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tideline aquatics Newsletter

Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

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

FINAL DAYS FOR PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES!

Want and chance to win a \$100.00 Tideline Aquatics Gift Certificate? Get our your cameras and take some shots of your aquarium, fish, garden pond or an interesting aquatic photo and email them to our webmasters. For pictures to be posted in time for the contest, photos must be received by our webmasters by midnight Friday, March 9th. That will give them time to get the photos posted before the judging on Monday, March 12th. The winning picture will be appear in next week's newsletter on March 13th. The webmasters will verify that your email address matches with the photo you submitted to them. Submit your photos to: brian@prybo.com

Good luck to you all!

TIDELINE AQUATICS BALL CAPS ARE BACK!!

Thanks to Skip from the Charleston Reef Club, we now have embroidered Tideline Aquatics ball caps available. These are quality ball caps that should last for a long time, not a cheap knock-off hat. Check

them out during your next visit to the store. We also have a special coupon on our website this week that will give you a great price on these sporty caps. These caps are available in multiple colors.

WHAT A COLORFUL FISH – BUT IS IT THE REAL THING?

When you purchase a new fish for your aquarium, most people are looking for something to add some color to the tank. Did you know that there are now fish being sold that are either tattooed with color or injected with colorful dyes to make the fish appear colorful? Though you will not find these fish at Tideline Aquatics, if you shop around you will now know when you are purchasing an artificially colored specimen. Most people would choose not to buy a fish that has been put through this stressful and useless procedure if they really knew the fish they were buying was not 'real'. If you see a tank full of fish with the words "Painted", as in Painted Glass Fish or Painted Shark, or "Berry" as in Blueberry or Raspberry Tetra (just to name a couple of common dyed choices), you may want to avoid these fish. For example, a recent study found that Painted Glass Fish were more than three times more likely to develop the viral disease, Lymphocystis compared with the non-painted Glass Fish. Not only can this practice be considered inhumane, we find it to be deceptive to the customer.

Within a short period of time, the paints and dyes fade away! You're more expensive, dyed or painted fish color will disappear with time. Here are some of the most commonly found artificially colored fish:



PAINTED GLASS FISH



COLORED REDFIN BOTIAS



JELLYBEAN PARROT CICHLID



TATOED PARROT CICHLID

Please do not support the practice of artificially colored fish. When there are so many naturally beautiful fish available, why support this cruel and deceptive

practice. There is an excellent website with more information about these practices. Inform yourself by reading further on these methods being used by fish shippers from Asia.

<http://www.deathbydyeing.org/colormede ad.htm>

HARDY MARINE FISH FROM THE RED SEA

The Red Sea contains some of the most beautiful marine fish available to our hobby. All of the fish captured from the Red Sea are net collected and handled with much more care that fish captured in many other areas. While fish from the Red Sea are some of the most expensive marine fish available, nearly all of them are extremely hardy in captivity. There are even species like the Regal Angelfish (*Pygoplites diacanthus*) which from all other areas of the world is considered extremely difficult to keep in captivity, the ones collected from the Red Sea are quite hardy in comparison.



THE RED SEA REGAL ANGELFISH HAS A BRIGHT YELLOW CHEST NOT FOUND IN ONES COLLECTED FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

Endemic only to the Red Sea is the Maculosus Angelfish (*Pomacanthus maculosus*), the Asfur Angelfish (*Pomacanthus asfur*), the Sohal Tang (*Acanthurus sohal*), the Arabian Basslet (*Pseudochromis dutoiti*), the Orchid Dottyback (*Pseudochromis fridmani*) and the Springer's Pseudochromis (*Pseudochromis springeri*). All of the fish

listed above are extremely hardy in the aquarium. Both the Maculosus Angelfish and the Asfur Angelfish accept all types of prepared foods. Neither of these angelfish are shy yet they seldom are aggressive toward their tank mates. Both of these angelfish grow large requiring at least a 75-90 gallon tank. Neither of these angelfish are cheap but if you are considering purchasing a delicate angelfish like an Emperor Angelfish (*Pomacanthus imperator*) that costs around \$100.00, why not instead purchase a hardy species more likely to live! Let's see, a \$100.00 fish that usually dies or a \$165.00 fish that lives..... If a smaller fish is in your sites, consider one of the *Pseudochromis* species listed above. The Arabian Basslet can be kept with more aggressive tank mates while the Orchid Dottyback or Springer's *Pseudochromis* can be housed with more peaceful species. Often it is hard to find a surgeonfish (tang) that is tough enough to handle a rough crowd of fish like medium-sized triggerfish, wrasses and puffers. The Red Sea Sohal Tang is the answer. We have found this fish to be extremely tough and territorial enough to hold its own.



THE RED SEA SOHAL TANG

So the next time you frown at the cost of a Red Sea species, remember that these fish are collected with the most humane methods possible, they are handled with

care from collection all the way to the wholesaler and most are extremely hardy for keeping in the aquarium. It is worth spending a little more on a fish that has a better chance for survival in captivity.

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

Saltwater fish aquarium club – CMAC
www.columbiamac.org

Question and Answer Forum –
www.wetwebmedia.com

Fish of the Week



DRAGON SIFTER GOBY (*AMBLYGOBIUS PHALAENA*)

There are many sifter or sleeper gobies available for the aquarium but one of the hardiest and least likely to jump out of the aquarium is the Dragon Sifter Goby. This fish spends all day sifting through the substrate of the aquarium collecting uneaten food particles. This sifter goby also accepts prepared foods much more readily than many other sifter species. So if you are tired of seeing that brown and green algae building up on your sand or fine gravel, add a hardy Dragon Sifter Goby to help you keep the aquarium

clean. We have a nice supply of these sifters arriving on Wednesday afternoon. Come pick one out and place a deposit on the fish for a 7 day hold so you do not miss out on the money saving coupon on our website. Print off the coupon at: www.tidelineaquatics.net

What's New This Week

FEEDERS: (NOW IN STOCK)

Live Black Worms, Crayfish, Rosy Reds, Feeder Goldfish, Fiddler Crabs. We are out of feeder guppies and ghost shrimp until next week!

FRESHWATER FISH (ARRIVED ON TUESDAY):

12" wild-collected Scarlet Fin Plecostomus, NEW Prince Tiger Plecostomus, African Mastecembelus tanganicae Eels (very nice!), Small Pairs of Apistogramma cacatoides 'Double Red' Dwarf Cichlids (peaceful and loaded with color), Lamprologus cylindricus cichlids, (4) types of Julidichromis cichlids, Small Gold Compressicep Cichlids, Lamprologus tretocephalus cichlids.

LIVE AQUATIC PLANTS (EXPECTED ON FRIDAY):

Crypt. ciliata plants, Crypt. 'Bronze' wendtii clumps, Amazon Sword Plants, Dwarf Sagittaria, Java Lace Fern, Anubius nana plants, Bacopa bunches, Didiplis diandre plants, Filigree Frill bunches, Ludwigia 'Red Narrow Leaf' bunches, Ludwigia peruensis bunches, Nesaea bunches, Rotala macranda bunches, Water Wisteria bunches, Contortion Val plants, Red Melon Sword Plants, Cardamine Bunches, Ambulia bunches.

GOLDFISH, KOI AND POND PLANTS (NOW IN STOCK):

Small Domestic Koi, Shubunkins, Pond Comets (LIMITED), Hardy Water Lilies, Tropical Water Lilies (already in bloom!), Cyperus haspan bog plants, cyperus alternifolius 'Gracilis' bog plants, Canna 'Erebus' bog plants, Juncus effuses 'Gold Strike' bog plants, Taxodium distachium (Bald Cypress), Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo' bog plants, Assorted Color Louisiana Iris Cultivars.

SALTWATER FISH (EXPECTED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON):

Fiji Coral Beauty Angelfish, Bali Eiblii Angelfish, Indian Ocean Snowflake Moray Eels, Bali Dragon Sifter Gobies, Bali Stars and Stripes Dogface Pufferfish, Bali Niger Triggerfish, Indian Ocean Japanese Swallowtail Angelfish, Indian Ocean Koran Angelfish, Hawaiian Potters Angelfish, Brazilian Queen Angelfish, Bali Sixbar Angelfish, Indian Ocean Black Percula Clownfish, Indian Ocean Ocellaris Clownfish, Bali Latticed Sand Sifter Gobies, Indian Ocean Assorted Mandarin Dragonettes (for large reefs only!), Indian Ocean Orange Spot Gobies, Singapore Yellow Watchman Gobies, Bali Dogface Pufferfish, Indian Ocean Clown Tangs, Fiji Orange Shoulder Tangs, Hawaiian Yellow Tangs, Hawaiian Flame Angelfish, Hawaiian Yellow Eye Kole Tangs, Hawaiian Blue Jaw Triggerfish, Sumatra Clown Triggerfish, Tonga Red Christmas Wrasses, Indian Ocean Humu Triggerfish, Indian Ocean Indicus Triggerfish, African Juvenile Formosa Wrasses, Indian Ocean Dragon Wrasses, Bali Green Leaf Wrasses, African Radiant Wrasses, Hawaiian Red Coris Adult Color Wrasse, Unknown Bluedot Hifin Gobies, Indian Ocean Green Clown Gobies, Fiji Sixline Wrasses, Bali Foxface Rabbitfish, Mexican Longnose Hawkfish, Indian Ocean Banded Cat Sharks, Banded Cat Shark Egg Capsules, Sri Lanka Tiger Wardi Watchman Gobies w/ Pistol Shrimp, Australian Red Dot Blennies, Baby African Volitan Lionfish, Bali Mimic Tangs, Cebu Orange Fin Tangs, Indian Ocean Tassled Filefish, Assorted Nano Reef Gobies, Golden Pilot Jacks.

SALTWATER INVERTEBRATES (EXPECTED ON WEDNESDAY):

Yellow Scroll Turbinaria Corals, Red & Turquoise Platygyra Worm Brain Coral, Blue Eye Favia Coral, (4) Super Acropora Colonies, Leptastrea Coral, Turquoise Favites Corals, Small Green Wall True Hammer Corals, Oulaphyllia Coral, Sandolithia Coral, Oxypora Coral, Green Rasta Leather Corals, Neon Porites Corals, Super Grade Candy Caulestrea Corals, Steel Blue Encrusting Favia Coral, Flame Red Mushroom Rocks, Metallic Blue Mushroom Rocks, (10) Super Special Zoanthid Rocks, (5)

Assorted Ricordea Yuma Mushrooms, (3) Aqua-cultured Montipora species, Green Hairy Seahares, Aqua-cultured Super Crocea Clams, Aqua-cultured Squamosa Clams, Mixed Leather Corals, Neon Blue Dot Rocket Red Mushroom Rocks, Aqua-cultured Bright Green Kenya Tree Corals, Pink Margarita Snails, Mexican Turbo Snails. Please note that the rarer corals listed above were in EXTREMELY low quantities at our wholesaler. Please call to inquire about what arrives on Wednesday.

Soon to appear on our Customer Photo Gallery:



RICK'S NEW REEF AQUARIUM CHILLER!!

If you have a reef aquarium, everyone has seen the small chillers that are used to keep the aquarium cool. Well Rick's huge aquarium was too much for the average chiller requiring this outdoor mounted SUPER CHILLER to keep his aquarium temperature cool. Now that is an addicted hobbyist! If you have some good photos of your fish, reef, pond or aquarium, please email them to the webmaster at: brian@prybo.com