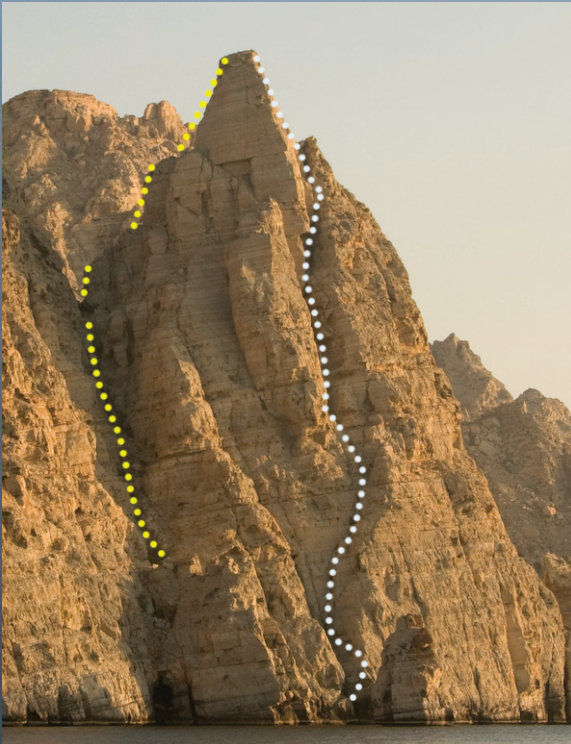


THE PYRAMID, Musandam, Oman



The Pyramid is a ~300m semi-detached tower directly above the Barracuda Stack. The location is described on p134 of *UAE Rock Climbing*. The best approach may be a fast boat from Dibba, with the boat captain instructed to wait in the vicinity of tower for the duration of the climb. The first ascent was made by the following route:

East Gully and Face, 300m, VS

(1) 250m Climb an obvious gully that leads to a notch on the seaward (east) side of the summit block. The gully is mostly scrambling but with enough loose rock and awkward sections to make a rope appropriate. (2) 25m About 10m below the notch, a striking flake crack is visible on the left. Climb this, passing a small overhang, to belay in an alcove above. (3) 25m Climb the loose slab above with great care to the summit. *Aiden Laffey, Toby Foord-Kelcey 12 November 2010 supported by Mike Olver*

There is a summit register hidden under the summit cairn.

Descend by three or more abseils on the inland (west) side of the block to a col between the Pyramid and the cliff behind. Scramble down the gully below this back to the sea.