALL and others in a rapid survey of reefs in the Barbados MPA (Marine Protected Area; it includes Vauxhall Reef)

<https://www.facebook.com/CORALLBarbados/posts/pfbid0szAMGdjzbiYeCFPNpwS1H691Z9jYPSCLEoFpVV58yPVXdVavsSiG2DhvjUdx2onml> See less

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With Coral Reef Restoration Alliance - CORALL Barbados Feb 22: We had good views of the Deep Water Communities, 20ft + depth. The flashes of red are created by larger oceanic plankton. [See less](#)

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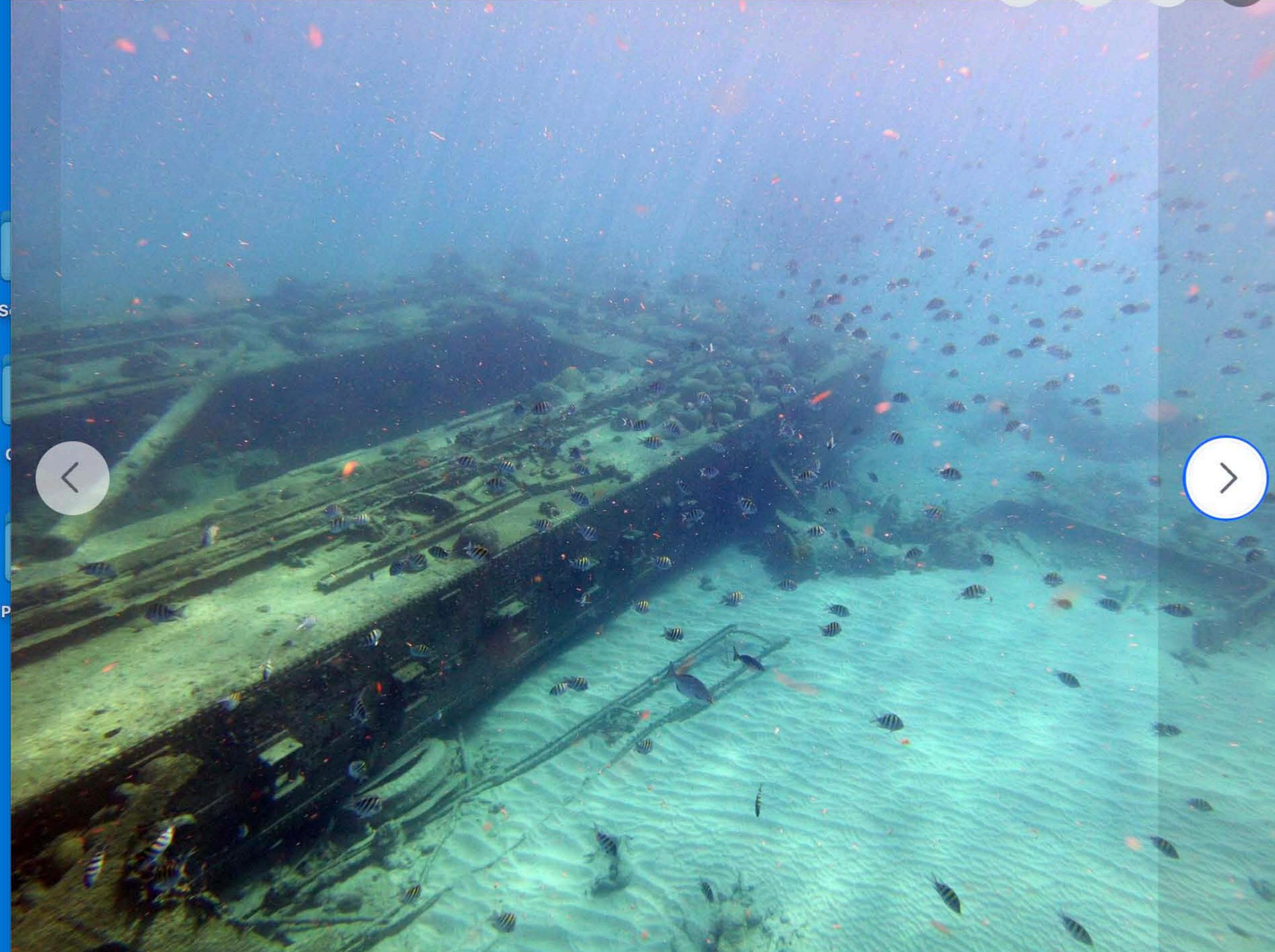
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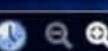


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Feb 24 on Vauxhall Reef. Pics following are from the "Reef Crest" Between points e to L. There has been a lot of loss of coral in the Reef Crest due to disease and bleaching in last 2 years, but there ARE survivors... See less

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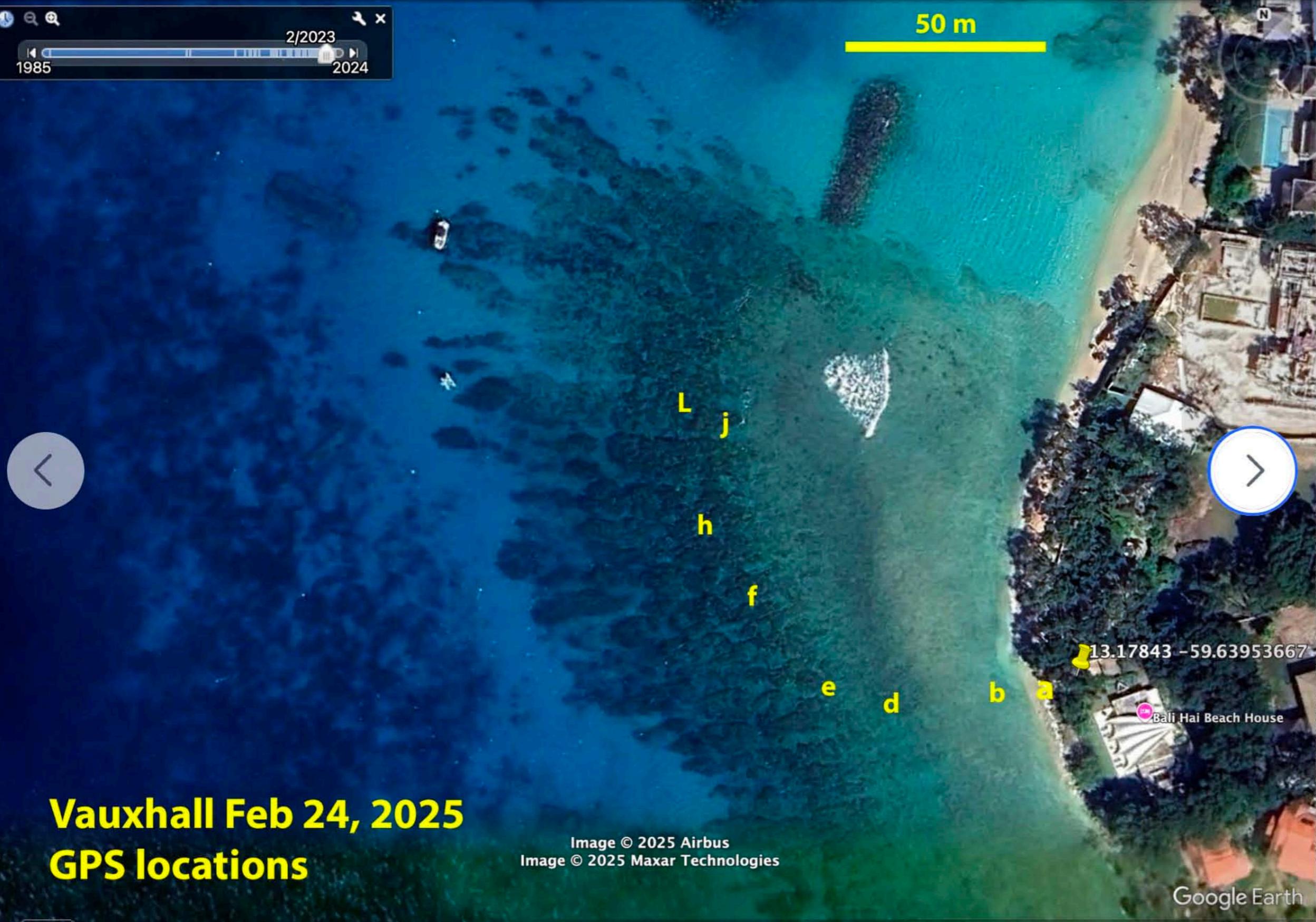
  

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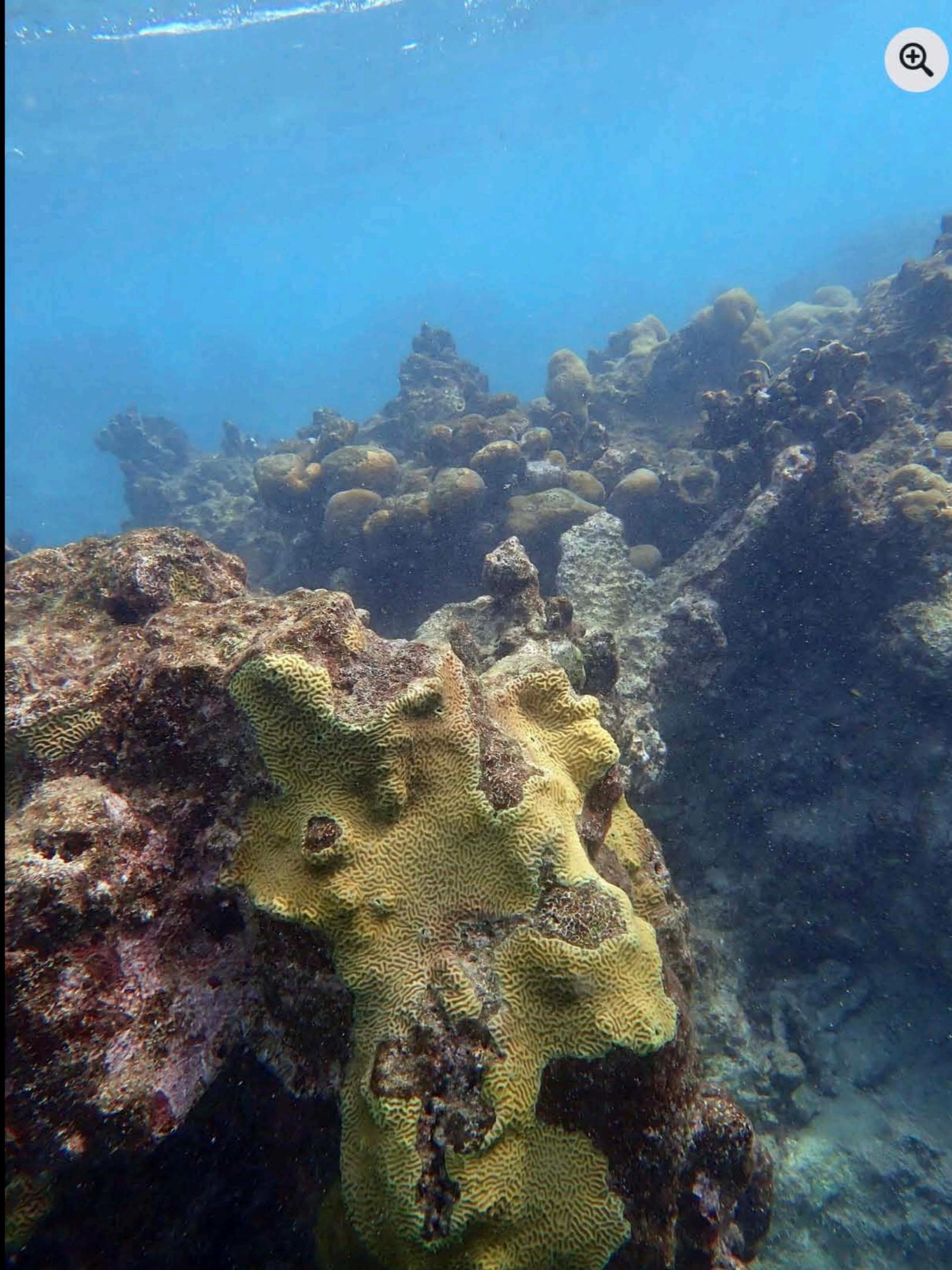
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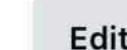
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Feb 24 on Vauxhall Reef, "Reef Crest" : Knobby Brain coral foreground, Mountainous Star Coral behind, both seemed to have survived recent SCTLD (disease) and coral bleaching [See less](#)

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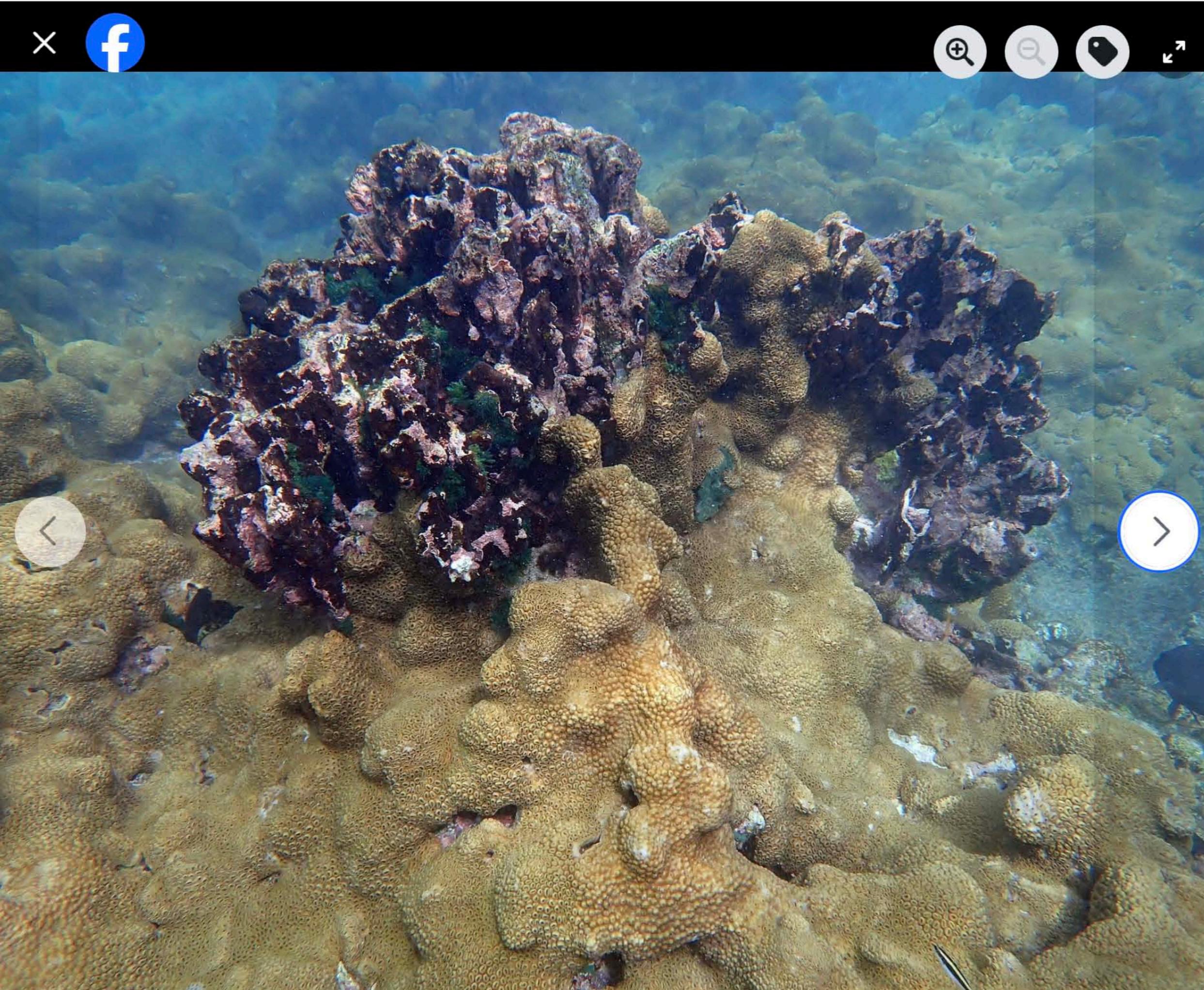
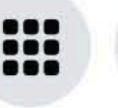


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Feb 24 on Vauxhall Reef, "Reef Crest" : Palythoa, a zooanthid below; some green sponges can be seen. On top, Stinging Coral, Millepora complanata, , heat killed in 2023-24 [See less](#)

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So sensitive to their environment and with no escape to an area more favourable.

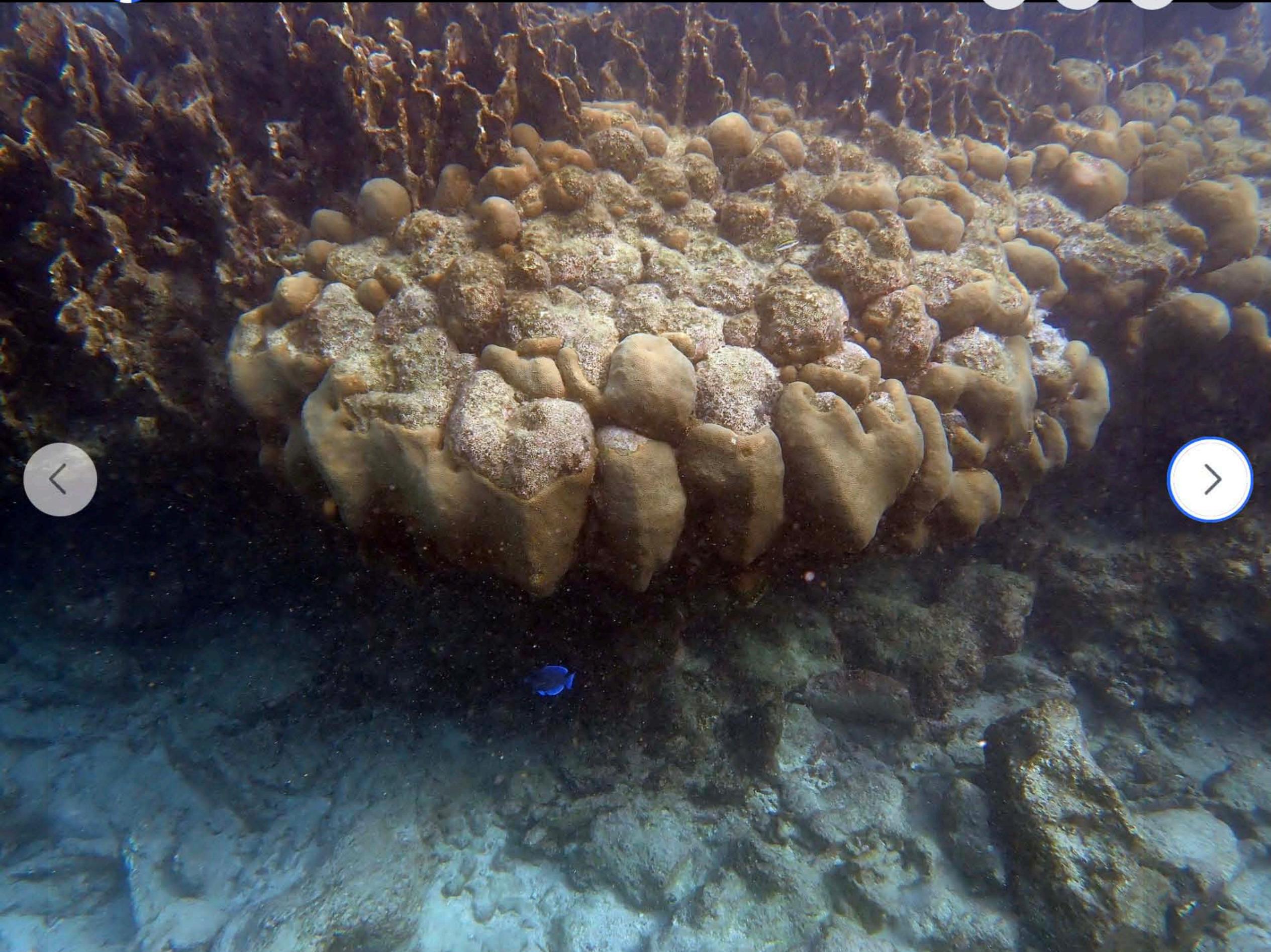
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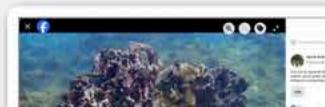
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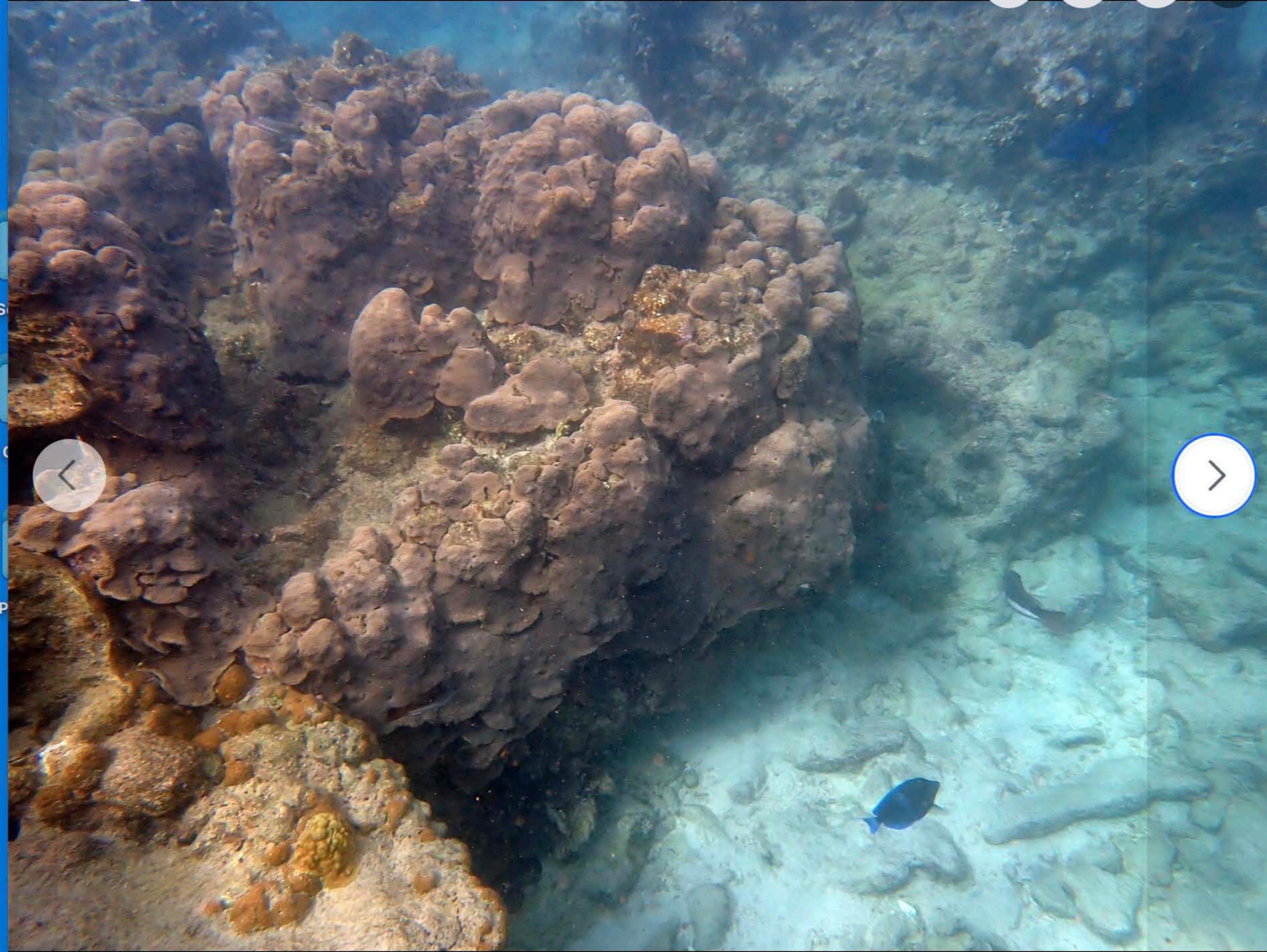
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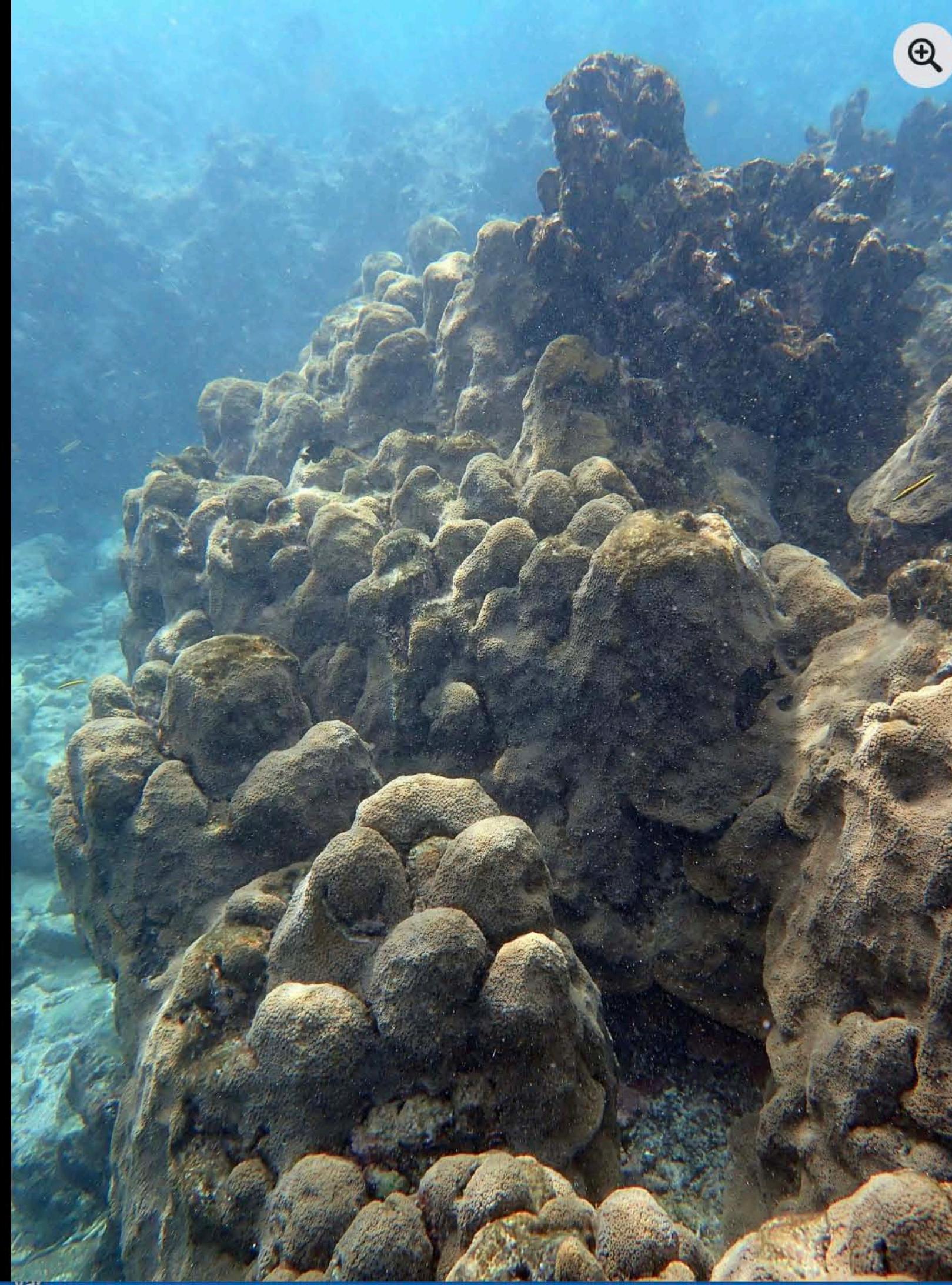
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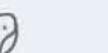
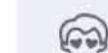
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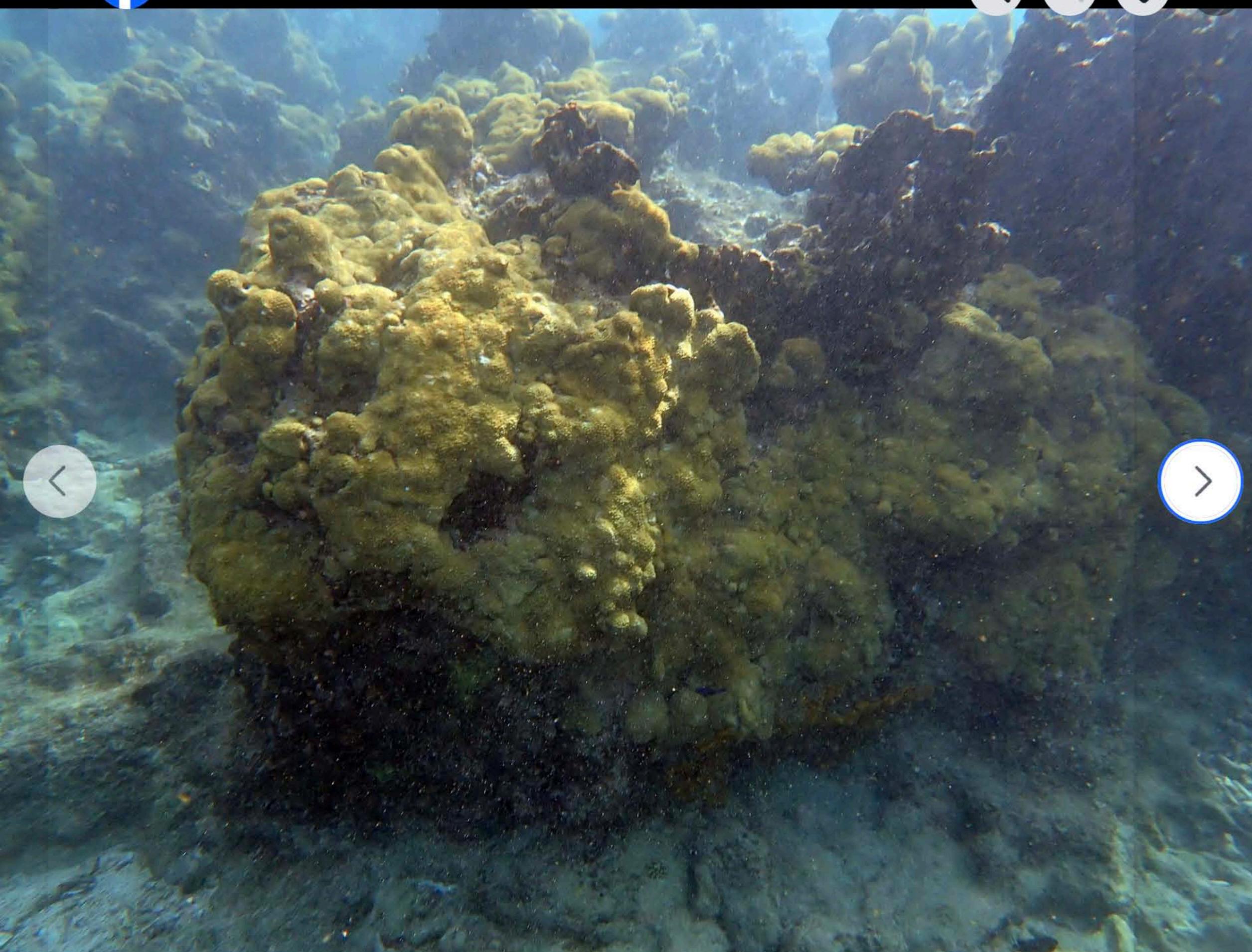
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Fantastic photos of the corals. These are so great for the documentation of the corals.

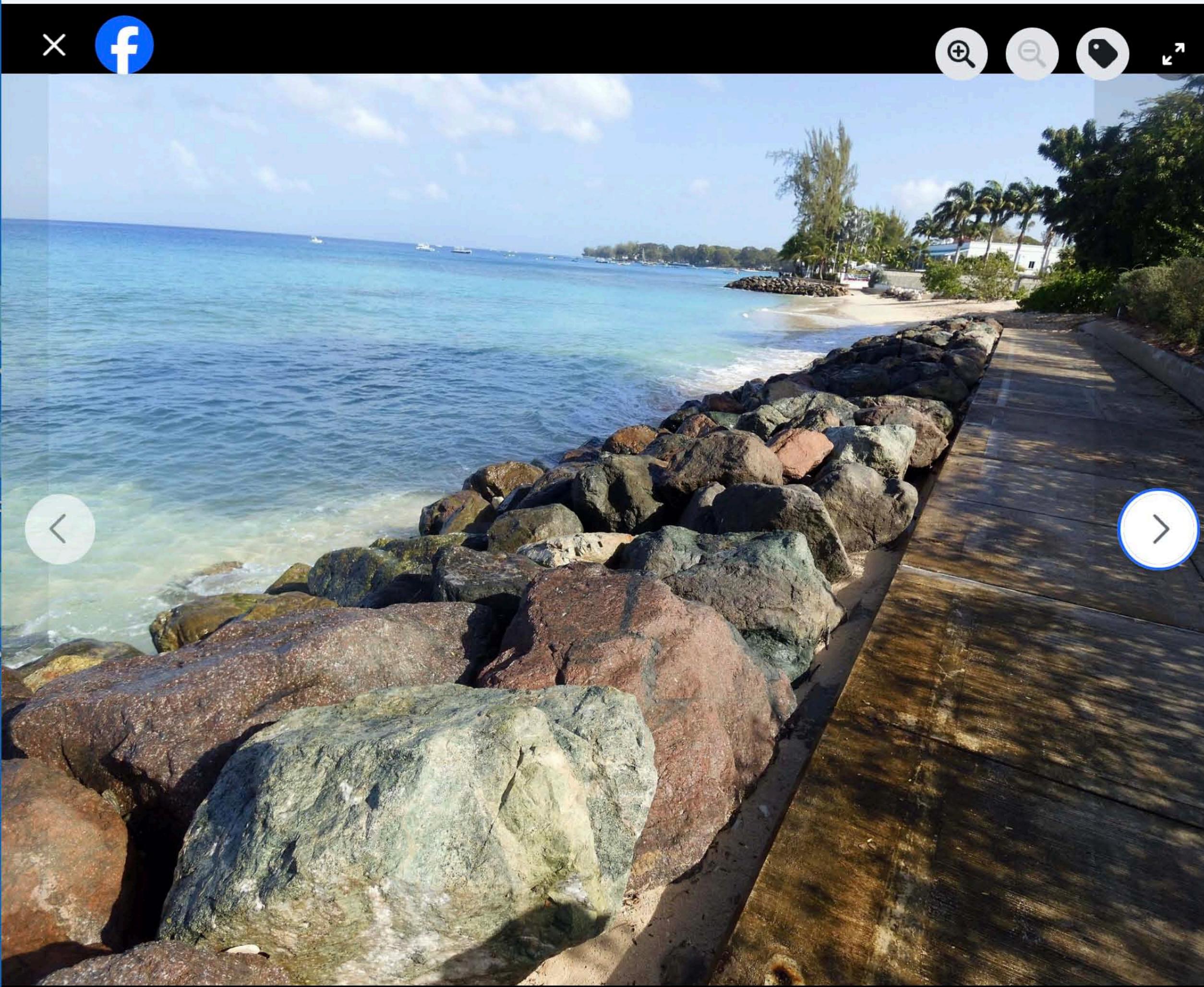
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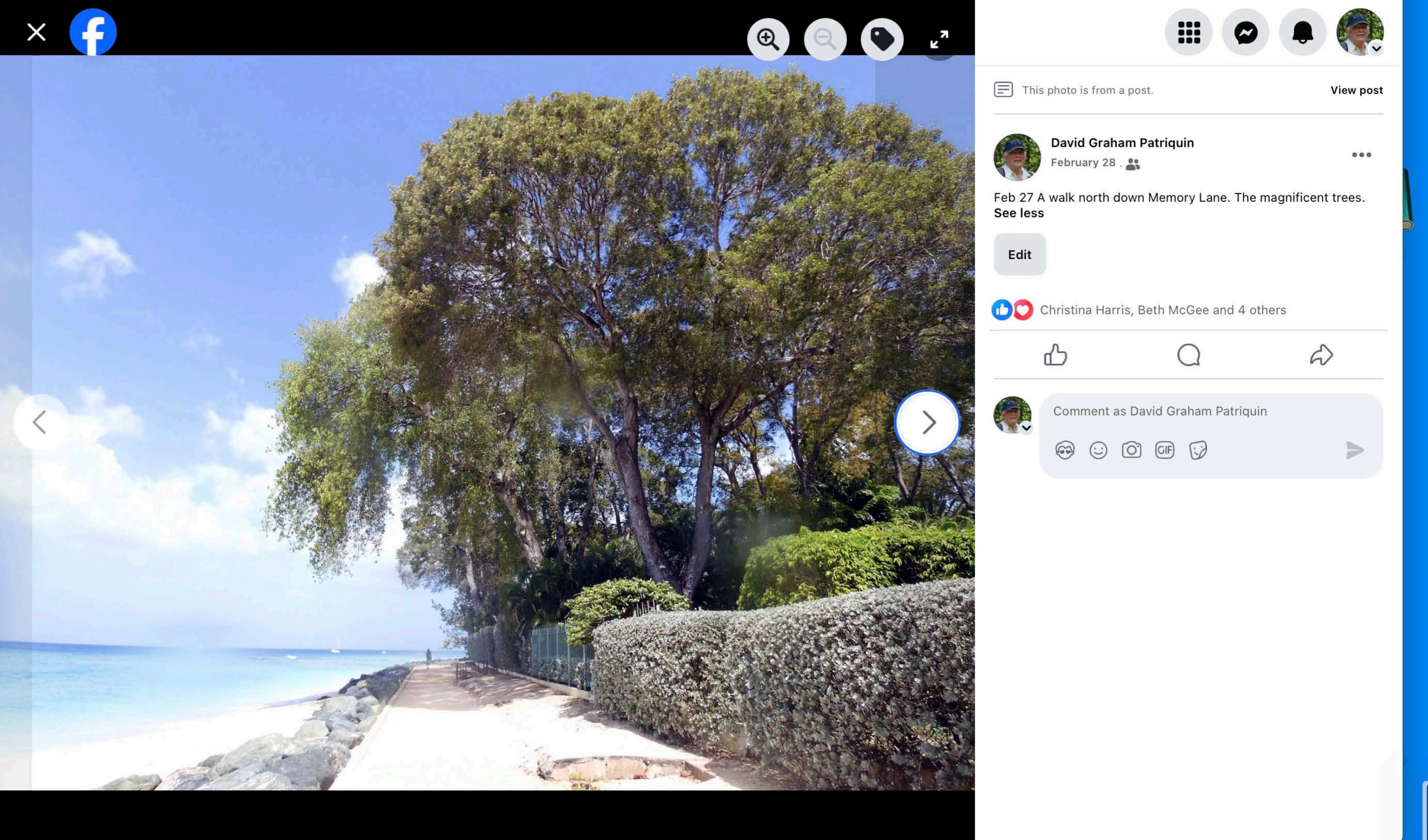


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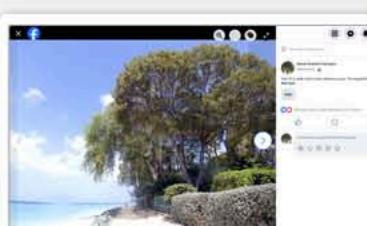
Feb 27 A walk north down Memory Lane, we are entering Folkstone. [See less](#)

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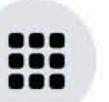
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The Bluenoser's are back in force! With **James Boyer**.

The Trumpetfish gets its blue nose from Blue Tang... but...

<https://archives.novascotia.ca/bluenose/results/>

"If you're not from Nova Scotia, you're probably wondering how the Bluenose got its name. Even if you are from Nova Scotia, you may still be curious about that peculiar little word....

"The term 'Bluenose,' used as a nickname for Nova Scotians, dates from at least the late eighteenth century.<sup>1</sup> The first recorded use of the word was in 1785 by the Reverend Jacob Bailey, a Loyalist clergyman living in Annapolis Royal after the American Revolution. Writing to a friend that year, Bailey complained about the outcome of the recent elections, where the political lines had been clearly drawn throughout Nova Scotia between the newly-arrived Loyalists (Americans will know them as 'Tories') and the New England Planters — long-time residents since at least the 1760s. Bailey noted sourly that "The blue noses, to use a vulgar appellation...exerted themselves to the utmost of their power and cunning." In another letter the next year, Bailey continued his complaints by listing several regrettable aspects of life in Nova Scotia, one of them being "Violent contentions between the Loyalists and the old inhabitants called blue noses." **See less**

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Not the fish, these guys are true "Bluenosers" [See less](#)

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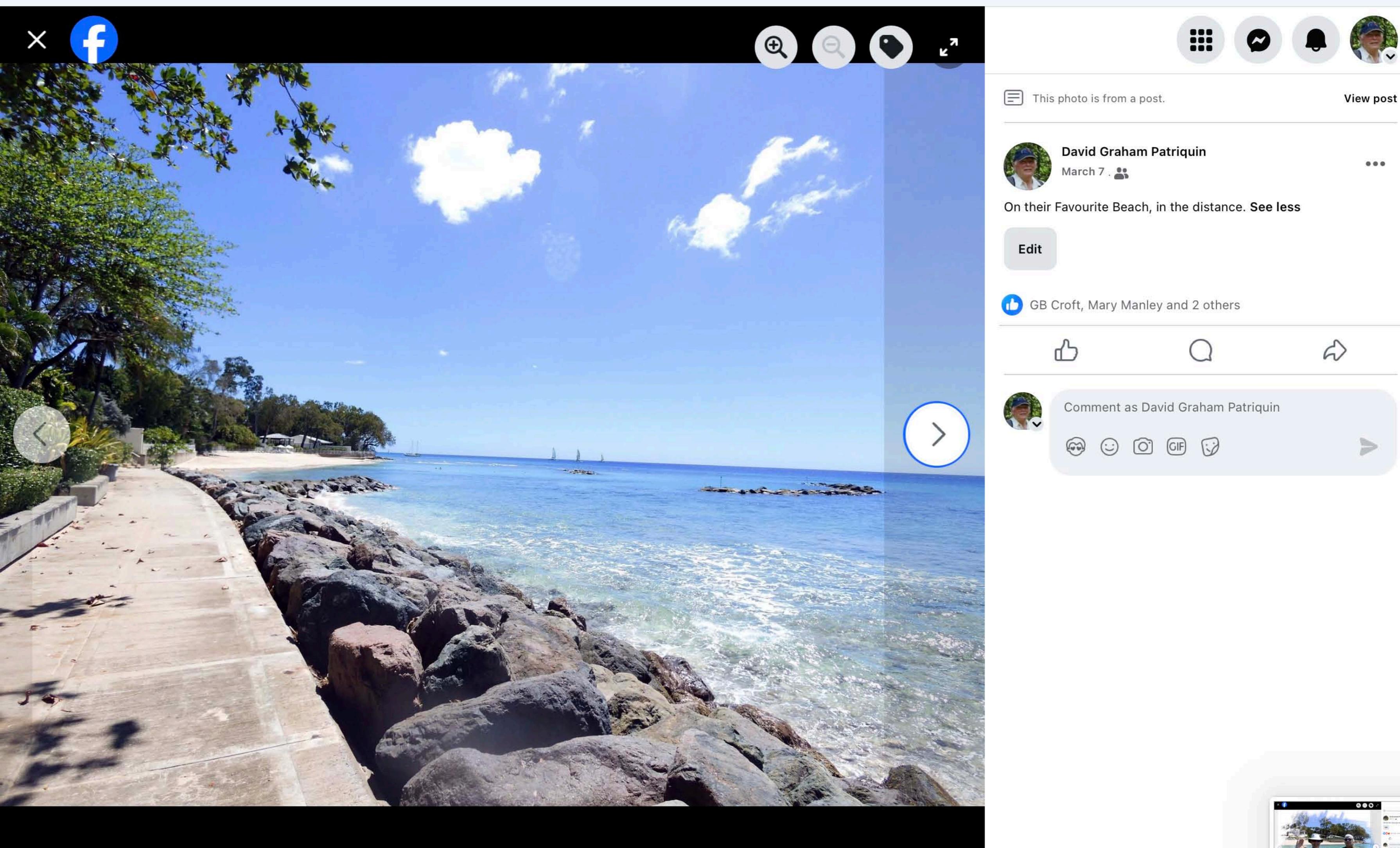
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On their Favourite Beach, in the distance. [See less](#)

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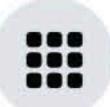
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The Men head north, bravely negotiating the waves breaking on shallow rocks about 50 m from shore [See less](#)

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A perfect afternoon exploring the edge of the rocks being careful not to get picked up and dropped by a big wave.

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Such wonderful photos!

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Needlefish, I finally got close enough to confirm ID. They eats  
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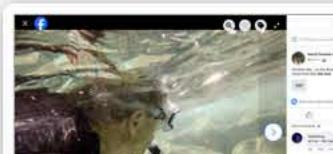
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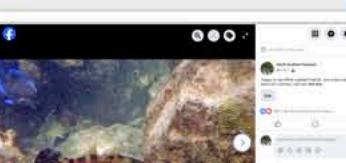
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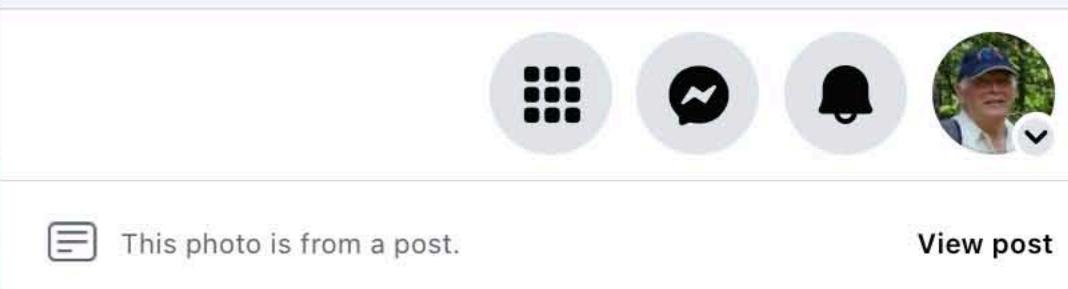
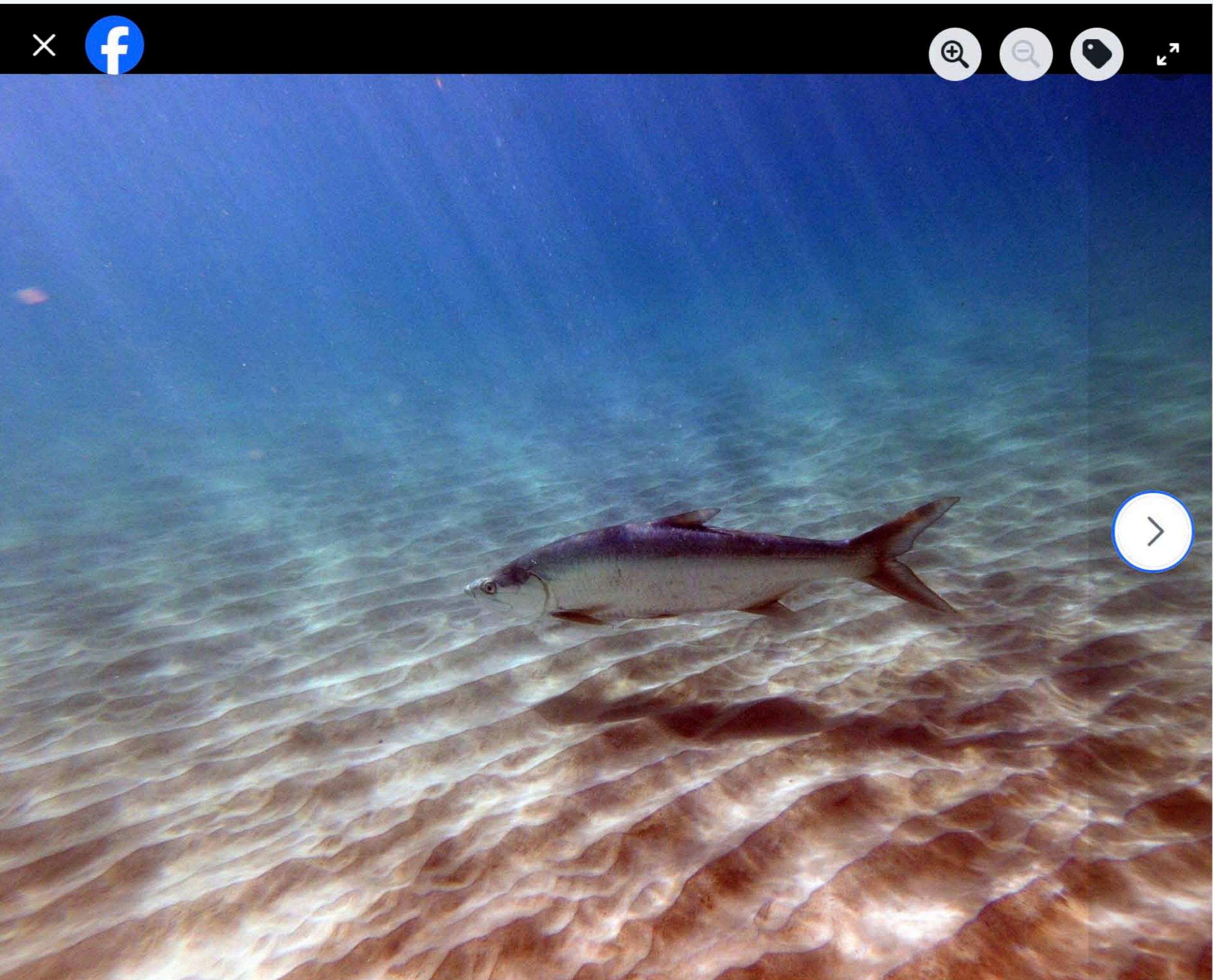
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Wonderful to be so close to such a large fish.

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Wow. The picture does not do it justice to its size. Is this the largest Tarpon you have seen in this area?

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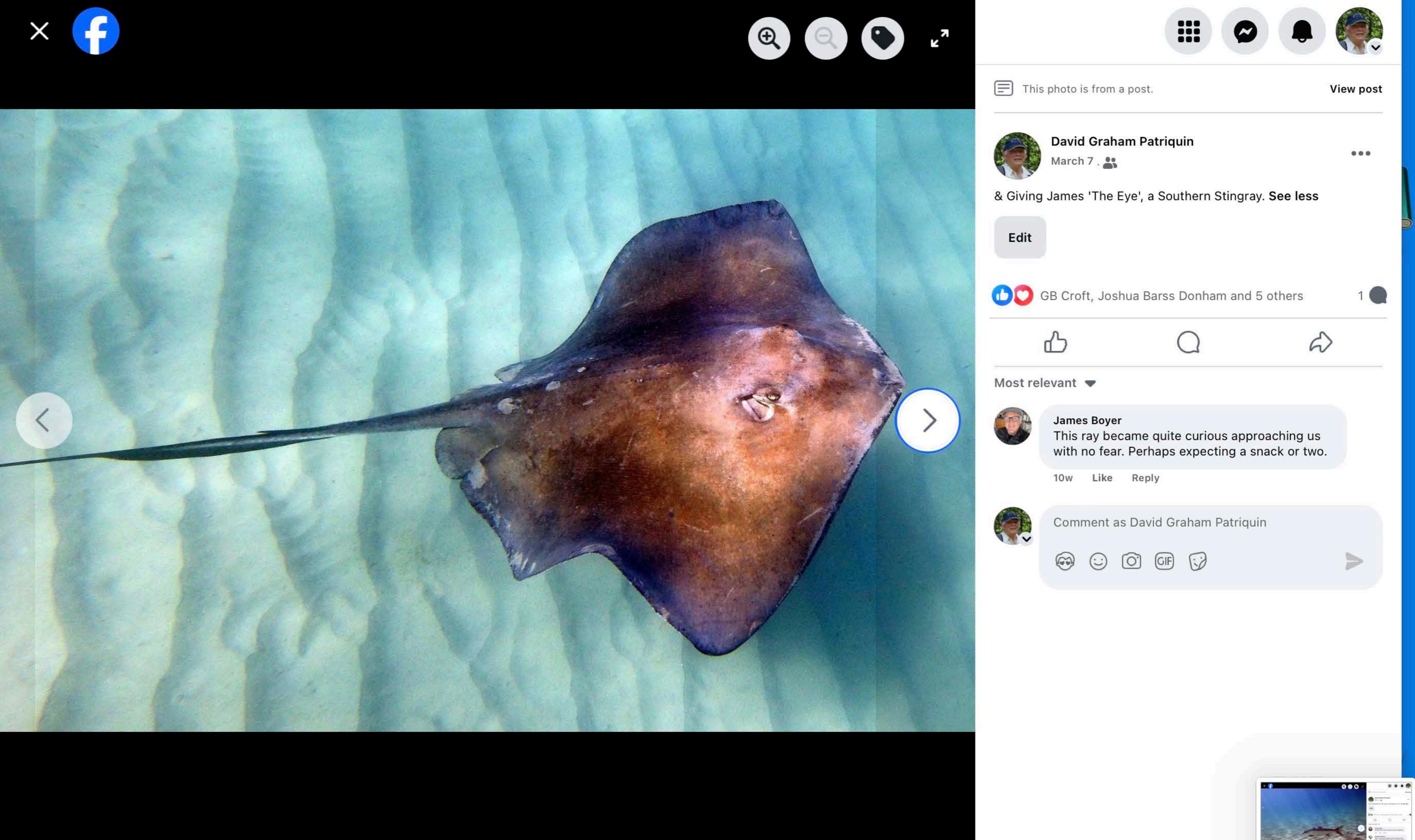
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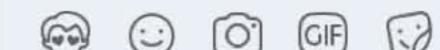
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This ray became quite curious approaching us with no fear. Perhaps expecting a snack or two.

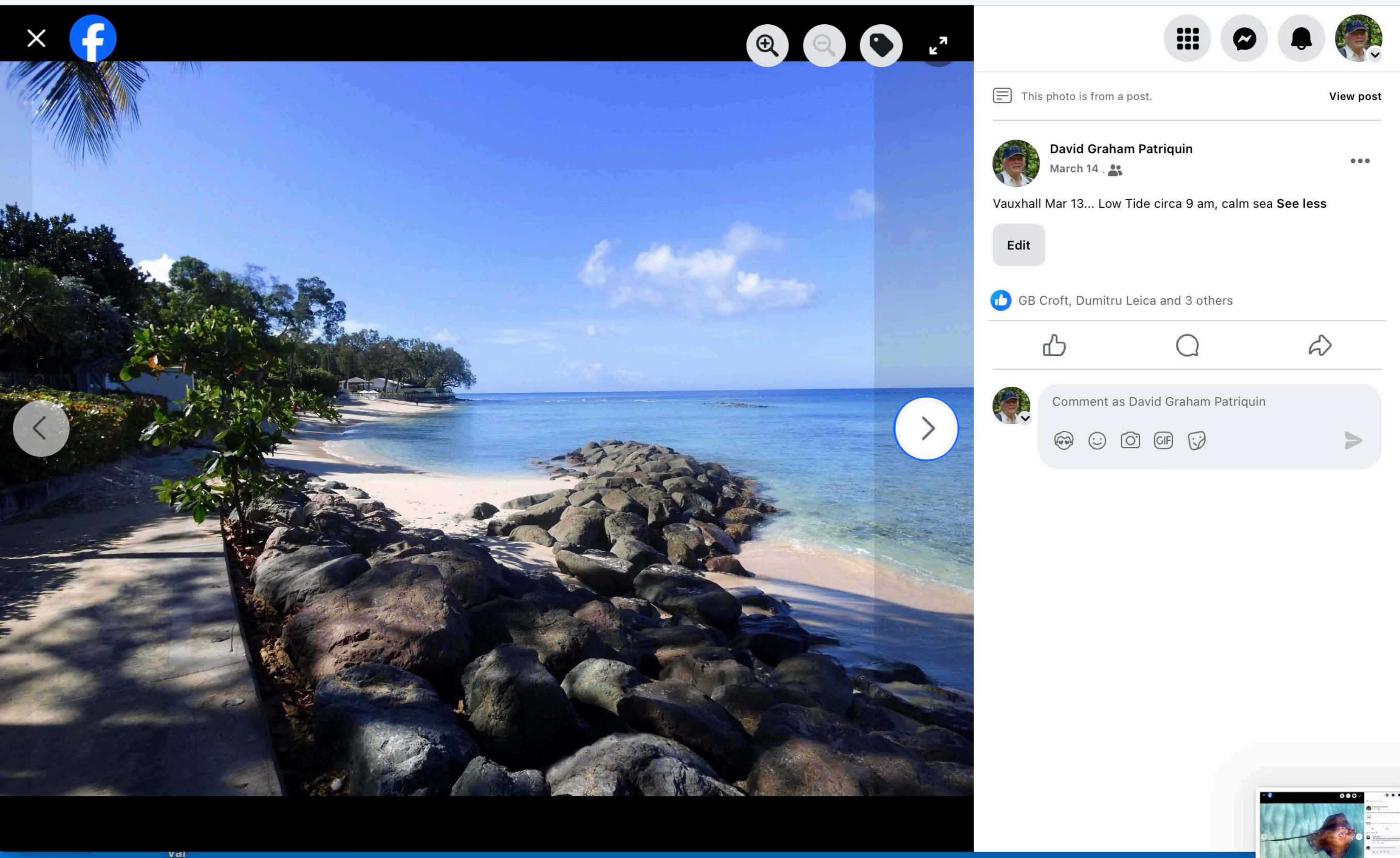
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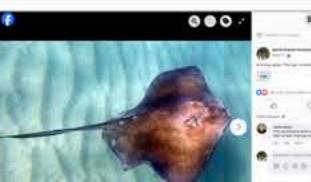
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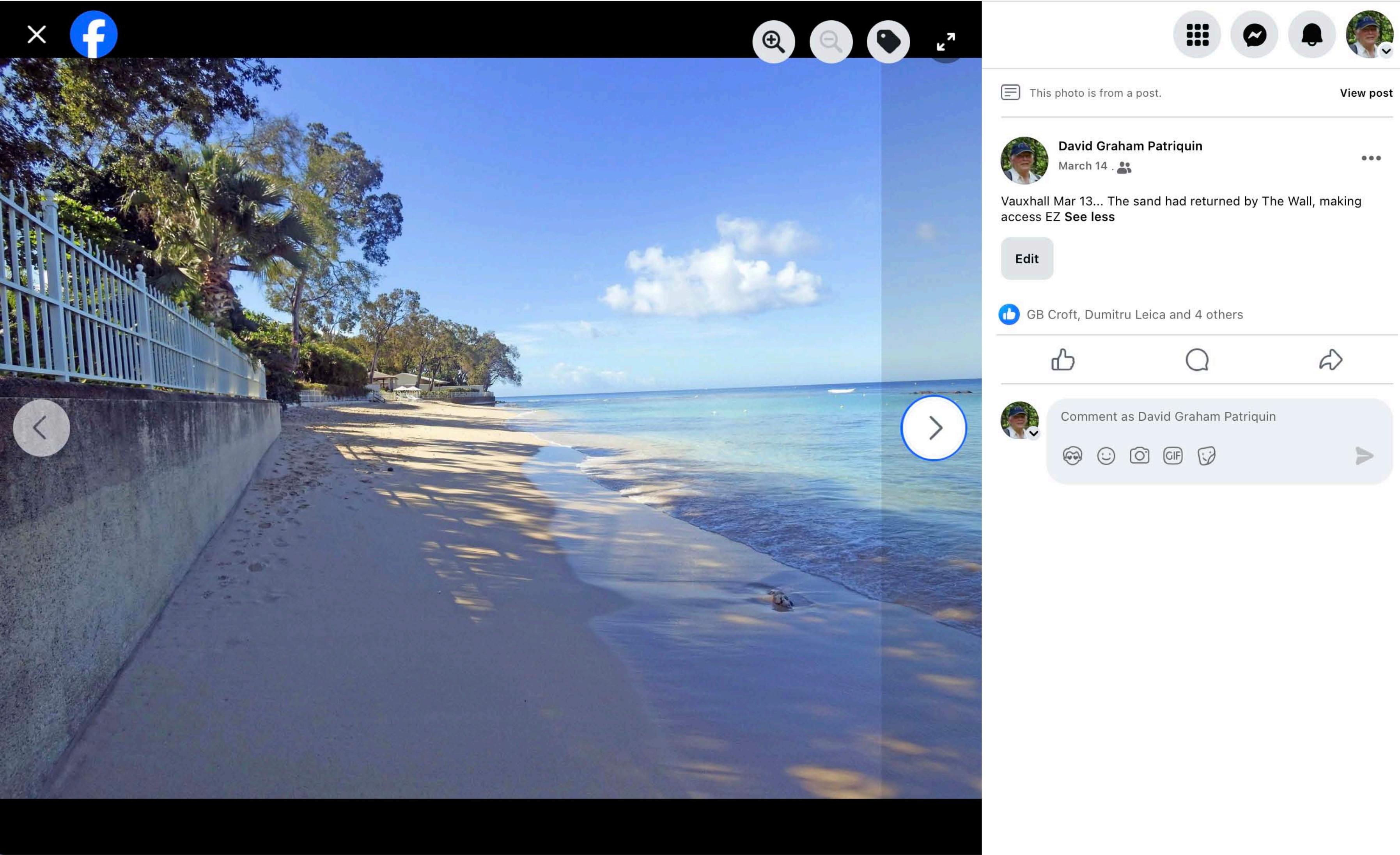
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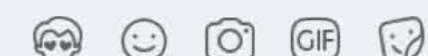
Vauxhall Mar 13...Tina was a snorkelling partner in days past... today we encounter a large school of Blue Tang...With **Christina Harris** See less

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Vauxhall Mar 13...Swimming with the Blue Tang is a serene experience, it seemed a special gift from The Natural World, reminding us from whence we all come and return. With **Christina Harris**

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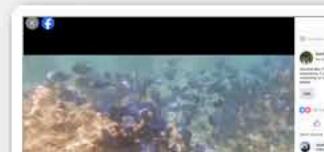
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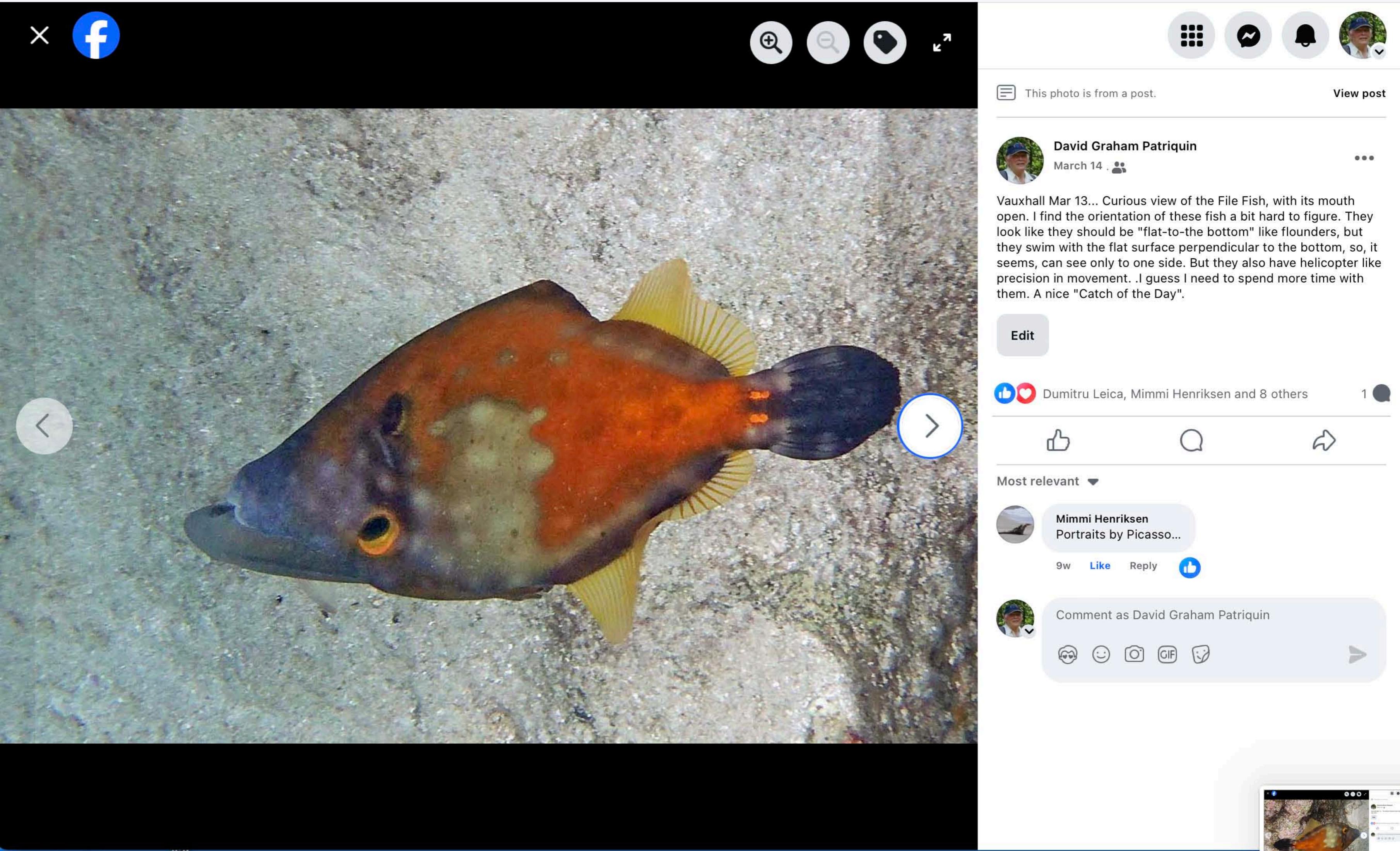


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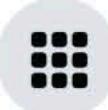


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Vauxhall Mar 13... Curious view of the File Fish, with its mouth open. I find the orientation of these fish a bit hard to figure. They look like they should be "flat-to-the bottom" like flounders, but they swim with the flat surface perpendicular to the bottom, so, it seems, can see only to one side. But they also have helicopter like precision in movement. .I guess I need to spend more time with them. A nice "Catch of the Day".

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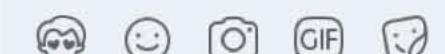
Snorkel Buddies & Buddesses (?) at Surfside Breakwater Mar 23  
'Can guarantee we will see lotsa fish! With **Christina Harris James Boyer**

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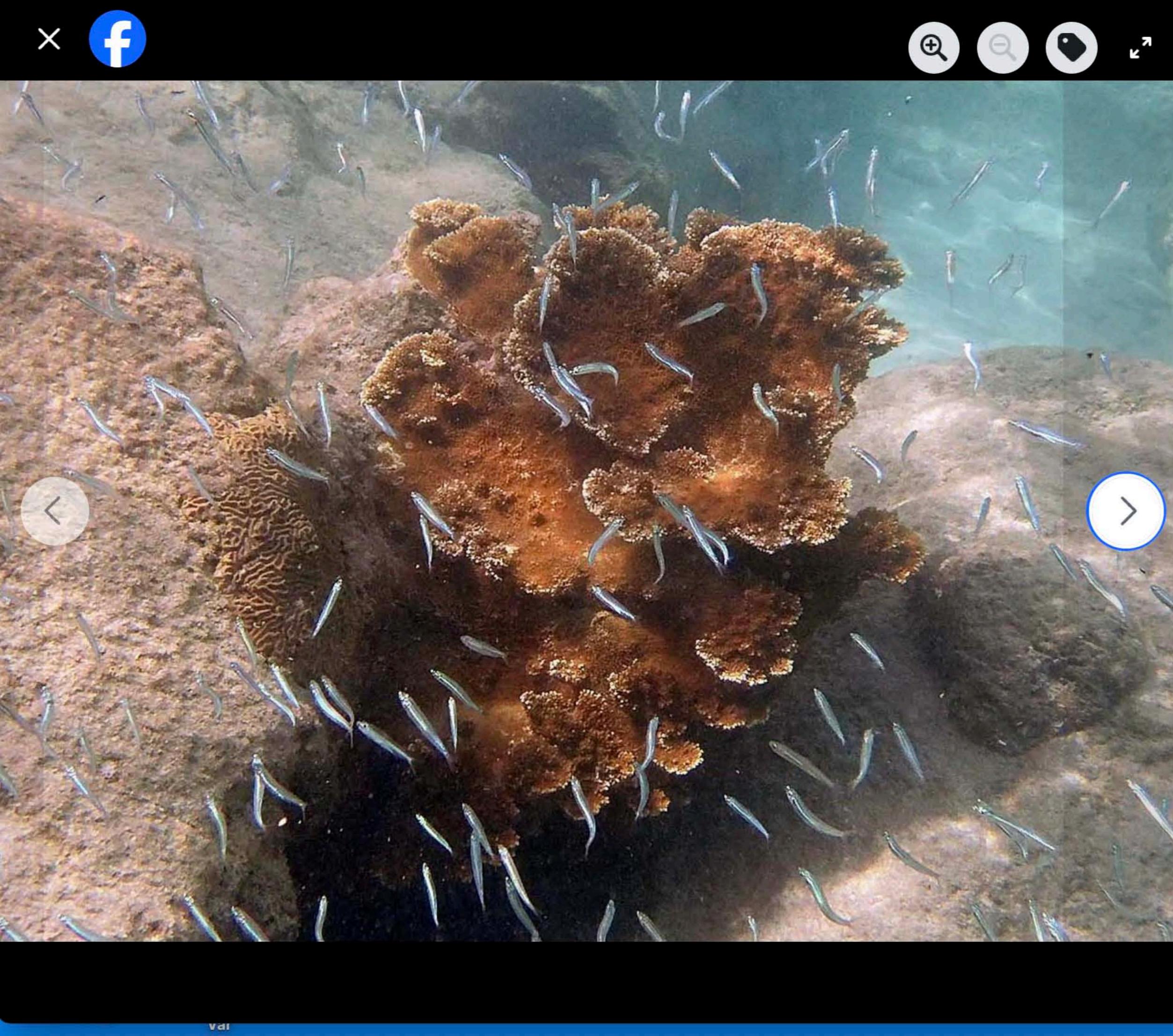


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At Surfside Breakwater Mar 23: Juvenile fish & a very healthy Elkhorn Coral. (Many in the area have been killed by extreme heat (coral bleaching) in the last 2 years. But there are 5 or 6 colonies on this breakwater, all very healthy - I am thinking they could be a clone of a heat-resistant type.

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**Thomas Rand**  
I like seeing the brain coral along side the elk horn coral too.

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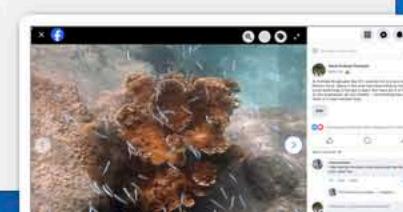
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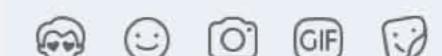
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At Surfside Breakwater Mar 23: Blue Tang and a Trumpetfish, its snout turning blue (they change colours with the background)

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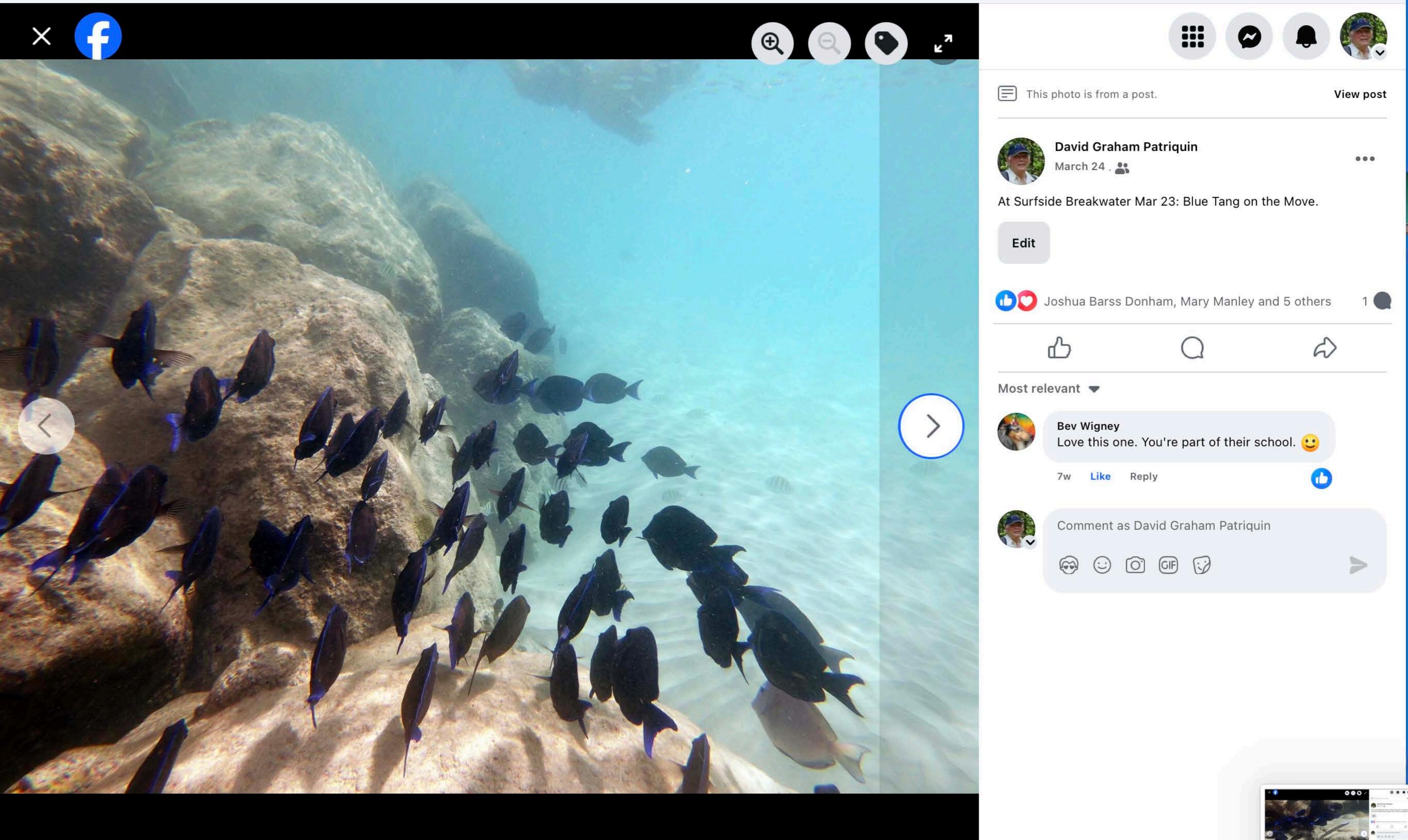


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At Surfside Breakwater Mar 23: Blue Tang on the Move.

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Love this one. You're part of their school. 😊

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At Surfside Breakwater Mar 23: Foureye Butterfly Fish.

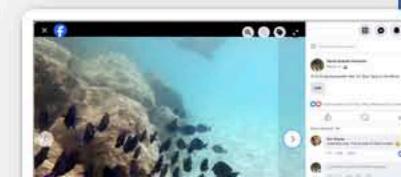
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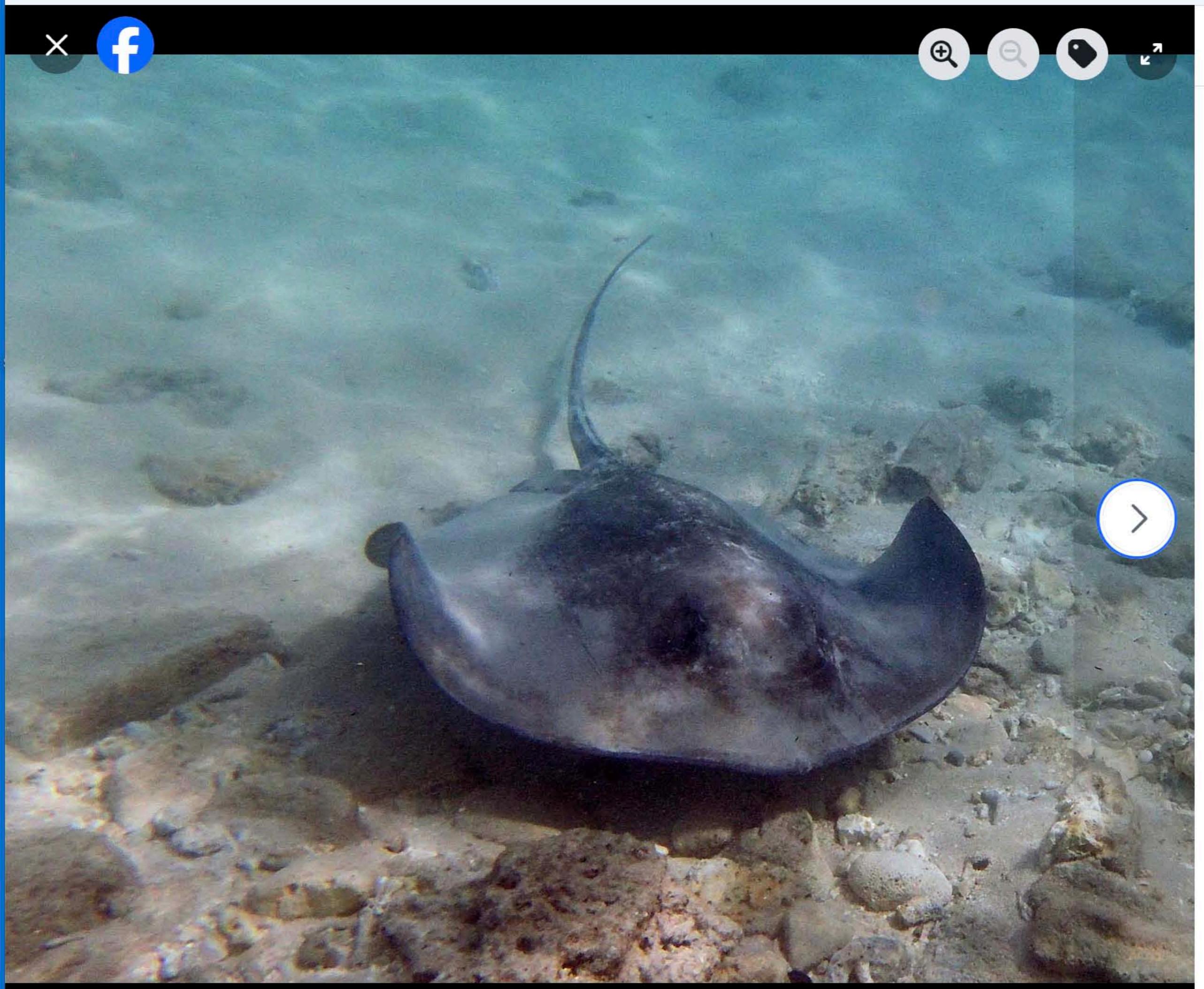


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At Surfside Breakwater Mar 23: On cue, a Southern Stingray. One of the participants had stepped on one once, got stung/sliced in the foot and was in agony for several days, so she was cautious around this one! I had never met anyone who had actually been "stung" by a stingray. However, I had the experience of standing on an electric ray once, an extreme but short-lived very intense experience. It was (apparently) a Lesser Electric Ray, I was with Nina in a large sandy area ... [See more](#)

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Mar 27 The "Big" breakwater at "Beachlands", birds in the distance, I will swim almost to their feet to get a closer view.

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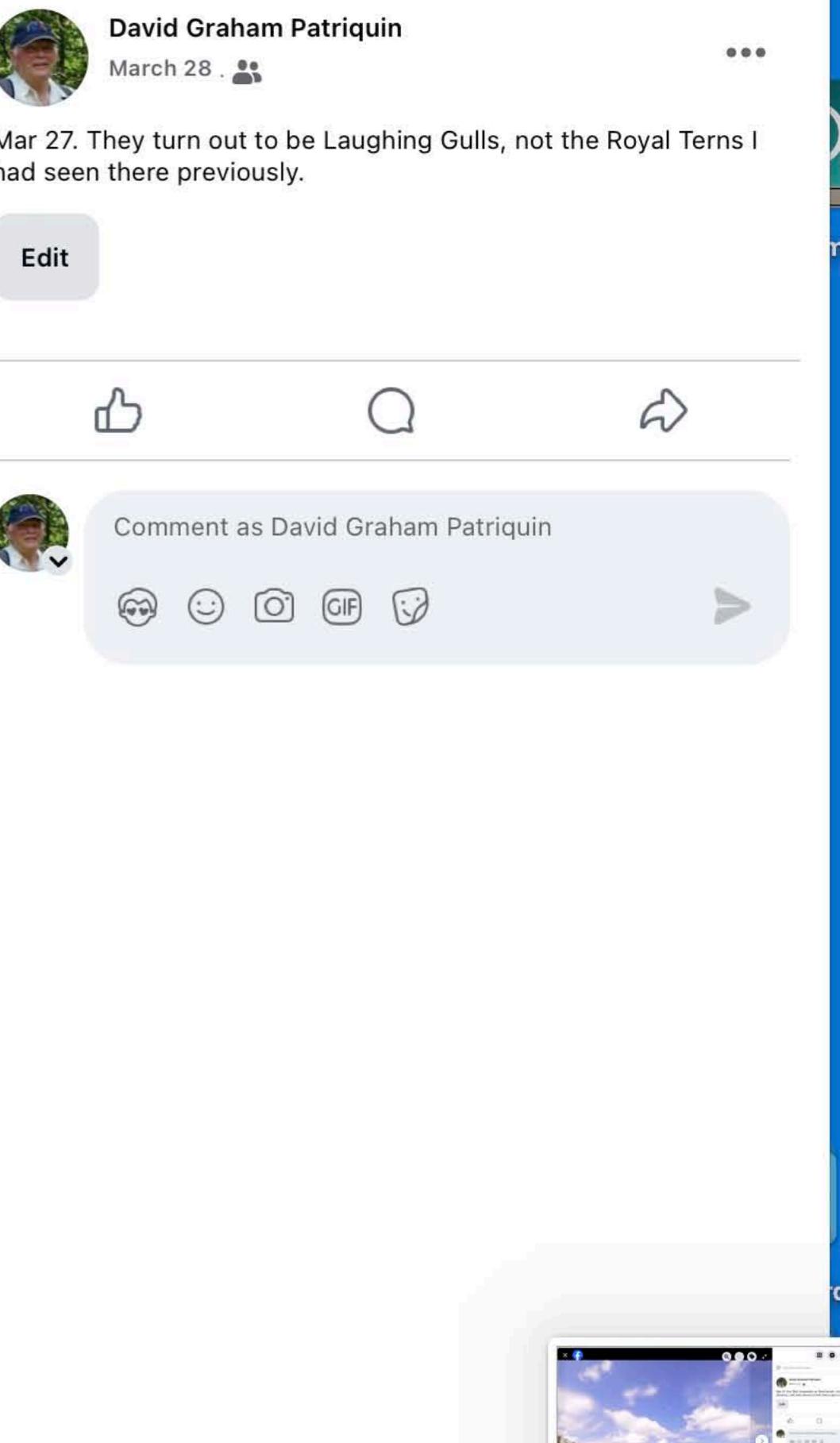
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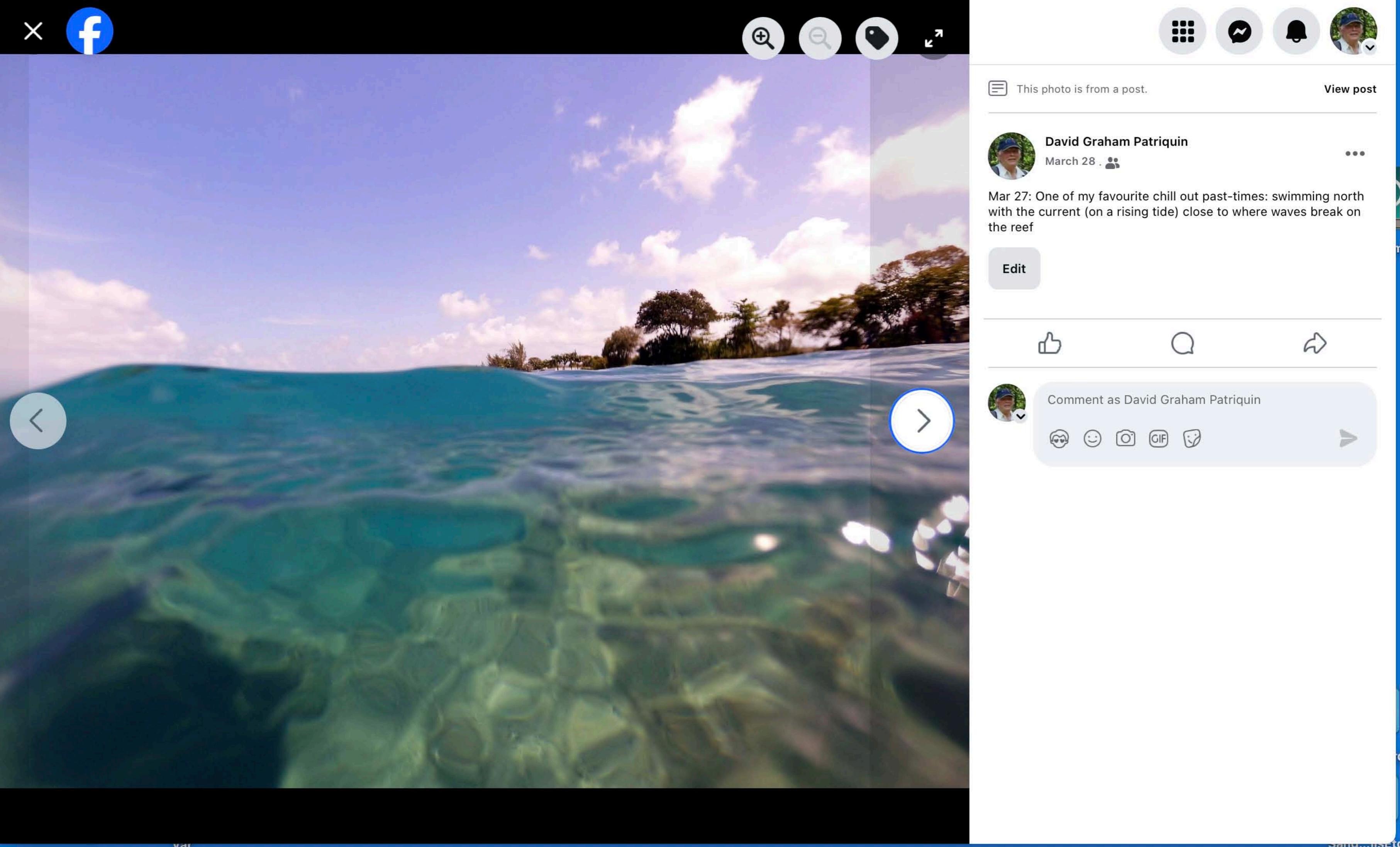
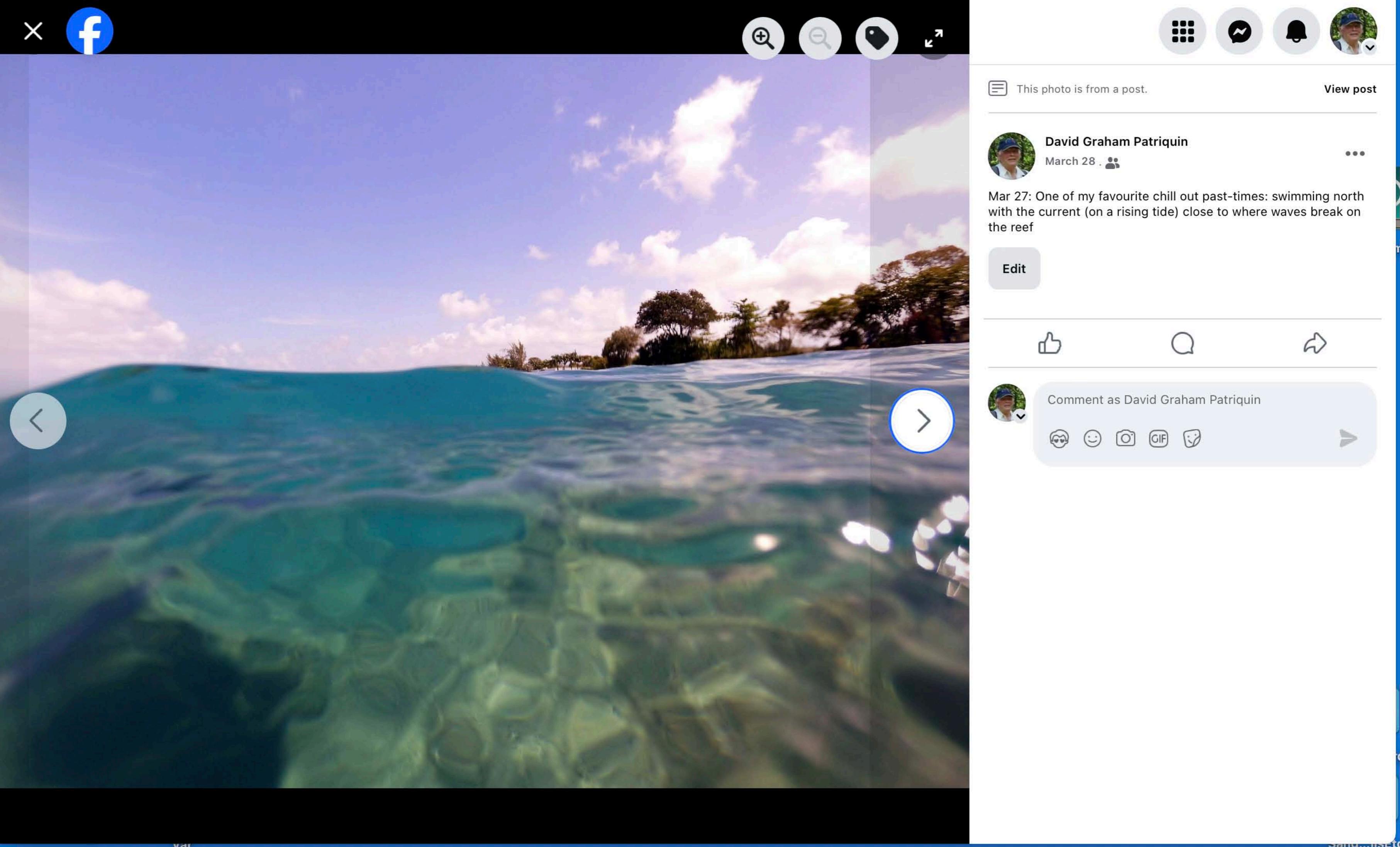
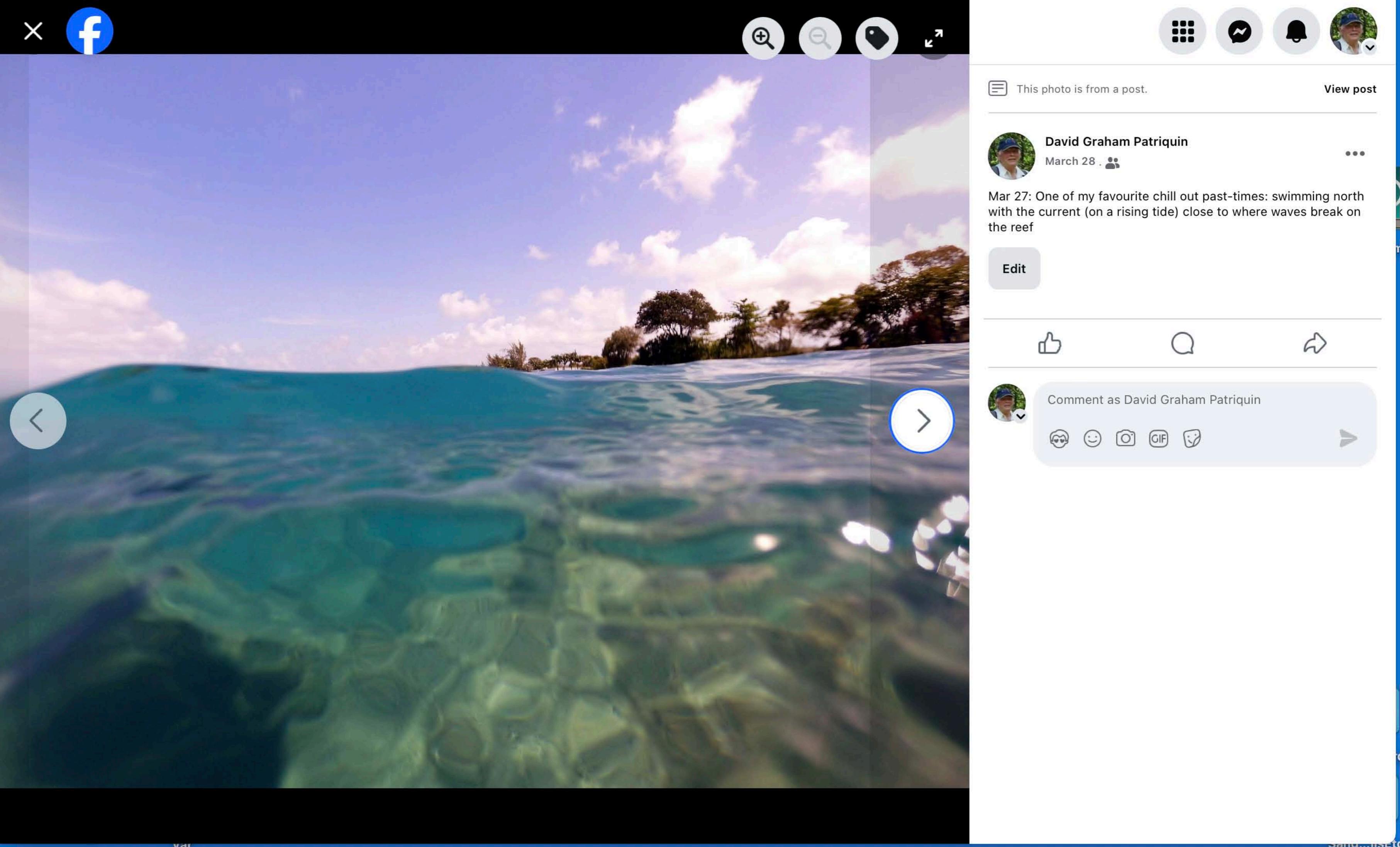
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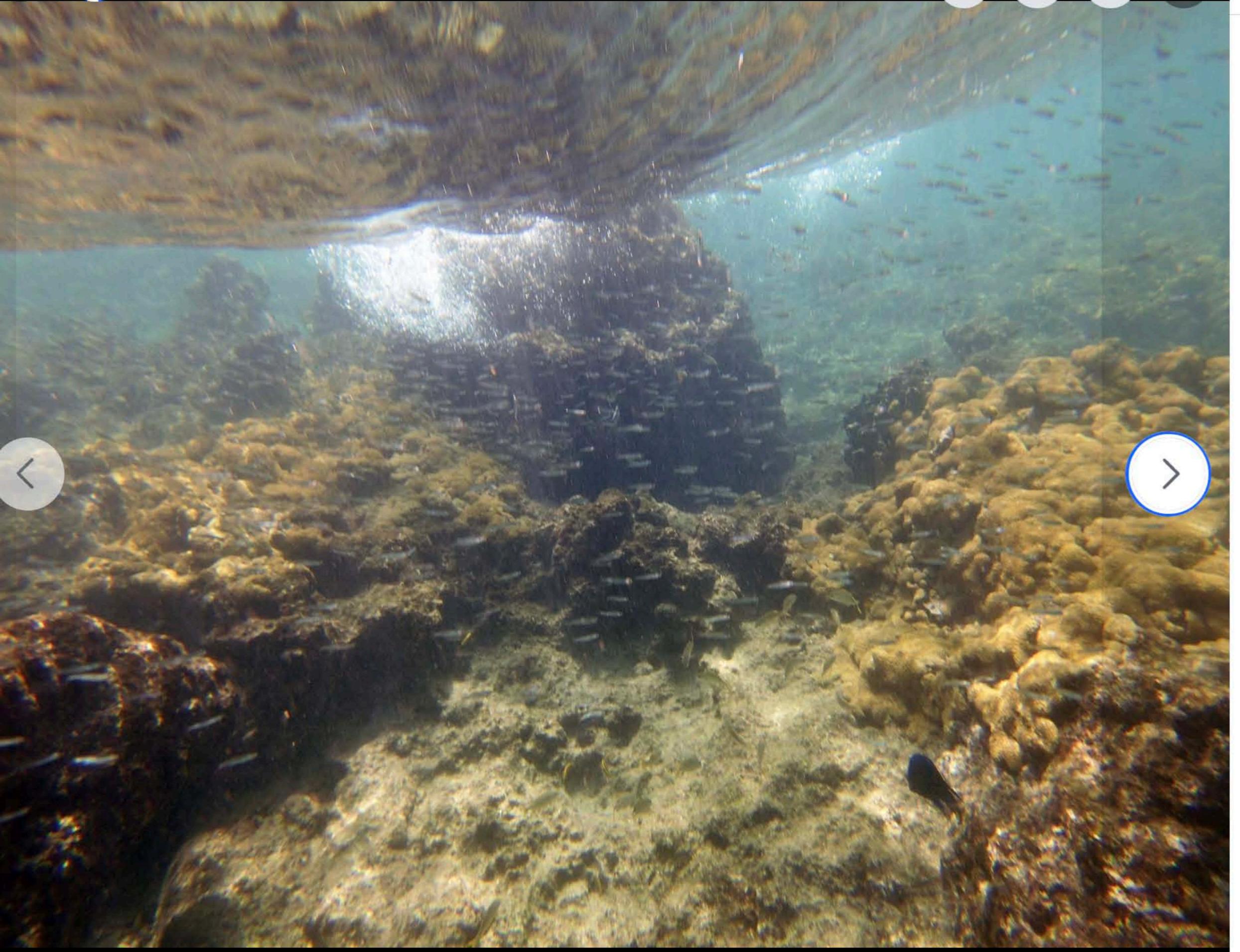
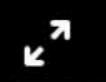


Mar 27. They turn out to be Laughing Gulls, not the Royal Terns I had seen there previously.

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Mar 27. An oddity I have seen consistently: the seawater today is fairly "milky" from plankton but clears close to where the waves break on this reef. Is it because the swarms of fish that are attracted to this area are consuming the plankton?

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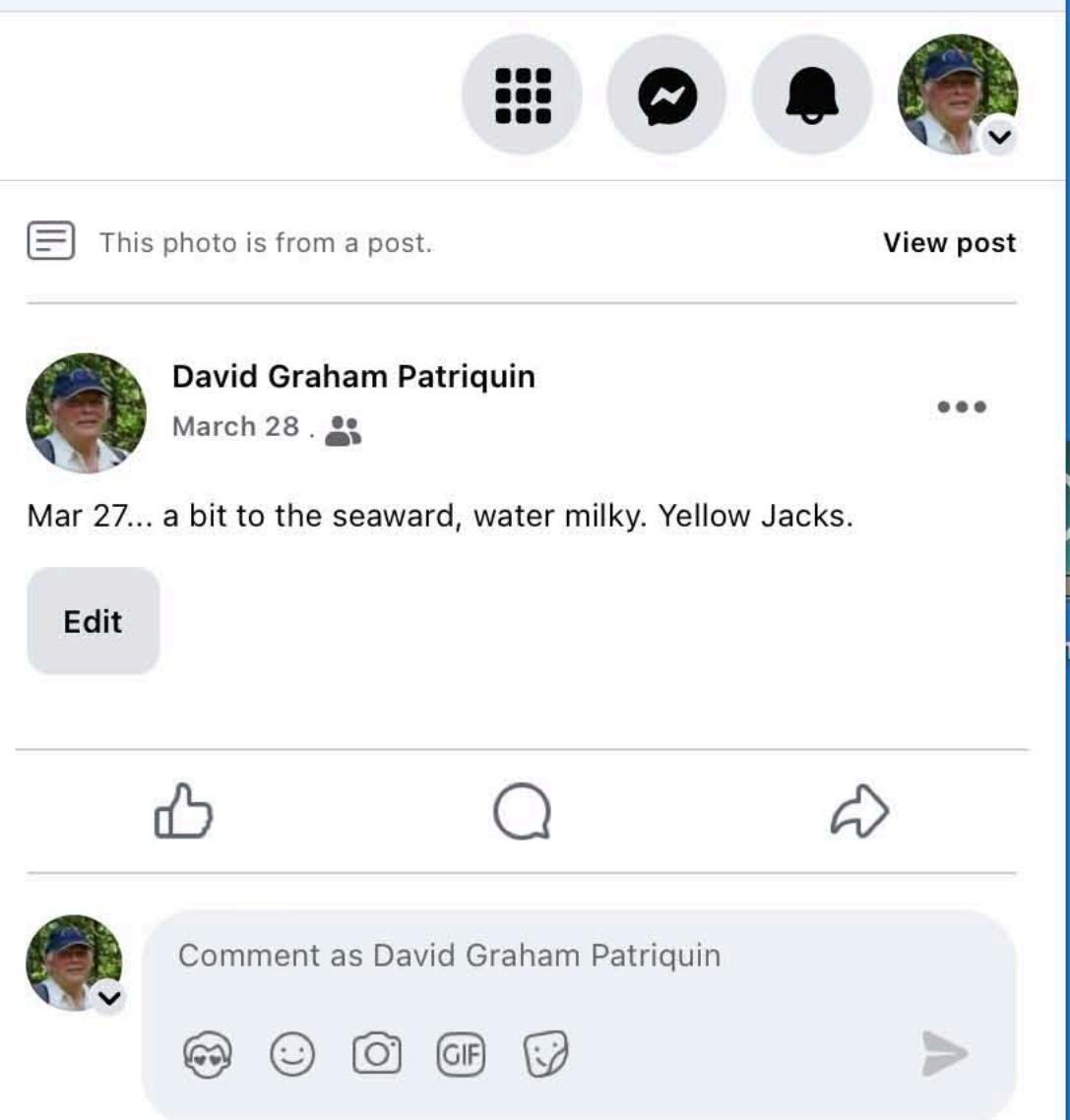
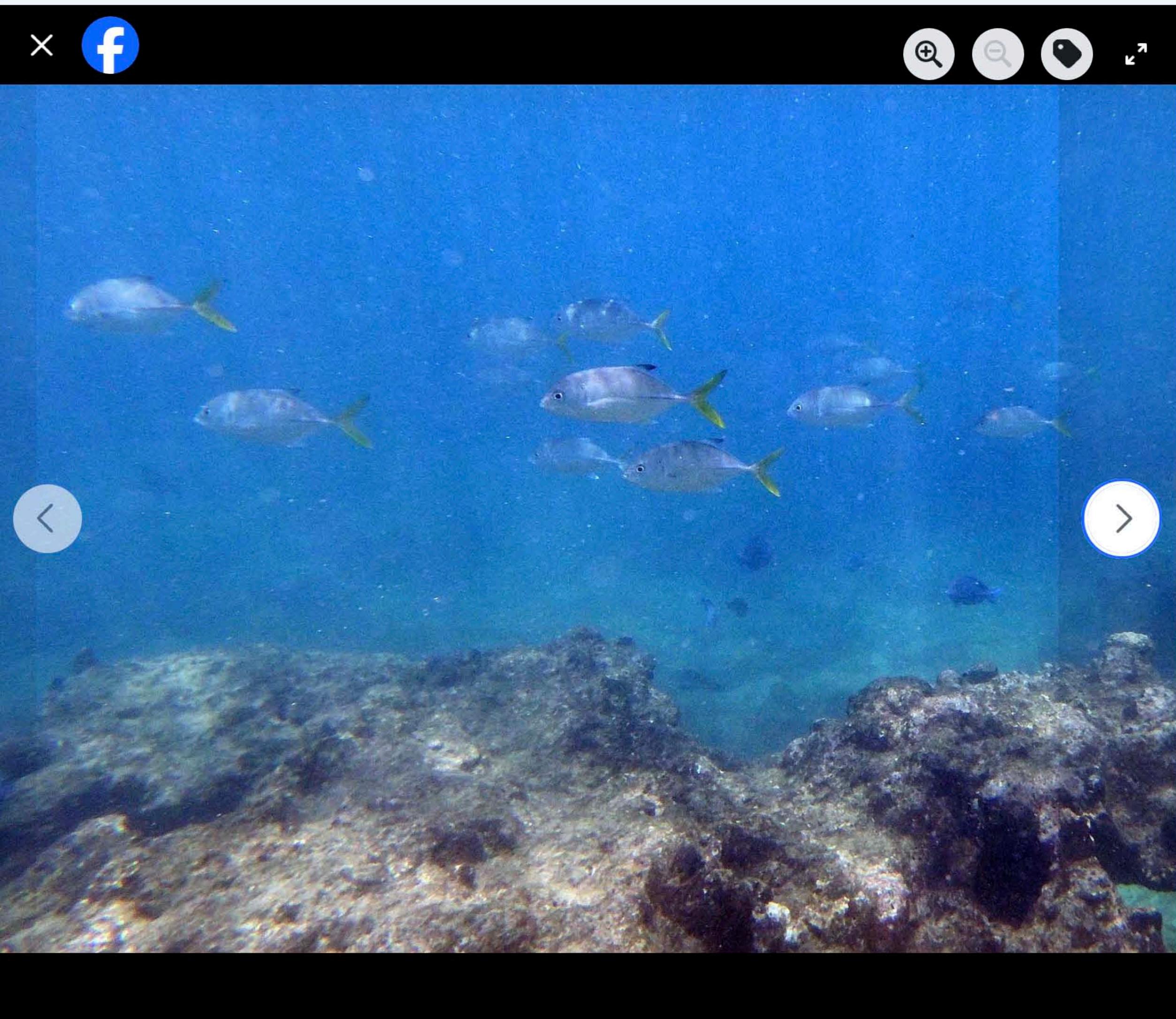


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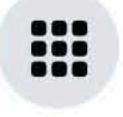


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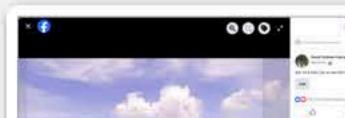
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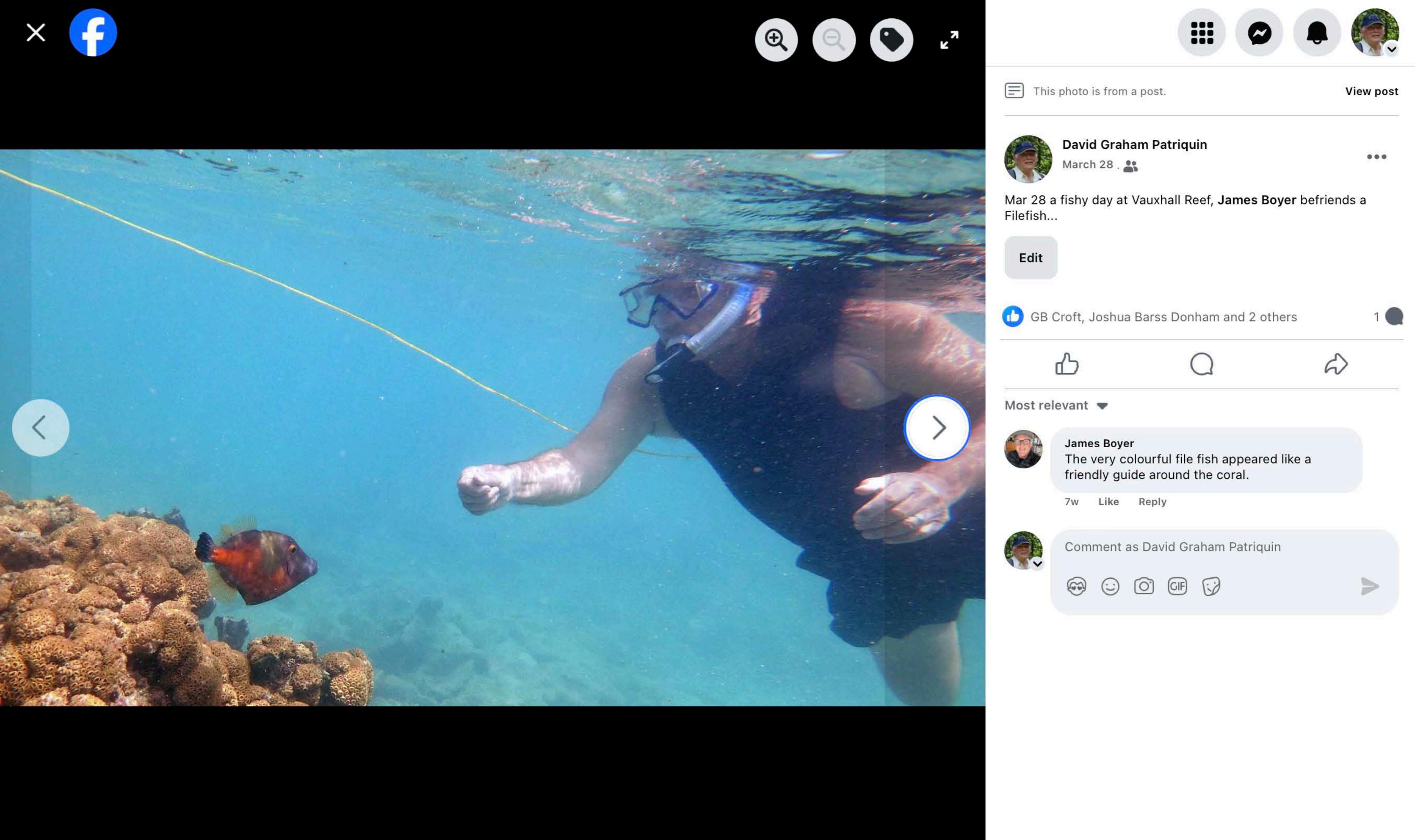


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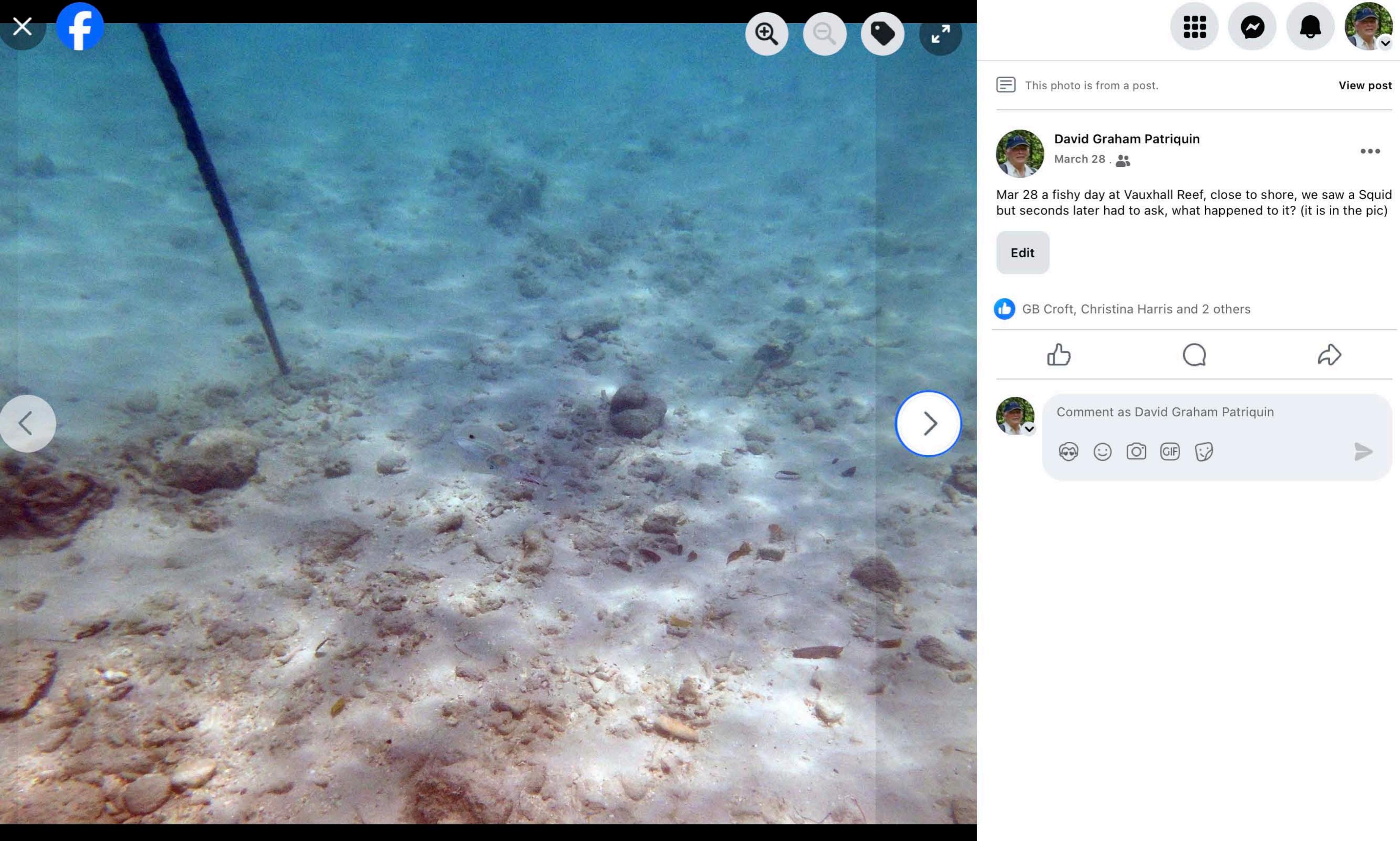
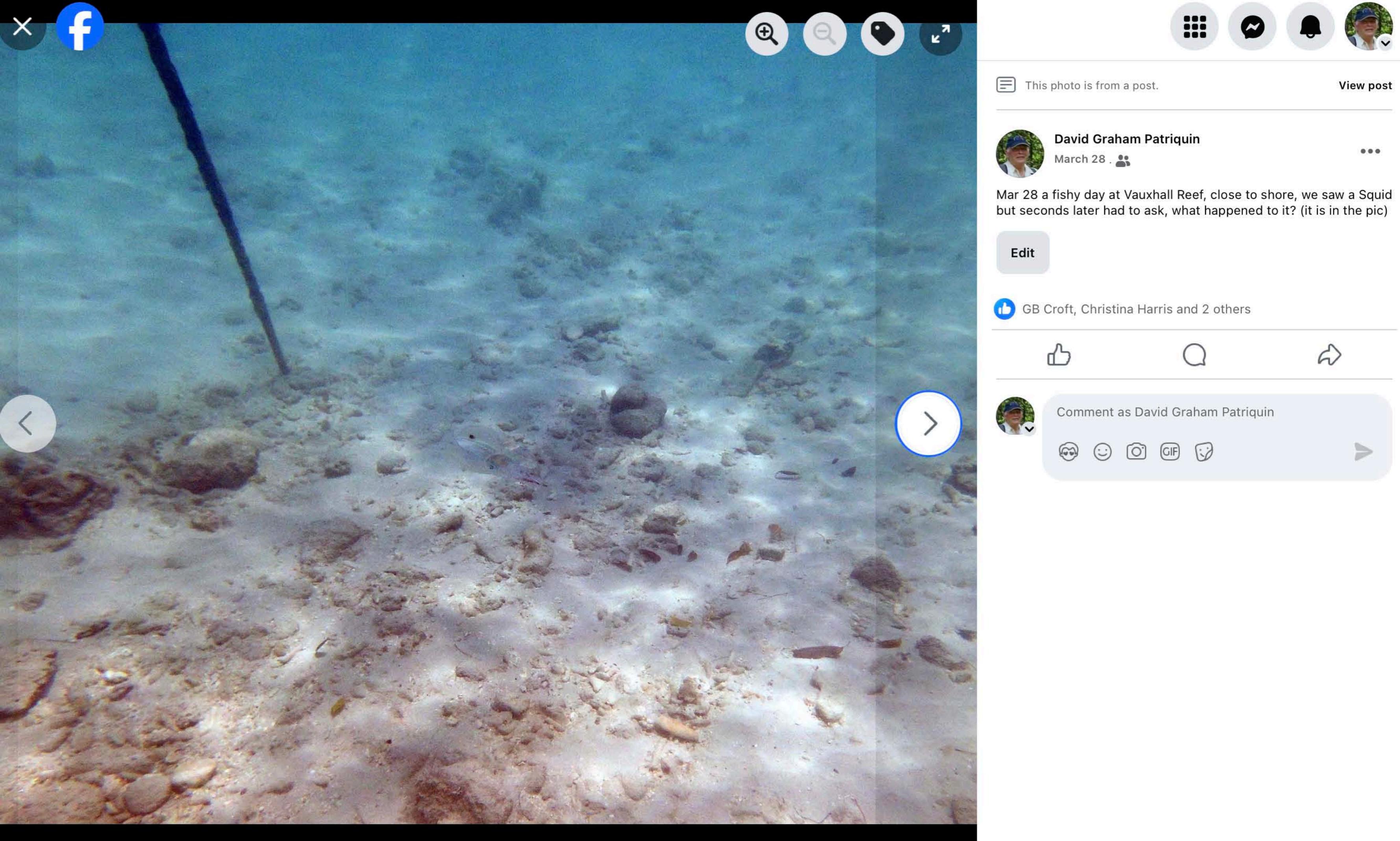
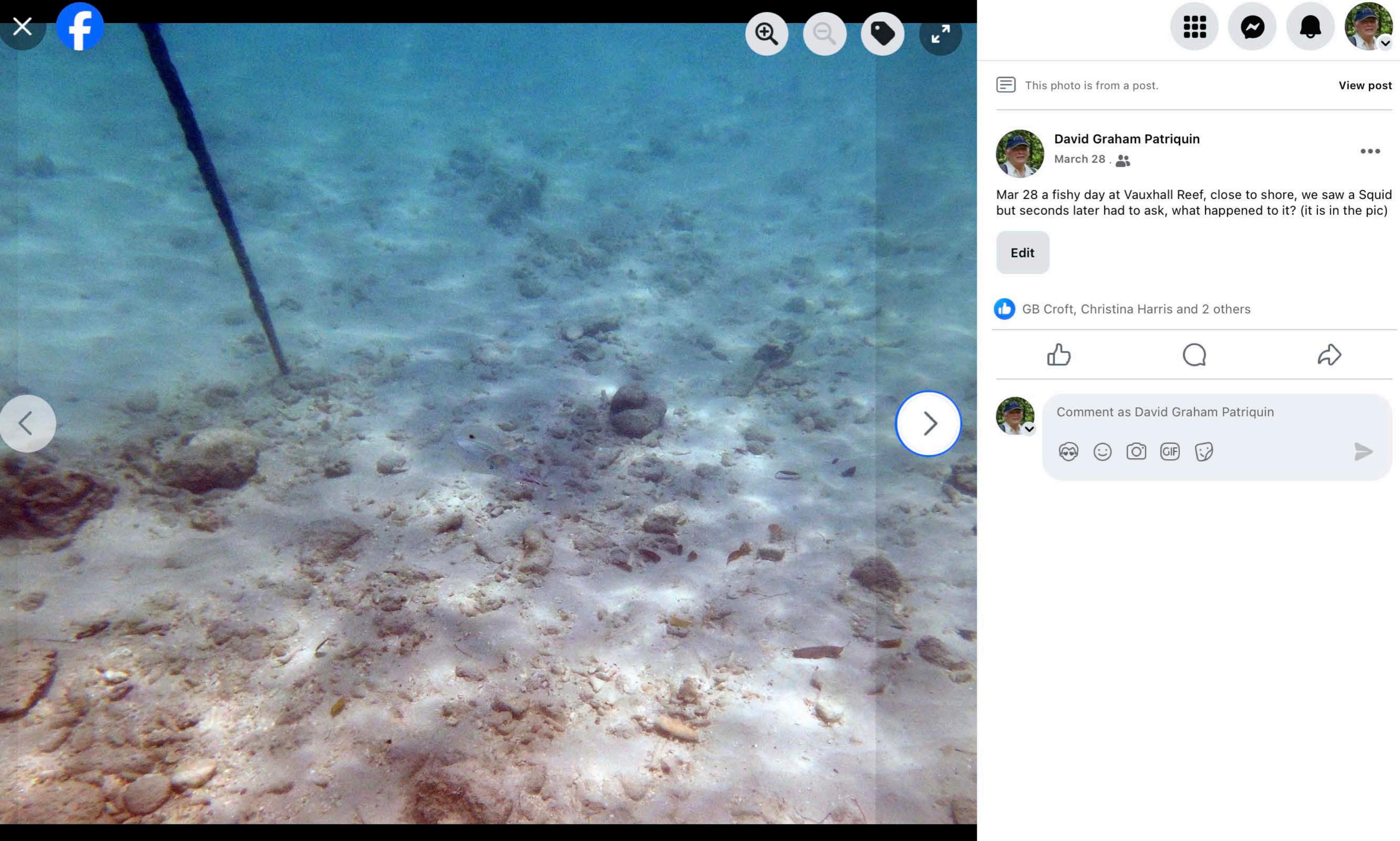


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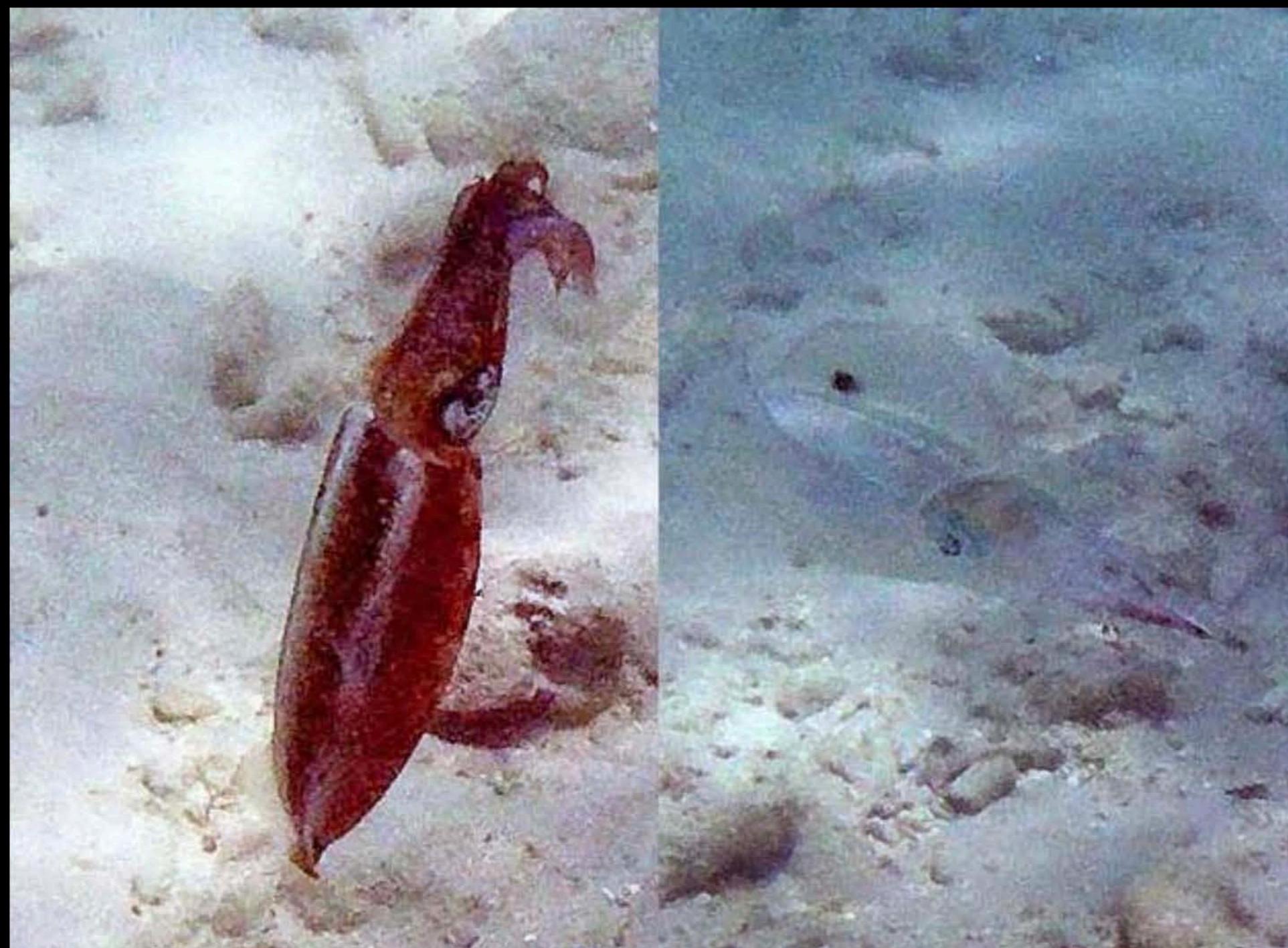
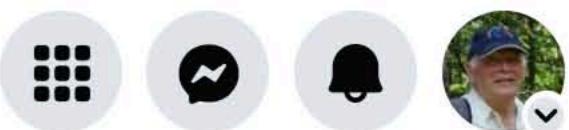


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Mar 28 a fishy day at Vauxhall Reef, Close Up, Before(left) & a second After (right) the squid became aware of our presence. Relaxed and highly visible on the left, next to invisible and on the run on the right. Better than Houdini!

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**James Boyer**

It was amazing to see the squid change colours so dramatically as David's pictures indicate.

A wonderful opportunity to learn about the incredible marine world from **David Graham Patriquin**.

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**Audrey Burton**

That is so amazing Dave ..thanks for sharing..

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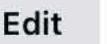
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April1 Final BB outing, 2025, with **James Boyer**. We're announcing our choice for "Best Place to snorkel in Barbados in 2025". Was rainy in pic, but sunny 5 mins later.



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April, 1, our choice for "Best Place to snorkel in Barbados in 2025": The Surfside Breakwater. It's almost always safe to snorkel there, at least on the leeward (shore) side; and you can be guaranteed to see lots and diverse fishes, and some really nice corals. Of the half dozen or so breakwaters in the MPA that I have snorkelled, this one is, by far, the best (most interesting) for snorkelling. It's about 100 meters in length. What makes it so good is not evident; next ...

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April, 1, The Surfside Breakwater A fully healthy Elkhorn Coral, *Acropora palmata*; and a plethora of small fish. There are at least 6 Elkhart colonies, all healthy. I suspect they are all clones from one individual that has some heat resistance.... [See more](#)

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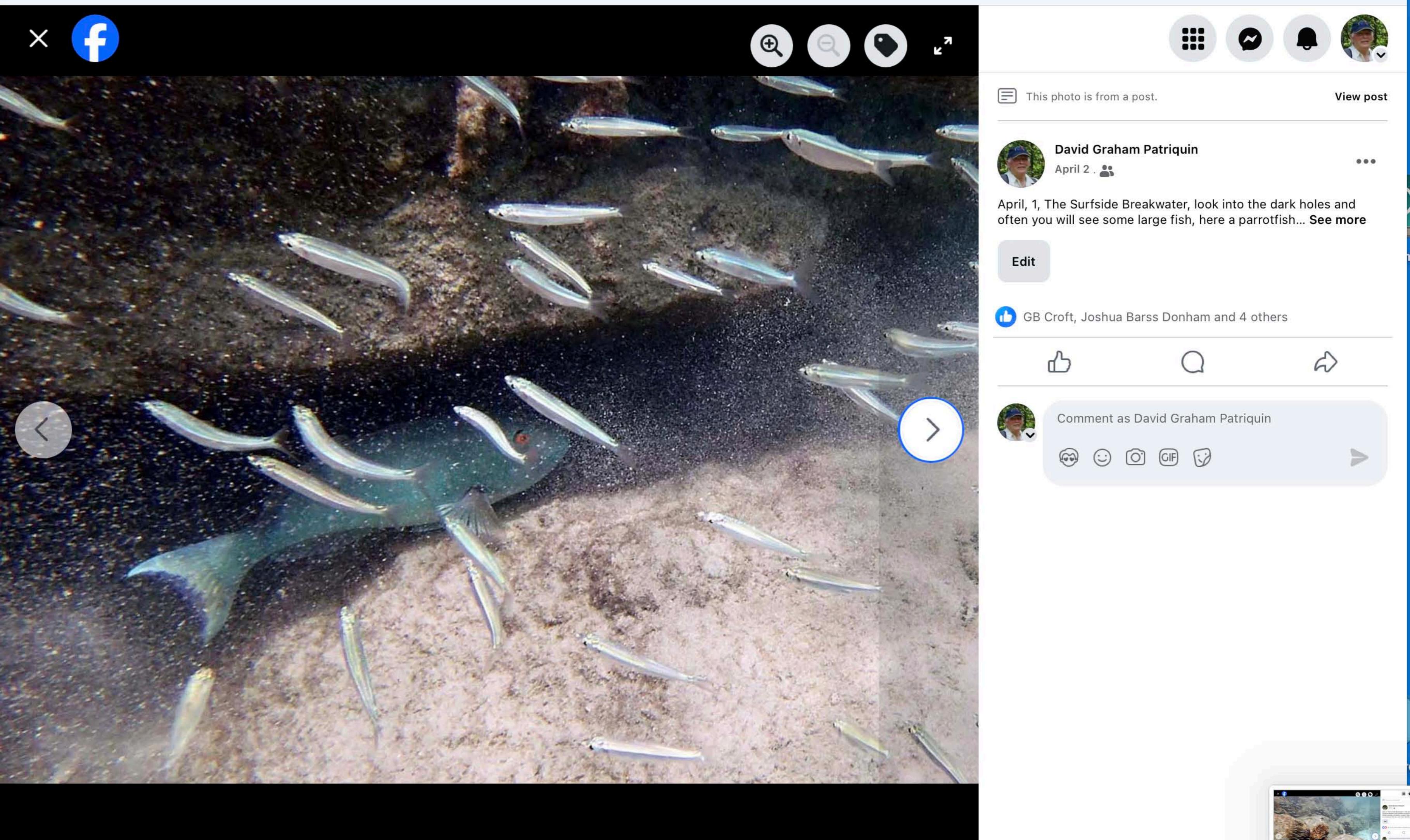


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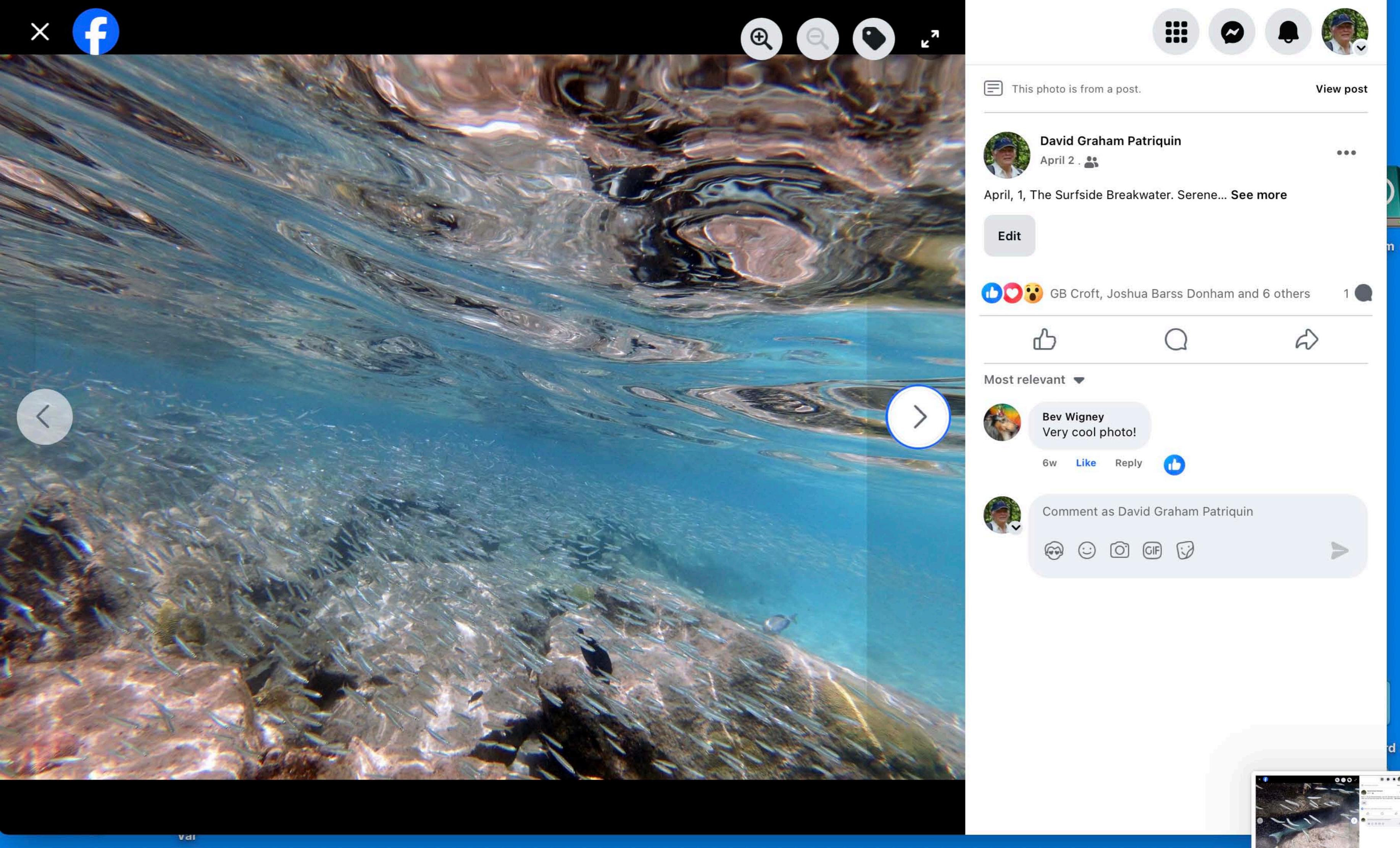


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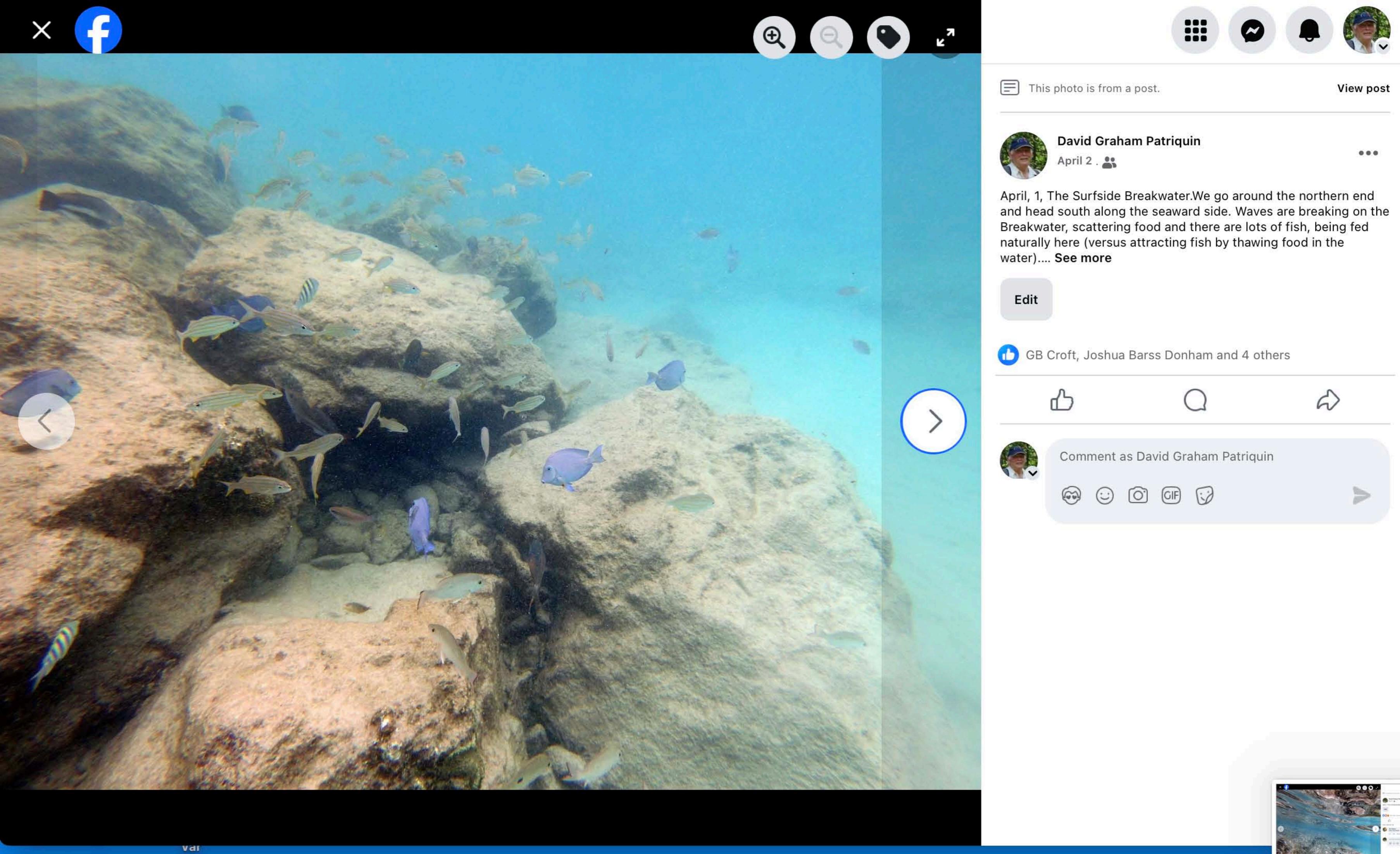
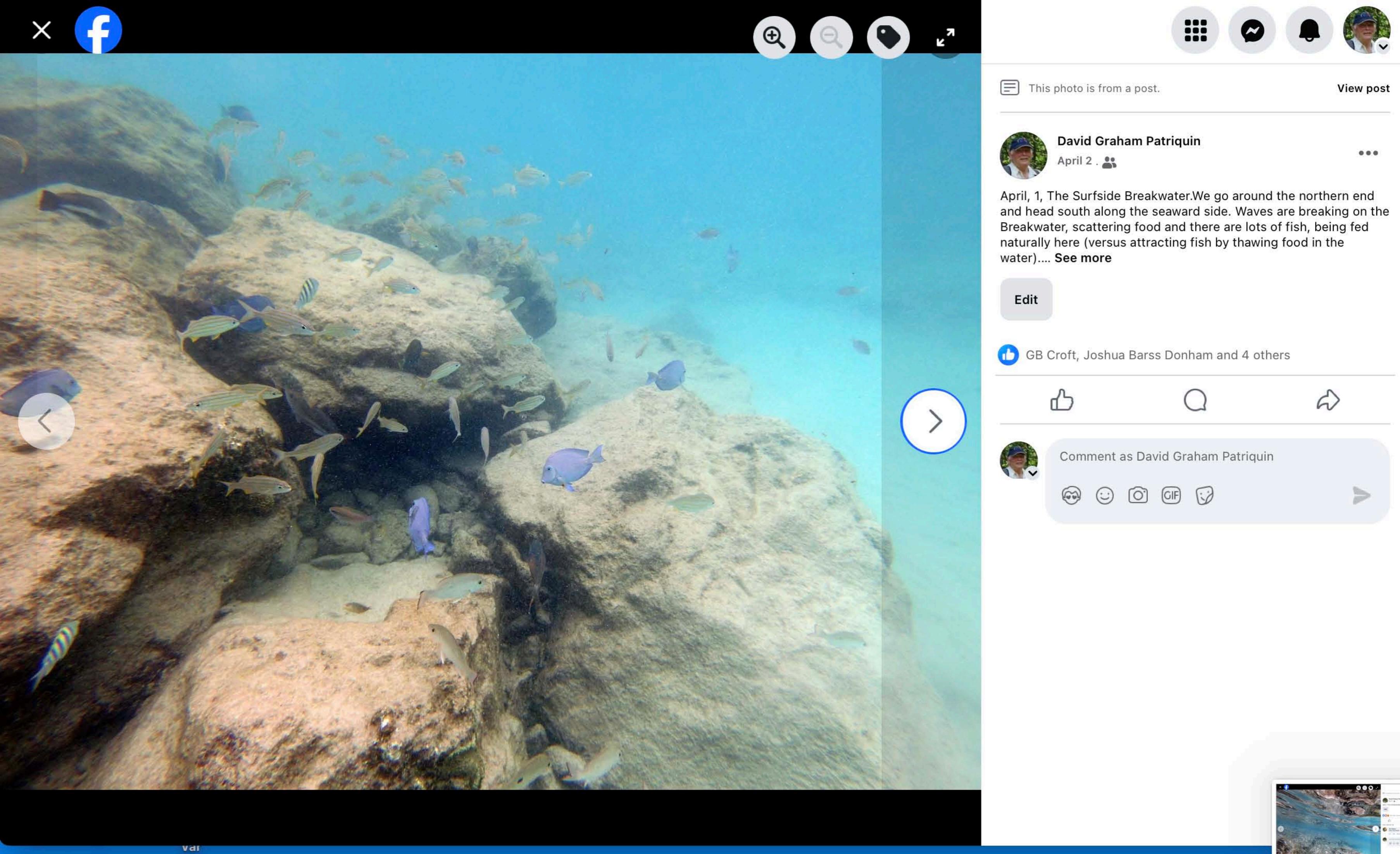
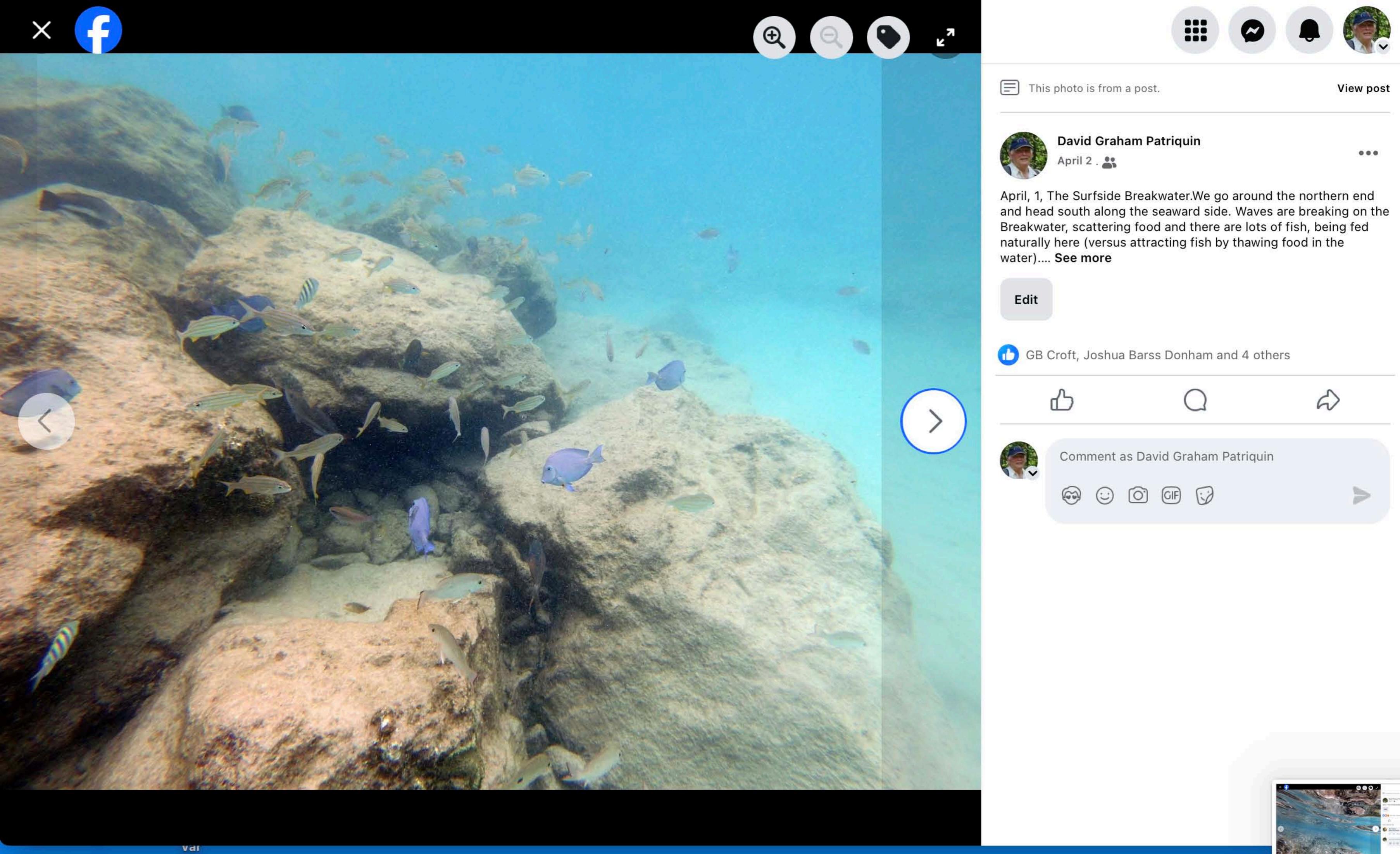


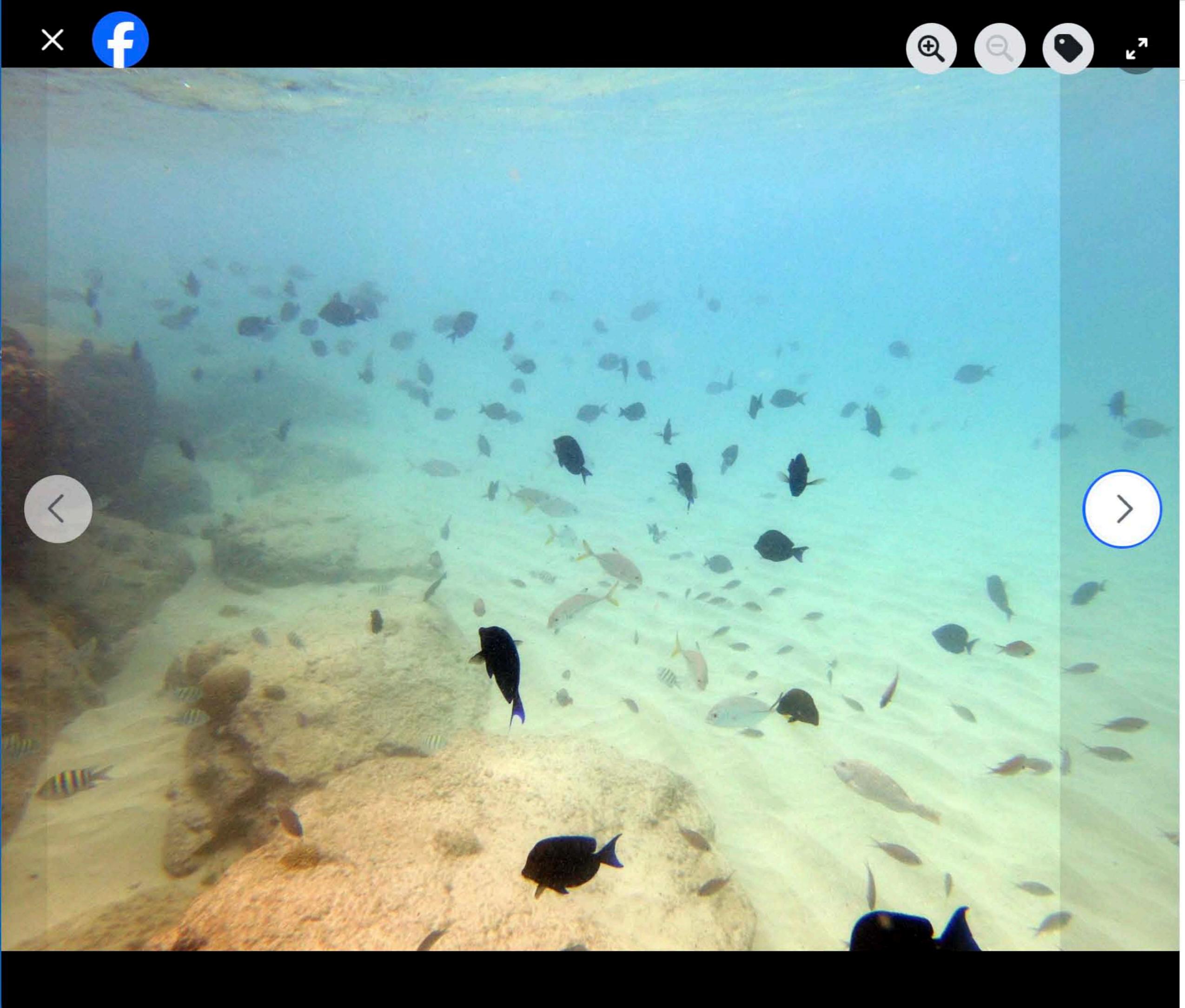
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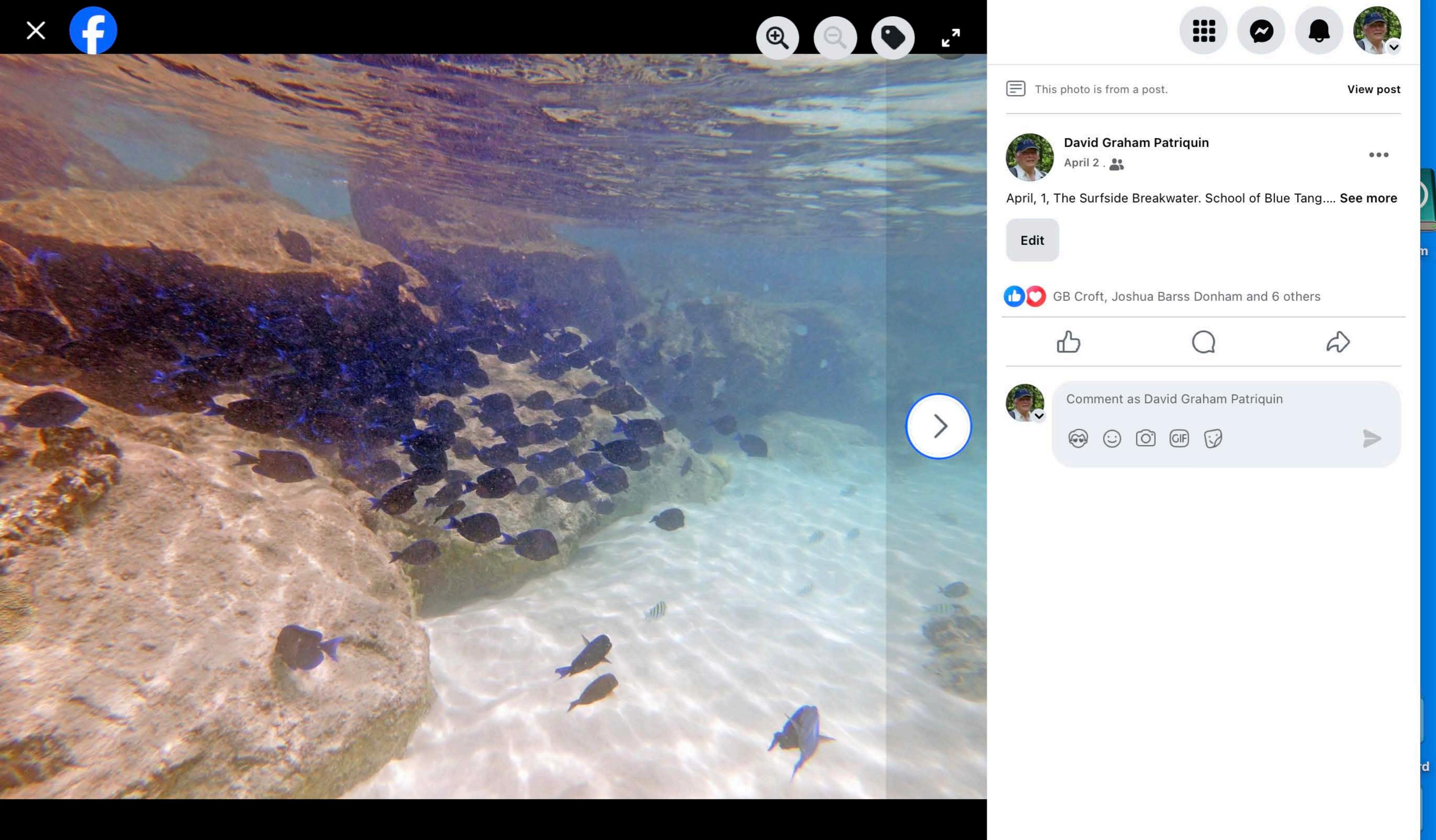
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April, 1, The Surfside Breakwater. A Grouper, I think ' can't ID the species. About 25" long. Stays in dark cavities in the breakwater..

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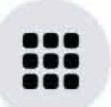
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April, 1, The Surfside Breakwater... finally as we go a bit beyond the south side, a massive Tarpon (circa 6 ft) complete with Remora. Tarpon and stingrays are common visitors in this area, attracted evidently by fish guts discarded by local fishers. Sometime back, a Ramora attempted to attach to **James Boyer!**... [See more](#)

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James Boyer

I was fine as the Ramora approached me until I saw the ring of suction disks on the top of its head! I was back peddling very quickly and waving my arms to keep it from attaching itself.

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