



May 22, 2007

tideline aquatics Newsletter

Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

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

VACATION TIME!

I (Chris) will be out of the store on vacation beginning May 27th. You will not receive a newsletter next week but they will resume upon my return the following week. We have brought in (2) large fish shipments this week to hold you over until I return. Please note also that Tideline Aquatics will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. We will be open on Sunday before Memorial Day and on Tuesday following Memorial Day. Any questions posted on our forum will either be answered by a staff member or by myself upon my return.

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY FLIERS – TOO LATE!

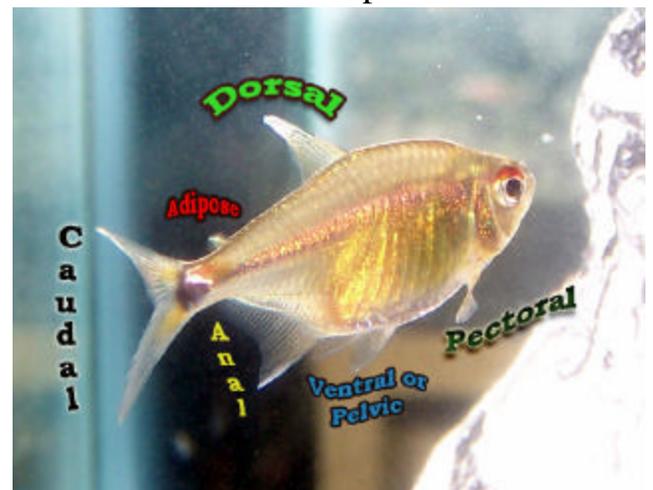
Well this year the postal service really blew it! We received numerous calls last week from customers that were just receiving their invitations to our event. The fliers were dropped off at the post office on April 23rd at the Cross County Road Bulk Mail Facility. The post office has 3 days to deliver them though 3 weeks later, many of you are getting your flier in the mail. We can only apologize for this as the event has already passed. If you are upset that you missed Customer Appreciation Day, please contact Mrs.

Joyner, Plant Manager, at 760-5431.

Perhaps the attention will ensure that next years fliers will arrive on time. The fliers cost nearly \$600.00 to mail out each year.

TETRAS (CHARACINS) THAT ARE NOT FRIENDLY!

When you think of tetras for your freshwater aquarium, you may ponder neons, rummynose, cardinals, black skirts, etc. While most tetras are community fish, there are some tetras that would rather eat the list of small community tetras listed above! First, one of the easiest ways to identify whether a fish fits into the tetra group is a tiny fin called the adipose fin. While there are some catfish that have an adipose fin, all tetras (Characins) have one – both large and small tetras. The adipose fin is a tiny fin located between the dorsal fin (top fin) and the caudal fin (tail fin). You can see the fin easily on the Head & Tail Lite Tetra picture below.



Now take a look at some fish that you may be surprised to find in the same group of fish as your neons!



REDTAIL FRESHWATER BARRACUDA CHARACIN (ACESTORHYNCHUS ALTUS)

Though difficult to see in this photo, the freshwater barracuda is nothing more than a tetra with razor sharp teeth! Growing to about 10" in the aquarium, the freshwater barracuda does well with fish that will not fit into its large mouth. We suggest broad bodied fish like silver dollars, geophagus, severums and the like to be housed with this unfriendly fish. The only negative side with keeping this fish is that they nearly never switch over to dried foods rather preferring live feeder fish for its daily delight! Though aggressive, avoid keeping them with fish that are too nasty like Oscars, dempseys, jaguars, etc. See the adipose fin?



PIRANHA SPECIES



OUCH!!!

Though illegal to sell or own in the state of South Carolina, piranhas are another fish that you might not realize are grouped with your cute little tetras. I had the pleasure of seeing a large group of these for sale at a store in Tennessee recently. Each piranha in the tank had bite marks! It seems that if they are not fed as often as they like, they begin to turn on each other for dinner! Though closely related, silver dollars and pacu also contain an adipose fin but prefer vegetable-based foods over meat for their diet.



SOUTH AMERICAN GARFISH (BOULENGERELLA SP.)

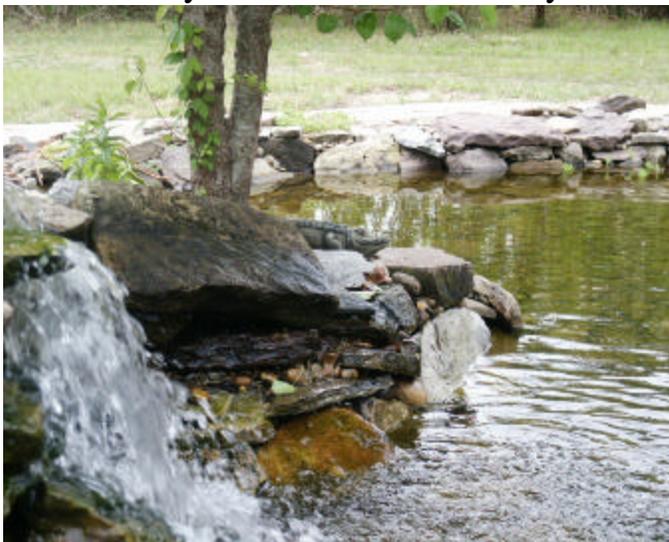
Though less conspicuous, garfish also have an adipose fin. These fish can grow to a monstrous size in the wild but in the aquarium, they seem to max out in size around 18"-20"! Garfish are quite peaceful in the aquarium, unless you place them with narrow-bodied fish that will fit

in their mouths. Not particularly sensitive, these fish even do well with the bad-boy cichlids as they prefer to eat live fish in their diet. Over time though, garfish seem to eventually accept captivity by eating dried meaty foods like krill and sometimes even pellets.

Next time you visit Tideline, take a look around at just how many fish have adipose fins. You will realize just how huge and diverse the Characin family of fish really is.

POND TOUR 2007

The Charleston Showa Koi Club's Pond Tour tickets for the June 9th event are now available at Tideline Aquatics. Tickets are only \$10.00 per person for this self-guided tour. Portions of the proceeds go to the John Ancrum SPCA. If you plan on attending this event, purchase your tickets soon as last year tickets sold out early!



NEW PRODUCTS AT TIDELINE AQUATICS!

Flatworm Exit: You have been asking for this product! If only you hadn't purchased that item from somewhere else you would not have flatworms! Now that you do, here is a product to eradicate those nasty critters from your reef aquarium. You

may want to consider dipping new additions to your reef tank before they go into the aquarium. Flatworm Exit is an excellent product BUT YOU must read the instructions and follow them exactly to avoid losses to your reef aquarium.

Microbe Lift Algae Away: This pond product will kill most types of algae that grow in garden ponds. When using this product (and all algacides for that matter), you must ensure that the oxygen levels in your pond are high (strong aeration, waterfall, etc) and that the carbonate hardness is at least 3 degrees to prevent a sudden drop in the pH. Microbe Lift Algae Away is more concentrated than the competitive product Algae Fix making it a better buy for your money.

LOCAL CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

Want to ask a question about your freshwater, saltwater, reef or garden pond? Visit us at: www.tidelineaquatics.net/discuss/categories.asp

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



FUZZY DWARF LIONFISH
(DENDROCHIRUS BRACHYPTERUS)

Though many of the dwarf lionfish species are considered more delicate, the Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish is the exception. These lionfish are shy when first introduced to the aquarium as in the wild they are mainly nocturnal (see the green glowing eyes). Once this fish figures out that you are the one that feeds them, they remain out front waiting for food. This fish may require live feeding of ghost shrimp and small feeders at first but this lionfish is quite easy to switch over to frozen food. Once a Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish starts to take dry foods, they will eat nearly any meaty type frozen or freeze dried food offered. Though a dwarf, this fish can still reach about 5" in length. This is much smaller than the standard lionfish achieves in size. Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish are a peaceful species but avoid keeping them with any fish or invertebrate that will fit in their mouth. Like all lionfish, the Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish is venomous. This is only a defense mechanism. They do not swim about trying to sting other fish or their owner. If you are stung, it is most often from being careless while working in the aquarium. These are beautiful lionfish that are easy to keep and peaceful with tank mates that will not fit into their mouths! This is just one of the

great specials available this week at Tideline Aquatics. Print off the coupon at: www.tidelineaquatics.net

What's New At Tideline

FEEDERS: (ARRIVED TUESDAY)

Live Black Worms, Ghost Shrimp, Crayfish, Rosy Reds, Guppies, Feeder Goldfish, Fiddler Crabs. Our feeder selection is at full capacity at this time!

FRESHWATER FISH (ARRIVED TUESDAY):

Large Florida Bred Neon Tetras, Jumbo Florida Bred Cardinal Tetras, Stiphodon Tiger Gobies (NEW AND COOL), Stiphodon Red Gobies (NEW AND COOL), Imperial Tetras (NEW, EXPENSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL), Green Montezuma Swordtails, Red Velvet Wag Swordtails, 24K Tuxedo Platies, Sunburst Wag Platies, Silver Lyretail Mollies, Male Show Bettas, Male Powder Blue Dwarf Gouramis, Small Pink Kissers, Tiger Barbs, Geophagus Jurupari Earth-eaters, Managuense Jaguar Cichlids, Peacock Bass (tiny and in quarantine), Salvini Cichlids, Green Terror Cichlids (Excellent color on these), Texas Cichlids, Albino Oscars, Tiger Oscars, Premium Mix African Cichlids, Common Plecostomus, L018 Gold Nugget Plecostomus, Rubber Plecostomus, Mystery Snails, Albino Cory Catfish, Botia Striata Loaches, Clown Loaches, Golden Dojo Weather Loaches, Iridescent Sharks, Redtail Barracudas, Figure Eight Pufferfish, Spotted Green Pufferfish, South American Freshwater Stingrays, Mixed Fancy Chinese Goldfish, Medium Mixed Fancy Chinese Goldfish, Red Serpae Tetras, Orange Flame Von Rio Tetras (quarantined for now), NEW Mahecola Barbs.

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

Assorted Chinese Fancy Goldfish, Small Domestic Koi (Website Coupon Special), Medium Domestic Koi (Website Coupon Special), Super Red Pond Comets, Japanese Koi from Sakai of Hiroshima, Small Ogon Yamabuki Butterfly Koi, Large Butterfly Koi, Large Domestic Koi, Jumbo Domestic Koi (limited!!),

Beautiful Blooming Water Lilies in 1 Gallon Pots, Bog Plants, Pond Lotus (assorted sizes and colors), Floating Island Plants, Parrots Feather Bunches, Hornwort Bunches and more!!

SALTWATER FISH (ARRIVED ON TUESDAY!):

Flame Hawkfish (Fiji), Coral Beauty Angelfish (Eastern Asia), Juvenile Annularis Angelfish (Eastern Asia), Male Square Back Pink Anthias (Eastern Asia), Fathead Anthias (Central Pacific), Midas Blennies (Eastern Asia), Bundoon Blennies (Eastern Asia), Green Canary Blennies (Central Pacific), Starry Algae Blennies (Cebu), Tomato Clownfish (Indian Ocean), True Percula Clownfish (Solomon Islands), Green Chromis, Blue Devil Damsel, Yellow-tail Blue Damsel, Domino Damsel, Four-Stripe Damsel, Snowflake Moray Eels (Indian Ocean), Orange Striped Randall Goby (Eastern Asia), Yellow Watchman Goby (Indian Ocean), Lemon Citron Goby (Fiji), Firefish Goby (Indian Ocean), Bondable Nocturnus Nano Goby (Cebu), Yellow Priolepis Nano Goby (Cebu), Assorted Trimma Gobies (Cebu), Diamond Sifter Goby (Sri Lanka), Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish (Indian Ocean), Clown Tangs (Sri Lanka), Powder Blue Tangs (Sri Lanka), Orange Bristletooth Tangs (Tonga), Tomini Tangs (Fiji), Blue Regal Tangs (Indian Ocean), Sailfin Tangs (Indian Ocean), Yellow Tangs (Hawaii), Bursa Triggerfish (Indian Ocean), Scottorum Fairy Wrasses (Australia), Dragon Wrasses (Central Pacific).

SALTWATER INVERTEBRATES:

Fancy Color Bubble Anemones, Malu Sebae Anemones, Octopus (SOLD), Small Blue Fiji Acropora Colonies, Small Green Fiji Acropora Colonies, Cynarina Meat Corals, Monitpora Danae Corals, Pink Trachyphia Corals, Red Tip Reef Hermits, Dwarf Yellow Feather Dusters, Super Red Mushroom Polyps, Live Copepod Colonies, Margarita Reef Snails, Sexy Shrimp.