


Second Woman Quickly Follows First to Ocean's Nadir

The mountaineer Vanessa O'Brien dove to the Challenger Deep, seven miles below the surface of the sea.

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The submersible *Limiting Factor*, a two-person craft piloted by Victor Vescovo, after a dive to the deepest known point of the Mariana Trench in the Pacific last year. Tamara Stubbs/Atlantic Productions for Discovery Channel, via Associated Press