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# *tideline* aquatics Newsletter

## **CHRISTMAS AQUARIUM GIVE-A-WAY TIME!!**

From now until Christmas Eve, every visit to Tideline Aquatics you can register to win our annual Christmas Aquarium Give-a-way Package. This year we are offering a 90 gallon drilled aquarium complete with filtration components, heater, thermometer, glass tops, lighting, water conditioner and a beautiful Modern AGA Cabinet and Canopy. Remember that every time you visit the store you can register. There is no purchase necessary. The drawing will be held Christmas Eve so be near the phone around 5:00pm!!

## **Gift Certificates at Tideline**

Tell your friends and family to give you a Tideline Aquatics Gift Certificate this Christmas. We can take care of the transaction over the phone if they are unable to come into the store and then mail the certificate directly to the recipient. Gift certificates are available in any amount you choose.

## **Rainbowfish in the Aquarium**

If you are looking for a colorful fish for your freshwater aquarium, perhaps you should consider some of the beautiful species of rainbowfish. Whether you have a small aquarium, large aquarium, small community fish or large community fish, there is likely a species of rainbowfish that will brighten up your tank. There are

species of rainbowfish found in Australia, New Guinea, Sulawesi Island and even Madagascar. Size varies from 2" adult fish to 6" adult fish depending on the variety of rainbowfish. Water quality needs also vary with rainbowfish with some varieties preferring soft slightly acidic water while others need harder water with a small amount of aquarium salt added. Nearly every species of rainbowfish is hardy and best kept in groups of two or more.



TRIFASCIATA RAINBOWFISH – GOYDER RIVER



TURQUOISE RAINBOWFISH (MEL. LACUSTRIS)

Larger rainbowfish species like Bosemani, Turquoise and Trifasciatus are

excellent tankmates with fish like silver dollars, gouramis, larger angelfish, larger growing tetras, mild mannered barbs, Geophagus species and even swordtails. They will all accept a variety of foods but the best color shows when the diet consists of a balanced flake food, frozen enhanced brine shrimp, frozen or freeze dried bloodworms and even dried chopped krill. Rainbowfish also color up best in an aquarium with natural surroundings like plants, driftwood, etc.



MIXED RAINBOWFISH WITH LIVE PLANTS

If your aquarium houses smaller fish, there are some incredible dwarf species of rainbowfish. One of our favorites is the threadfin rainbow. This tiny rainbowfish only reaches about 2.5” in length. The male displays a beautiful forked red tail with an elongated dorsal (top) fin that he spreads up and down to show off for the girls! Another smaller rainbow is the praecox rainbowfish. The male and female are blue in body color but the male has magnificent red fins while the females are a light yellow color. Either of these fish does well with tankmates like neon tetras, cardinal tetras, rummynose tetras, harlequin rasboras, discus and even dwarf gouramis. Both of these rainbowfish will thrive on flake foods but again, for best color, provide a mixture of freeze dried and frozen foods like brine shrimp,

bloodworms and mysis shrimp to really enhance their natural colors.



THE THREADFIN OR FEATHERFIN RAINBOWFISH

We stock all of the rainbowfish mentioned in our newsletter though we may not have all of them in stock all the time. If you are interested in adding a species we do not have in stock, just ask us to place you on our ‘will call’ list. As soon as the fish you are looking for is available, we will give you a call and let you know they have arrived! One more note about rainbowfish; most are less colorful as juveniles. This means that the fish may not be in full color when small but as it grows in your aquarium, the intense adult color patterns begin to develop. The transition from juvenile to adult is well worth the wait on this hardy group of fish we call rainbows!



AN ADULT MALE BOSEMANNI RAINBOWFISH

# Chilly Pond Fish



PHOTO BY MARK CARR

Well the weather is finally in cool down mode outside and your fish are going from happy and playful to down right miserable looking in the cold water. Do not worry about them as they are in a state of low metabolism that is completely natural for them in winter. There is no longer any need to feed them as they are burning little energy when the water temperature plummets. The only jobs you should be concerned with on your pond are removing dead/dying plant material, keeping the filters rinsed out, removing fallen leaves from the water and protecting your fish from predatory birds. Now that the plants in your pond have been killed by the cold and algae growth begins to die off, your fish are especially vulnerable to evil birds of prey like the blue heron and the egrets. You can cover the pond with netting, build some simple fencing around the pond or float a material like Styrofoam sheeting on the surface so the fish can seek refuge if/when a bird arrives. This is the prime season for bird attacks on pond fish so do not forget to protect them while they are hibernating for winter.

## **Pond Tour 2007**

### **- How 'bout your pond?**

Do you or your neighbor have a garden pond in their yard? The Charleston Showa Koi Club is already getting things together for Pond Tour 2007 and they are looking for new ponds to add to the tour. If you, a friend or neighbor has a garden pond and may be interested in including it in the pond tour, please contact me (Chris) at Tideline Aquatics. You can reach me by phone at (843) 744-8551 and by email at: [chris@tidelineaquatics.net](mailto:chris@tidelineaquatics.net)

Do not be shy, we will come out and view your pond to see if it meets the requirements of the pond tour. It is a big event that will cost you nothing but your time the day of the tour. A portion of every pond tour ticket sale goes to the John Ancrum SPCA.

## **What's New This Week**

### **FEEDERS: (NOW IN STOCK)**

Live Black Worms, Crayfish, Rosey Reds, Guppies, Fiddler Crabs.

### **FRESHWATER FISH (NOW IN STOCK):**

New Red Koi Angelfish (awesome color), XL Pearl Gouramis, Medium Silver Arowanas, Large Silver Arowanas, Nice Black Phantom Tetras, Rummynose Tetras, Freshwater Flounders, Baby Bumble Bee Gobies, Small Assorted Angelfish, Large Assorted Angelfish, 24K Gold Mollies, Large Florida Bred Neon Tetras, Velvet Wag Swordtails, Assorted Platies, Male Bettas, Blue Gouramis, Dwarf Red Flame Gouramis, Giant Danios, Denisonii Roseline Sharks (Nice Size), Green Tiger Barbs (Big), German Blue Rams, Otocinclus Algae Eaters, Siamensis Flying Fox Sharks, Albino Cory Catfish, Clown Loaches, Chinese Sailfin Sharks, Lemon Tetras, Red Phantom Tetras, White Cloud Mountain Minnows, Red Rosey Tetras, Sri Lanka Fancy Guppy Pairs, Red Oscars, Halfbeaks, Botia Dario, Jumbo Clown Loaches, XL Assorted Fancy African Cichlids (peacocks,

haplochromis), Elipsifer Eels, Tiretrack Eels, African Ropefish, African Giraffe Catfish and much more.

### **SALTWATER FISH (EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON):**

Lemon Citron Gobies (Fiji), Flame Hawkfish (Fiji), Sixline Wrasses (Fiji), Red Male Lyretail Anthias (Fiji), Barnacle Blennies (S. America), Bicolor Blennies (Indian Ocean), Algae Blennies (Indian Ocean), True Black and White Ocellaris Clownfish (Aqua Cultured), True Percula Clownfish (Indian Ocean), Spotted Mandarin Dragonette (Indian Ocean), Red Mandarin Dragonette (Indonesia), Orange Striped Randall Goby (Indian Ocean), Red Scooter Blennies (Sri Lanka), Neon Eviota Gobies (Cebu), Priolepsis Gobies (Eastern Pacific), Hifin Candy Cane Gobies (Indian Ocean), Trimma Gobies (Cebu), Diamond Sifter Gobies (Indian Ocean), Tiger Wardi Gobies (Sri Lanka), Golden Pilot Jacks (Indian Ocean), Blue Dot Pufferfish (Fiji), Powder Blue Tangs (Indian Ocean), Blue Regal Tangs (Indian Ocean), Humu Triggerfish (Indian Ocean), Green Bird Wrasse (Indian Ocean), Lunare Wrasses (Indian Ocean).

### **SALTWATER INVERTEBRATES (EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON):**

Fiji Yellow Leather Corals, Fiji Premium Live Rock (125lbs), Fancy Color Bubble Anemones, Green Ridge Hammer Corals, Red Lobophyllia Corals, Green Fox Corals, Yellow Porites Corals, Bicolor Scolymia Corals, Bumble Bee Shrimp, Sexy Shrimp, Basket Starfish, Red Fromia Reef Starfish.

We still have a large selection of corals, snails, shrimp, crabs and mushroom rocks from last week!

## **The Hifin Candy Cane Goby**



STONOGOBIOPS GOBY OR CANDY CANE GOBY

What's cool for your nano reef aquarium this week at Tideline Aquatics? How about adding one of the peaceful Hifin Candy Cane Gobies to your tank. This peaceful little guy does not bother other reef fish but it will stand up to anyone trying to move into its' bungalow. Accepting all types of prepared foods, you need to know this long-lived goby is hardy and disease resistant. This is just one of the offerings this week on the Tideline Aquatics coupons available on the web at: [www.tidelineaquatics.net](http://www.tidelineaquatics.net)

### **Website Changes Begin This Week**

Start checking out the website this week, changes should begin Thursday or Friday of this week. It will be interesting to see if 'the other store' redesigns their site to look just like our new one since they certainly copied out last web design (but I am not bitter). Just kidding (or am I)!