

VIDEO DESCRIPTION

This video was taken in 2015, several years before the platform was decommissioned.

Diving the HI-A-389A Platform in FGBNMS

0:00-0:18 Looking up, then down the silhouetted support legs of the High Island A-389A platform near East Flower Garden Bank. As the camera pans down, divers' bubbles and sometimes a diver or two, are visible between the legs. Panning all the way down, the support legs disappear into the depths.

0:18-0:25 A Branching Vase Sponge (*Callyspongia vaginalis*) grows amid other encrusting sponges and hydroids on a vertical leg of the platform. Hydroids sway with the water movement.

0:25-0:32 A White Spotted Filefish (*Cantherhines macrocerus*) in its orange phase swims along a horizontal cross beam of the platform. Various other small reef fish swim in and out of view. Divers are visible in the background.

0:32-0:38 A Great Barracuda (*Sphyraena barracuda*) swims ever so slightly with its head into the current. Divers and their bubbles are visible in the background.

0:38-0:44 A group of seven Scrawled Filefish (*Aluterus scriptus*) swim just inside a horizontal beam of the platform. A Sergeant Major (*Abudefduf saxatilis*) swims quickly through the image at one point.

0:44-0:53 Two scuba divers and various support beams of the platform silhouetted against the sun shining through the water from above.