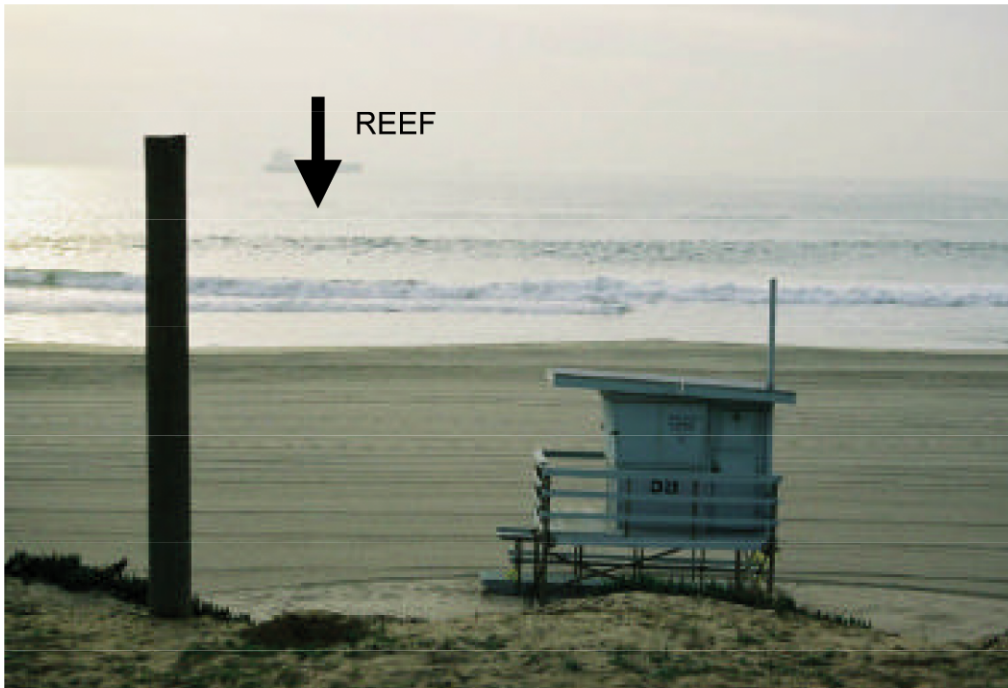


Figure 9: Closeouts directly over the reef
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Photograph by Jose Borrero

Here is a picture of something you cannot see. It needs both text and image to describe. It refers to potential, to uselessness; a faulty sculpture. Something was built on the sea floor in order to alter the form of the waves that pass overhead. In the first season the waves could just feel it if the conditions were just right. A few people surfed them. They surfed out of hopefulness or for novelty. After the next season it was gone. This image was taken after all that, by the official monitor, to indicate that the swell was no longer inflected by the disintegrated hump below. The intentionally shaped waves have passed, what we have now is this image to remember that beautiful folly.