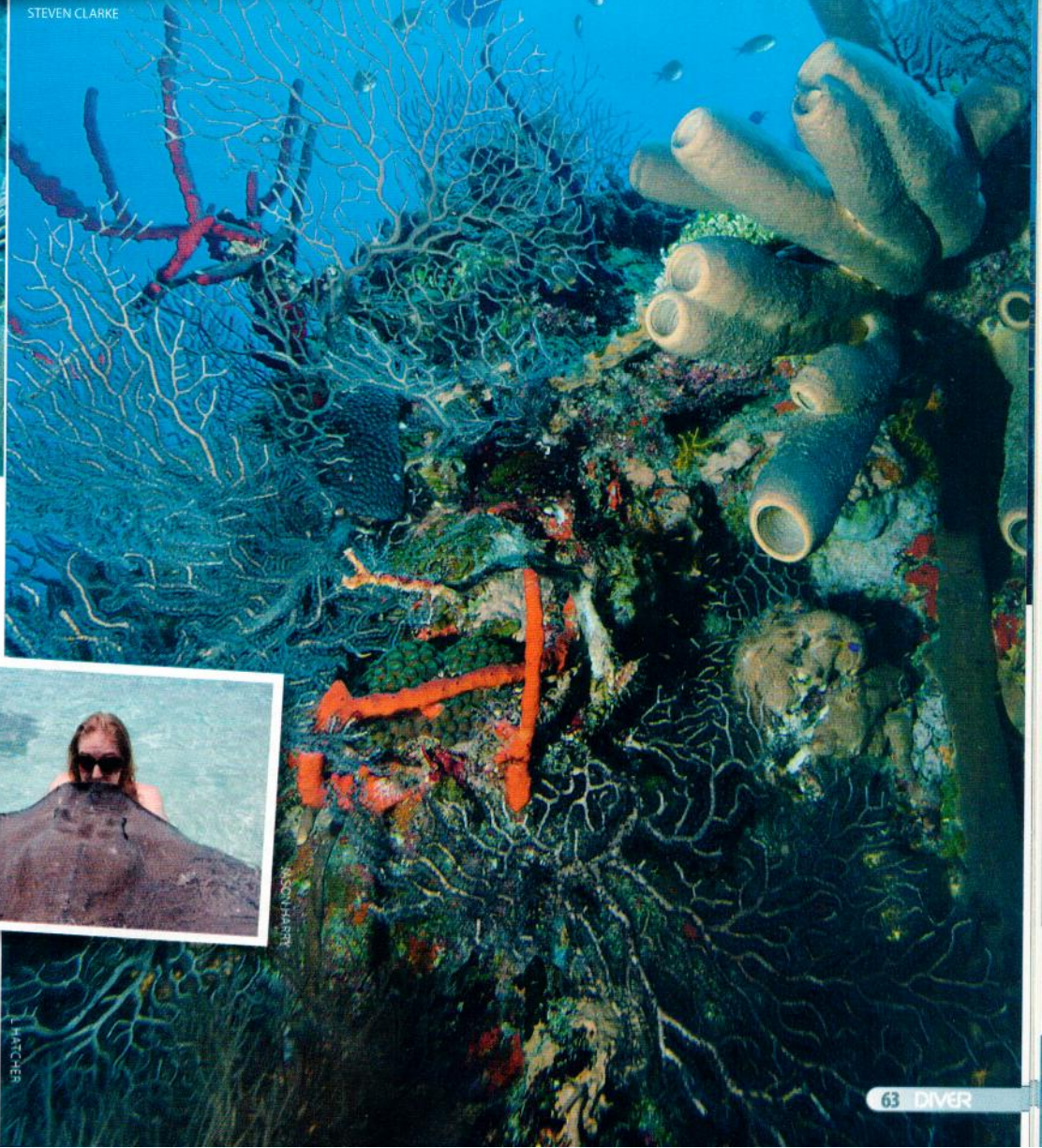


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loves big-animal encounters on a dive, sliding my arms beneath these huge, surprisingly heavy creatures was mildly terrifying.

Not to mention puckering up for a smooch with one.

When the guides pulled out some squid for feeding time, the rays went berserk, like a gang of kids fighting for sweets.

I decided to watch the frenzy from the safety of the boat, away from the risk of being accidentally spiked by one of the multiple barbs.

For the rest of the day we cruised across the impossibly blue Caribbean Sea and, using only our snorkels, saw amazing coral, multitudes

