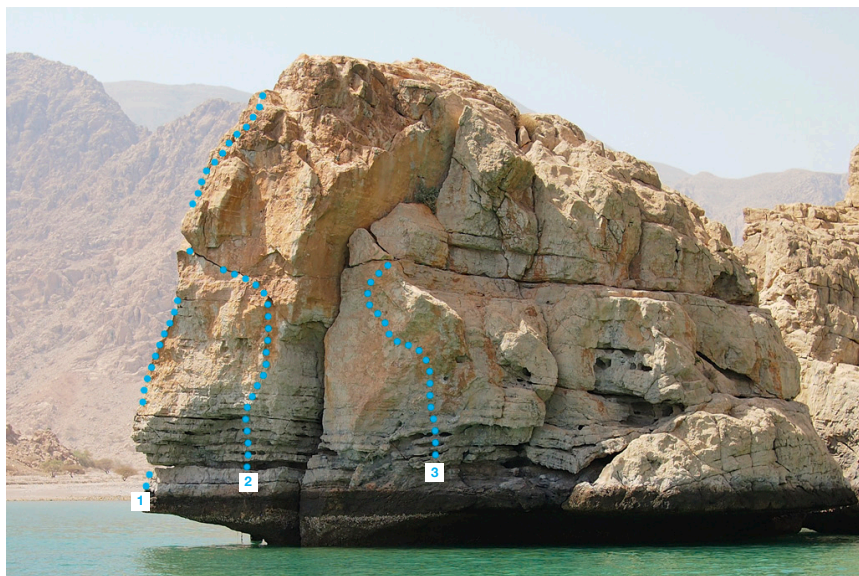


# The Read Stack



Beware the shallow water under the stack!

## 1. The Arete F5

Ultra-classic but not really a safe solo! Don't fall near the top and be careful with the loose-ish block at half-height. Descend by scrambling down the backside of the stack. *Read Macadam, November 2006*

## 2. Mike's Dyno F6b

A few reachy face moves then an exit leftwards to the arete. *Read Macadam (probably), November 2006*

## 3. The Rash F7a

Up to the obvious pocket then make very thin moves around the shallow rib and up to the break. *Theo Giani, May 2012*



The "Before" sector. These routes are about 100m right of the stack.

## 1. Behind Closed Doors F6c

High quality thuggery up the short steep wall. *Dave Watson, May 2012*

## 2. Billion Dollar Man F6c+

Start with difficulty (it's hard to pull off the boat!) by the shallow corner then traverse out to the arete and climb it. Easier at the top. *Toby Foord-Kelcey, May 2012*

## 3. Alan's Flake F5+

The nice flake line with an awkward exit leftwards at the top. *Theo Giani, May 2012*

The pretty red wall right of here is an obvious project. However it is not very steep, so falls may be dangerous.

Not the "Red" Stack! This area was first explored for DWS in November 2006 by a group who also found Gen's Cave on the same weekend. Read Macadam was responsible for most of the climbing, doing about six routes - hence the "Read" Stack - but none were recorded. The area has been rediscovered recently. It's a good venue when the main coast is rough as the bay is very sheltered. There's also a nice beach nearby for people wanting a break from being on a boat all day. The downside of the stack is that the water underneath is shallow, so take care and don't be too ambitious with big jumps or falls. However the routes at the nearby "Before the Stack" sector have safe depth water. There is potential for new routes there too.

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