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tideline *aquatics* **Holiday** Newsletter

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

LAST WEEK FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!

You have only a short time left before we draw a winner for our Christmas Aquarium Package Give-a-way!! We will be drawing the winner on Sunday, December 24th at 4:45pm. By signing up, you are eligible for winning the 90 Gallon Modern Series Complete Aquarium Package. No purchase necessary!



Distinctive, solid hardware, characteristic of the Mission style completes the overall design.

Holiday Store Hours

If you do not know already, we are now open every Sunday! This is our holiday store schedule:

Sunday, December 24th – 1pm-5pm

Monday, December 25th – Closed

Sunday, December 31st – 1pm-5pm

Monday, January 1st – Closed

Our new Sunday hours are permanent!
We will be here for you 7 days a week!

This Week's Newsletter

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Holiday, there will be no newsletter next week. You will receive a new newsletter on Wednesday, January 3rd. Our posted website coupons will also be good until Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Happy Holidays to you and your family. We want to thank all of you for your continued support of Tideline Aquatics. As always, we strive to improve our store year after year! We could not do it without your patronage.

New at Tideline Aquatics



Carib Sea's Look Alive Reef Rocks: This rock is actual pieces of coral rock that has been highlighted with color to simulate real live rock. This rock can be used in a 'fish only' aquarium or in a reef aquarium. This rock is also quite porous offering surface area for the growth of beneficial bacteria to maintain proper water quality. In the reef aquarium, real coralline algae will grow over this painted coral rock with time. This rock is also excellent as base rock. With the beautiful

purple, pink and green color, your reef will appear to be fully encrusted with coraline algae instantly! This rock is not chemically treated and requires only minor rinsing before placing it in the aquarium. At only \$2.00 per pound, it is darn cost effective as well compared with real live rock.

Fish of the Week



PYGMY HALFBEAK (DERMOGENYS PUSILLUS)

NEW LIFE SPECTRUM GUARANTEES THEIR FOOD!

New Life Spectrum Foods

After numerous requests from our customers, Tideline Aquatics is now carrying New Life Spectrum Foods. This food has in incredible reputation for brightening the colors of your fish and increasing their vitality or they will refund your money! We now have this food in stock. You can also enjoy a real savings on this food by going on our website and printing off the 25% off coupon. We have been using it in the store all this past week and the fish do seem to really love it. Give it a try while it is on special.

LOCAL CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

Have a reef aquarium? Check out our local reef club at: www.charlestonreefers.org

Love water gardens and koi? Visit the Charleston Showa Koi Club website at: www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org

We've talked about adding something unusual to your freshwater aquarium but too many people have overlooked the Pygmy Halfbeak (*Dermogenys pusillus*). Now this is NOT a colorful fish but it certainly is one that warrants some attention. Halfbeaks are peaceful toward tank mates though they do get a little rowdy on one another even though it seldom leads to any damage. These fish are livebearers like swordtails, guppies, platies and mollies though getting a male can be difficult as most are born female. Newly born halfbeaks are, well, beakless! The interesting beak-like mouth develops as the fry mature. These fish are surface dwellers that feed on just about any type of food that hits the waters surface. Though flake foods will sustain them, if you want to breed them it is suggested that you beef up their diet with food choices like frozen or freeze dried brine shrimp, bloodworms and trout worms. Reaching only about 2" in length, this will surely become one of your favorite fish, as they seem to become quite tame once they become established in the aquarium. The only drawback to this fish is it can be a jumper requiring your aquarium to be well covered to prevent their escape to the

carpeting below! Halfbeaks can adapt to all types of water parameters accepting pH levels from 6.5 – 8.0 and even thriving in brackish water! Oh! Did I mention these fish are even cheap?!!! Give them a try if you have a community freshwater aquarium.



Pond Tour 2007

Wanted: Local Garden Ponds and Koi Ponds

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 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.

Caution: Dead Fish Zone

MARINE FISH TO AVOID

We have covered this before but over 50 new members have been added to the newsletter in the last week so it is worth revisiting this subject. There are many beautiful marine fish that perform well in captivity but unfortunately there are also regularly imported species that seldom live more than several weeks in the aquarium. Unless you are knowingly taking the risk, do not purchase the following fish as it only encourages the collection of more fish that will just perish. Here are some of the most commonly seen species that are offered that almost ALWAYS die in captivity:

Spotted Sweetlips (Plectorhinchus chaetodonoides) – Feeds poorly and starves to death usually within 2-4 weeks.



Orange Spotted Filefish (Oxymonacanthus longirostris) – Feeds on coral polyps in the wild and starves within weeks of being captured.



Rock Beauty Angelfish (*Holocanthus tricolor*) – Eats well at first but due to their specialized diet consisting of sponges, the fish suddenly stops eating after about a month and dies. Frozen foods with sponge included have yet to make this fish survive in captivity for long.



Ribbon Eels (*Rhinomuraena quaesita*) – A tempting purchase due to the vibrant colors, ribbon eels nearly always reject food in captivity and starve to death within a month or two.



Copper Banded Butterflyfish (*Chelmon rostratus*) – A specialized feeder, the copper banded butterfly RARELY lives for more than a month in captivity before starving to death.



There are many other species of marine fish that are collected that simply do not thrive in

captivity. Visit our livestock section on our website for descriptions of other fish that do poorly in the aquarium. Do your homework if you are dealing with a species you are unfamiliar with before making a purchase. It will save you money and perhaps prevent the fish from being collected in the future.

What's New This Week

FEEDERS: (NOW IN STOCK)

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

FRESHWATER FISH (EXPECTED WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27):

Banded Leporinus Fasciatus, Mellon Head Pimedello Catfish, XL High Fin Melanistius Catfish, Medium Silver Dollars, XL Silver Dollars, XL Red Hook Silver Dollars, Chinese Highfin Loaches, XL Gold Green Corydoras Catfish, Farawella Twig Catfish, Corydoras Concolor Catfish (Rare), Rummynose Tetras, Jumbo Wild Collected Cardinal Tetras, XL Diamond Tetras, Silver Hatchetfish, Diptail Pencilfish, Harrisoni Pencilfish, Albino Angelfish, Mixed Veil Angelfish, Hypostomus Plecostomus, Snowball Plecostomus, Gold Nugget Plecostomus, XL Bushynose Plecostomus, Atabapo Butterfly Plecostomus, XXL Royal Plecostomus, Assorted Platies, Male Fancy Guppies, Pearl Gouramis, Tiger Barbs, Mixed Balloon Mollies, XL Jullii Corydoras Catfish, Corydoras astropersonatus Catfish (Rare), Corydoras adolphi Catfish (Nice!), Paratilapia polleni (Cool!), XL Longfin German Blue Rams, Assorted Oscars.

FANCY CHINESE GOLDFISH (EXPECTED WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27):

XL Black Dragon Eye Goldfish, Mixed Medium Chinese Goldfish, Mixed XL Chinese Goldfish.

LIVE AQUATIC AQUARIUM PLANTS (NOW IN STOCK):

Limnophyllia aromatica Bunches, Bacopa carolinia Bunches, Purple Cabomba Bunches, Didiplis diandre Bunches, Wisteria (Hygrophyllia difformis) Bunches, Anacharis naja (the only legal anacharis), Red Foxtail Bunches, Rotala

wallichii Bunches, Broad Leaf Red Ludwigia Bunches, Rotala indica Bunches, Aponogeton boivinianus Bulbs, Aponogeton ulvaceous Bulbs, Small Amazon Swords, M/L Marbled Ozelot Swords, Cryptocoryne Red wendtii Clumps, Moss Balls, Dwarf Lily Bulbs, Italian Vallesneria, Wide Leaf Sagittaria, Micro Sword Clumps, Crinum Onion Bulbs, Anubius barteri on Driftwood, Anubius hastifolia on Driftwood.

SALTWATER FISH (EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27):

XL Blue Regal Tangs (Indian Ocean), Black Percula Clownfish (Indian Ocean), Queen Angelfish (Caribbean), French Angelfish (Caribbean), Ocellaris Clownfish (Philippine), Assorted Damselfish (Indian Ocean), Pajama Cardinalfish (Indian Ocean), Harlequin Tuskfish (Indian Ocean), Clown Triggerfish (Indian Ocean), Firefish Gobies (Indian Ocean), Porcupine Pufferfish (Caribbean).

SALTWATER INVERTEBRATES (EXPECTED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27):

Blue Leg Reef Hermits (Caribbean), Atlantic Turbin Snails, Green Emerald Crabs (Caribbean), Sally Lite Foot Crabs (Caribbean), Blue and Purple Crocea Clams (3"-4").

Website Changes Have Begun!!!!

A new look, fresh information, a question and answer forum, new photos – it is all in the making and changes are occurring almost daily. Our new website team seems to be working out very well so be sure and check the website regularly for new updates.

Interested in a website for yourself or your business? Give our new webmasters a chance! Here is their information:

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