

Sea of Tranquility

8 pitches, 13a

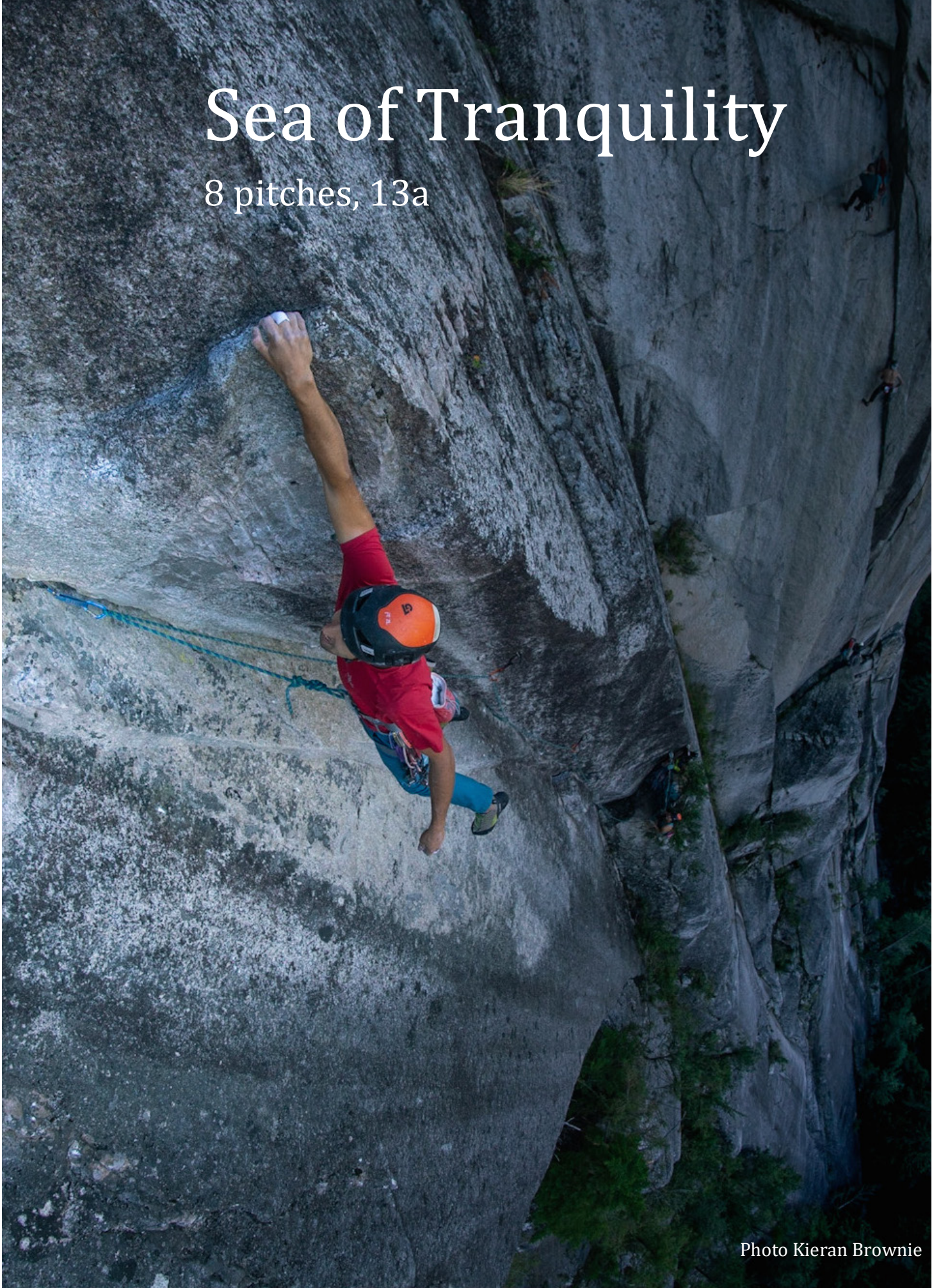


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Rack: Single set to #2, microcams, small wires and ten draws.

A full height route in the Western Dihedrals of the Chief, featuring a soaring two-pitch corner in the middle of the wall. The route is characterized by airy, technical climbing, requiring clean footwork. Slab-haters may avoid the first four pitches via Warriors of the Wasteland to climb "Warriors of Tranquillity".

Pitch 1: **The Approach Pitch** 12c 20m sport.

Low angle slab that feels almost like an apron pitch...

Pitches 2-4 The Seas of Serenity

Pitch 2: 11d, 25m (sport)

Pitch 3: 12d, 25m (sport)

Thin, balancy, insecure, tenuous, slippery dyke climbing at its finest. Probably the crux for most people.

Pitch 4: 12b, 45m (gear to #.75)

Traverse leftward into a baffling offset seam. Cruise up the splitter crack and arête above. Significantly easier than pitches 1 and 3.

Pitch 5: **The Free of Tranquility** 13a, 40m (single rack to #2)

From the Tree of Tranquility climb the endless enduro tips corner past multiple cruxes and a no-feet rest. An awesome pitch.

Pitch 6: **The Ocean of Crisis** 12d, 40m (small nuts and cams to #.75)

Clip a bolt then rage up the corner placing small gear until it is possible to wildly traverse left to the exposed arête. From here one last heartbreaker crux guards the easier blocky scramble to the chains.

Pitch 7: **Sports Illustrated** 11d, 30m (sport)

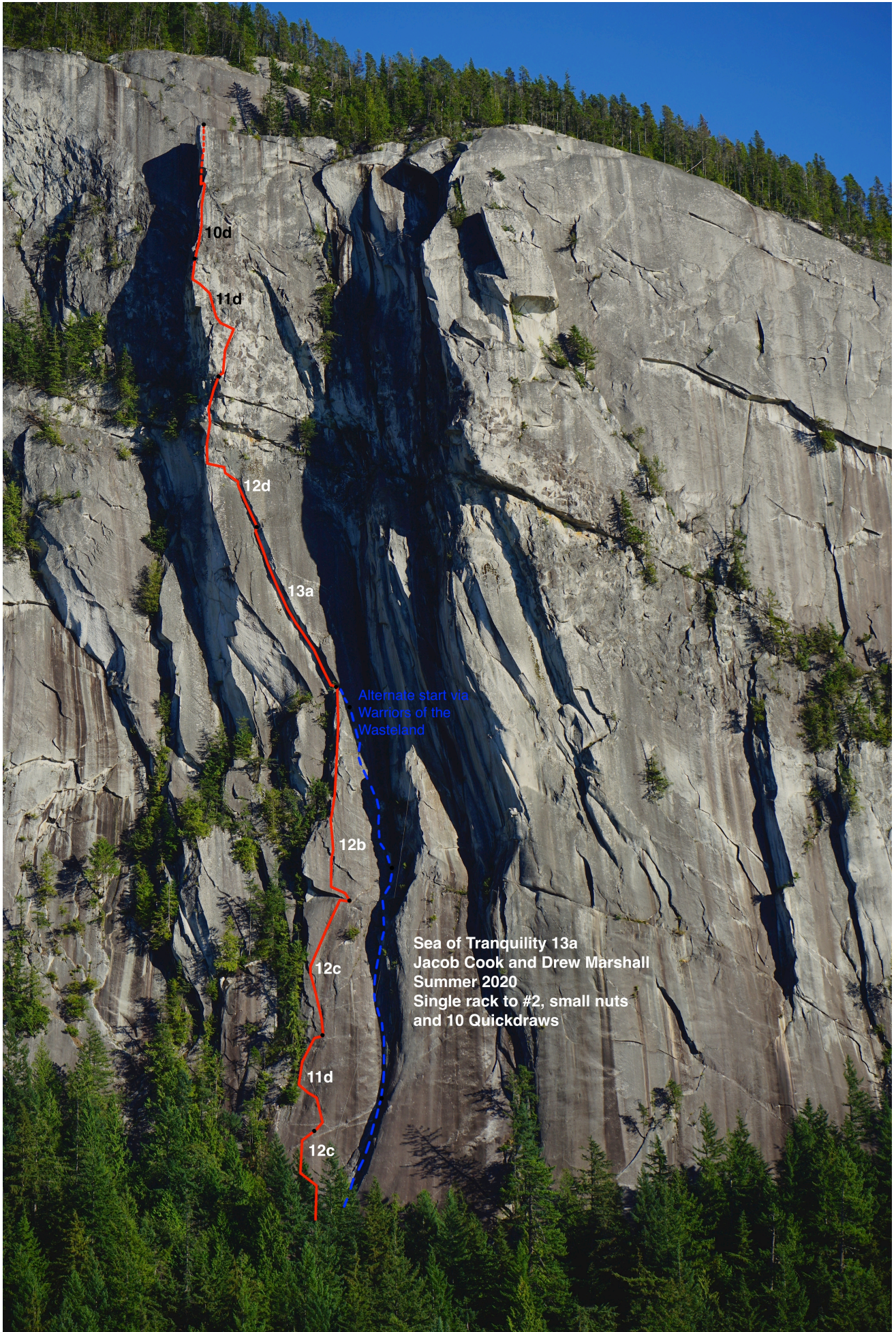
Excellent techy face climbing through the blobs.

Pitch 8: 10d, 30m (single rack)

Continue up the arête then traverse left into Clean Corner, be wary of some loose chockstones in the chimney. Or, go straight up the incredible unclimbed 5.14(?) fridge-hugging prow, bring some bolts for this variation.

Descent: Rappel from anywhere on the route with an 80m rope and some shenanigans, or walk off.

History: In 1990 Perry Beckham and Bill Noble rappelled in and established *Sports Illustrated*, as a wild hanging single pitch. The corner was first aid-climbed by Matt Maddaloni around 2000. Then around 2015 Luke Neufeld and friends put considerable effort toward freeing the line, cleaning and bolting the first 5 pitches. During this time Luke also successfully lead pitch 4.



10d

11d

12d

13a

Alternate start via
Warriors of the
Wasteland

12b

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Summer 2020
Single rack to #2, small nuts
and 10 Quickdraws

12c

11d

12c



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