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# *tideline* aquatics Newsletter

## **AND THE WINNER IS!!!**

Congratulations to Justin Vaughn of Walterboro! Justin registered only two times during the drawing. He and his family were extremely excited when we called him to give him the good news on Christmas Eve. Thank you to Justin and everyone else that registered for the Christmas Aquarium Give-a-way.



A VERY HAPPY WINNER – JUSTIN VAUGHN

## **Tideline Aquatics Store Hours**

Monday – Friday 11am-7pm  
Saturday 10am-6pm  
Sundays 1pm-5pm

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

## **Delta Airlines Gets You There – SOMETIMES!**

For the second time in months, Delta Airlines failed in getting our shipment of live animals connected through their main

hub, Atlanta. If you came by the store last week to see the new fish, you likely heard about the terrible disaster. Our supplier packed our fish for shipping and delivered them to the Fort Lauderdale Airport around 12:55pm on December 26<sup>th</sup>. The shipment arrived in Atlanta on time without delay. Well, this is where the trouble always happens. Someone placed the fish on a cart and then just left them somewhere. The shipment remained “lost” in the Atlanta Cargo Facility for two full nights with temperature below freezing. When they finally found the shipment around 8:30am on December 28<sup>th</sup>, the cargo staff in Atlanta booked them on a flight to arrive into Charleston at 11:30pm for live animals that were already in trouble. We (Tideline), the shipper and our local Delta Cargo Staff (always excellent and helpful) phoned into Atlanta to get the fish on an earlier flight. Finally the shipment arrived around 3:00pm on December 28<sup>th</sup> (52 hours to get from Fort Lauderdale to Charleston). Opening the sealed 32 boxes (packed with heat packs) at the Charleston Air Cargo facility, our worst fears had come true. All of the fish were dead, frozen to death due to the negligence of the Atlanta Cargo Staff. This was \$2,300.00 worth of live animals left to die because of the poor service provided by Delta’s Atlanta Cargo Staff. Does it bother you as much as it upset us?

Write them a letter at:

Customer Care – Cargo Claims  
Delta  
PO Box 20559  
Atlanta GA 30320-2559

OR CALL THEM:

(888) 875-0732

Live animals, whether they are fish or poodles, deserve better treatment during shipping. Remember that these fish have arrived alive to the USA from all over the world – only to be left to die in an airport cargo facility. By the way, Delta stilled charged us for the shipping cost of these animals - \$411.06. Thanks Delta Airlines.

### **LOCAL CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS**

Have a reef aquarium? Check out our local reef club at: [www.charlestonreefers.org](http://www.charlestonreefers.org)

Love water gardens and koi? Visit the Charleston Showa Koi Club website at: [www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org](http://www.charlestonshowakoiclub.org)

## Fish of the Week



PURPLE FIREFISH (NEMATELEOTRIS DECORA)

Would you like a beautiful fish to add to your peaceful aquarium that is safe for both a 'fish only' tank as well as a reef tank? The Purple Firefish (Nemateleotris

decora) may be the answer! Purple firefish are hardy, colorful and peaceful. Though shy when first introduced, within days you will see your purple beauty swimming about the tank and eating. Purple Firefish will accept nearly all prepared foods, frozen brine shrimp, frozen mysis shrimp and even finely chopped sea foods. The only aggression we have ever experienced with this fish is if one wants to try to keep two in the same aquarium. For most, it is best to keep one per aquarium unless you are lucky enough to find a pair of Purple Firefish! The only drawback we can think of to keeping this firefish is if your aquarium is not covered. As with many marine fish, Purple Firefish can jump, especially if spooked. We are offering this disease resistant beauty on our website coupons this week. Do not miss out as this is usually about a \$40.00 addition, but right now you can own one for half that price – just print off the coupon at: [www.tidelineaquatics.net](http://www.tidelineaquatics.net)



### **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](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.

## **The Worms Crawl In – The Worms Crawl Out....!!!**

### **Keeping Caecilian's in the Aquarium**

One of the strangest creatures you can add to an aquarium has to be the Caecilian Worm (**Typhlonectes natans**). This elongated, segmented black and slimy creature certainly looks as though it just came out of the latest horror flick but in reality, they are not too tough.



Photo: A. T. Willis  
CAECILIAN WORMS (TYPHLONECTES NATANS)

Though they may eat a small tetra or guppy (if they are lucky enough to catch it), Caecilian worms do well in a community aquarium of medium sized peaceful fish. These creatures love to ball up in dark areas of the tank only to venture out during feeding time or when

the aquarium lights are turned off. What is interesting about these 'worms' (actually amphibians) is that they are livebearers (they have live babies instead of laying eggs). About 1 year after breeding, the female Caecilian will give birth to three to five baby worms. There is no parental care from this point and she (and other Caecilians) may eat their young if they are not separated. As they grow, both adults and babies regularly shed their skin, which looks like a slimy film peeling away from the body of the worm. Many times the worms will consume the shed skin! Male Caecilian worms have a flat 'pad' on the end of the tail while the female is fuller bodied with a more smooth and rounded tail. Caecilian worms will eat a variety of foods such as krill, shrimp, sinking pellets and even earthworms! Even though they appear to be soft and mushy, within the mouth are tiny sharp teeth that allow them to hold on tightly to any food item of which is swallowed whole. Caecilian worms are extremely hardy BUT they are sensitive to medications that use dye products (like methylene blue, malachite green) and products that contain formalin. If you want to add a worm to your aquarium, just be sure you have the tank covered fully or your Caecilian may look like a beef jerky stick on the rug the next morning! Not all things have to be pretty to enjoy them.

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

**FEEDERS: (ARRIVING WEDNESDAY)**  
Live Black Worms, Crayfish, Rosy Reds, Guppies, Fiddler Crabs.

### **FRESHWATER FISH (EXPECTED WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY):**

Freshwater Motoro Stingrays, Red Velvet Double Lyretail Swordtails, Rainbow Dwarf Gouramis, Dalmation Mollies, Male Show

Bettas, Red Flame Dwarf Gouramis, Powder Blue Dwarf Gouramis, Gold Gouramis, Opaline Gouramis, Apistogramma cacatoides 'Double Orange' Dwarf Cichlids, Apistogramma cacatoides 'Red Flash' Dwarf Cichlids, Firemouth Cichlids, Green Terror Cichlids, Tiger Oscars, Lima Shovelnose, Small Clown Loaches, Freshwater Lionfish (venomous!), Green Spotted Pufferfish, Green Spotted Scatophagus (brackish), Florida Bred Neon Tetras, Dwarf African Frogs, Freshwater Bamboo Shrimp.

Gold Tetras, Albinus Rubber Plecostomus, Adolphi Cory Catfish, Marble Hatchetfish, Black Phantom Plecostomus, Hifin Melanistius Cory Catfish, Farawella Twig Catfish, Concolor Cory Catfish, Wild Collected Cardinal Tetras, Wild Collected Rummynose Tetras, Lg Diamond Tetras, Diptail Pencilfish, M/L Tiger Barbs, Bushymouth Plecostomus, Royal Plecostomus, Geophagus Surinamensis, Assorted Medium Angelfish, XL Silver Dollars, Red Hook Silver Dollars, Otocinclus Algae Eaters, Fourline Pictus Catfish.

### **FANCY CHINESE GOLDFISH (NOW IN STOCK):**

Large Red & White Telescope Eye Ryunkins, M/L Black Butterfly Moors, Large Red Cap Orandas, Small Celestial Eye Goldfish, Small Assorted Oranda Goldfish, Small Ryunkins.

### **LIVE AQUATIC AQUARIUM PLANTS (NOW IN STOCK):**

Bacopa carolinia Bunches, Didiplis diandre Bunches, Wisteria (Hygrophylia difformis) Bunches, Red Foxtail Bunches, Rotala wallichii 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):**

Assorted Damselfish, Unicorn Tang (Indian Ocean), Porcupine Pufferfish (Caribbean), Coral Beauty Angelfish (Tonga), Eiblii Angelfish (Indian Ocean), Koran Angelfish (Bali), Raccoon Butterflyfish (Hawaii), Black & White Heniochus Butterflyfish (Indian Ocean), Tomato Clownfish (Indian Ocean), Black Sebae Clownfish (Bali), Pink Skunk Clownfish (Bali), Clarkii Clownfish (Sri Lanka), Black Percula Clownfish (Indian Ocean), Squareback Anthias (Indian Ocean), Red Lyretail Anthias (Fiji), True Yellowtail Blue Damselfish (Java), Yellow Watchman Gobies (Bali), Yellow Clown Gobies (Indian Ocean), Orangetail Blennies (Indian Ocean), Purple Firefish Gobies (Bali), Scooter Blennies (Indian Ocean), Orange Spotted Gobies (Indian Ocean), Algae Blennies (Indian Ocean), Dragon Sifter Gobies (Bali), Large Dragon Sifter Gobies (China Sea), Diamond Sifter Gobies (Bali), Rainfordi Gobies (Bali), Pink Spotted Watchman Gobies (Bali), Red Spotted Clown Gobies (South China Sea), Cinnamon Clown Gobies (Vietnam), Green Clown Gobies (Indian Ocean), Panther Groupers (Indian Ocean), Bicolor Basslets (Bali), Red Louti Grouper (Indian Ocean), Valentini Pufferfish (Indian Ocean), Neon Line Pufferfish (Bali), Mimic Yellow Tangs (Bali), Clown Triggerfish (Bali), Niger Triggerfish (Indian Ocean), Emerald Green Coris Wrasses (Bali), Red Diana Hogfish (Bali), Coral Hogfish (Bali), Black Bird Wrasses (Indian Ocean), Sixline Wrasses (Indian Ocean), Lunare Wrasses (Bali), Yellow Coris Wrasses (Indian Ocean), Green Bird Wrasses (Bali), Whipfin Fairy Wrasses (Bali), Candy Hogfish (Fiji), Pajama Cardinalfish (Bali), Kauderni Cardinalfish (Indian Ocean), Flame Angelfish (Hawaii), Potters Angelfish (Hawaii), Blue Spotted Jawfish (Sea of Cortez), Canary Blennies (Fiji), Flame Hawkfish (Fiji), Ocellaris Clownfish (Indian Ocean), Powder Brown Tangs (Bali), Nemurus Chromis (Bali), Orange Barred Gobies (Bali), Dwarf Lionfish (Indian Ocean), Antennata Lionfish (Indian Ocean), Volitan Lionfish (Indian Ocean), Stars & Stripes Dogface Pufferfish (Bali), Dogface Pufferfish (Bali), Blue Spotted Pufferfish (Fiji), Clown Tangs (Sri Lanka), Orangefin Tangs (Cebu), Humu Triggerfish (Bali), Bluejaw Triggerfish (Bali), Dragon Wrasses (Bali), Red Light Blennies (Mexico), Tank Bred Seahorses.

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

**Snails:** Elephant Nose Snails (Bali), Red Banded Turbo Snails, Trochus Snails, Zebra Turbo Snails, Mexican Turbo Snails, Black Turbo Snails, Cerith Snails, Margarita Snails, Queen Conchs.

**Anemones:** Sebae Anemones, Green Bubble Anemones.

**Shrimp:** Coral Banded Shrimp, Red Fire Shrimp, Cleaner Shrimp.

**Corals / Polyps:** Fancy Fiji Acropora Corals, Branching Hammer Corals, Speckled Leather Corals, Tricolor Sand Polyps, Green Ricordea Yuma Mushroom Rocks, Candy Caulestrea Corals, Orange Fungia Plate Corals, Green Fungia Plate Corals, Yellow Polyp Rocks, Spaghetti Leather Corals, Fiji Toadstool Leather Corals, Branching Octopus Corals.

**Other:** Red Fromia Reef Starfish, Fromia Tile Reef Starfish, Yellow Seafans, Yellow Cucumbers, Orange Eye Long Spine Urchins, Seahares (algae eaters), Flame Feather Dusters, Tiger Derasa Tridacna Clams, Gold Teardrop Maxima Clams, Blue/Purple Crocea Clams, Fiji Premium Live Rock.

### **Check out the new customer photo gallery on our website!!!!**

If you have some good photos of your fish, reef, pond or aquarium, please email them to the webmaster at: [brian@prybo.com](mailto:brian@prybo.com)

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.

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