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# tideline aquatics Newsletter

## Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

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

## CHOOSING A NEW FISH – WHAT TO LOOK FOR

**Saltwater Fish:** The marine fish you are looking to buy should never show any of these signs before purchasing. Avoid fish with pinched bellies or sunken eyes. This is a sign of malnutrition. Even though the fish may be eating at the store, it may be too thin to recover once it is in with your established fish. They may out-compete your new fish for food even further. Stand away from the tank that houses the fish you are considering. Is that fish or others in the aquarium rubbing or scratching against the sand or coral? This could be a sign of a parasite infection in the aquarium. Check the fins on the fish you want to purchase. A split fin is not usually a problem but an eroded fin or cloudy fins are a sign of an infection. The skin of the fish should be smooth and clean with no abrasions or lesions. Lastly, have the salesperson feed the fish you want. If the fish refuses to eat at the store it will likely not eat in your aquarium. If you still want the fish even though it is showing one of the signs listed above, then place a deposit on the fish and have the dealer hold the fish for a period. Upon your return, check the fish once again for the signs listed above. If there is still a problem, choose another specimen. Adding a poorly maintained specimen to your fish or reef aquarium can cause problems for your entire aquarium. Marine fish require more difficult treatment procedures so give all of your fish the best chance for survival by choosing a healthy specimen every time.



A POORLY MAINTAINED YELLOW TANG – SEE THE REDNESS ON THE MOUTH AND FINS



A KOI SHOWING BODY SORES SHOULD ALWAYS BE AVOIDED!!

**Koi and Goldfish:** When purchasing a koi or goldfish for your pond or aquarium, look at all the fish in the tank, not just the one you want to purchase. Look to see if any of the fish in the tank are rubbing or scratching against the bottom or decorations. Scratching is a classic sign of a parasite problem. All of the fish should be actively swimming about, not sitting on the bottom of the tank or hovering at the surface. Have your salesperson feed the fish. Watch the fish you are considering as it should aggressively go after the food. Now have your salesperson capture the fish and place it in a container where the entire fish can be seen. Look for any open sores, cloudy fins or eyes and/or clamped fins. If

you see a problem, avoid that specimen. Most dealers will allow you to place a deposit on a fish for a temporary hold. If you really still want the fish you picked out but it does not appear in good condition, place a deposit on the fish and come back for a second look 5-7 days later. If the fish still has a problem, be smart and avoid that particular specimen. Remember that the addition of one bad fish will cause problems for your entire population.

**Freshwater Aquariums:** When you consider a new fish for your freshwater aquarium, you need to look at all the fish in the tank you want to purchase a fish from. Just because the fish you like appears healthy, if others in the tank do not appear healthy; it is likely that your new fish will develop a problem. Are there dead fish in the tank? Do you see any white spots on any of the fish in the tank with the specimen you are considering? Are there fish just sitting on the bottom or hanging at the surface of the water? If you answer any of the questions above with a “yes”, then you should avoid purchasing a fish from that aquarium. Freshwater fish are often housed together in large numbers so you must look at all the fish as a whole rather than just the one specimen you are considering. Stand away from the tank and watch all of the fish in that particular aquarium. Are any of the fish rubbing or scratching against the decorations or bottom of the tank? This is a sign of a parasite problem and all of the fish in that aquarium should be avoided until they have been properly treated. Have your salesperson feed the fish. They should actively consume the food. Lastly, have the salesperson capture the fish that you want. View the fish closely before it is placed in the bag to ensure that the fins are clear and there are not signs of lesions or damage to the skin of the fish. Remember that one bad fish can make your entire aquarium sick. By being aware of how to look for problems, you will greatly reduce the chance of adding a diseased specimen to your

main

aquarium.



A DISCUS WITH CLAMPED AND TORN FINS. A CLEAR SIGN OF PROBLEMS FOR FISH IN THE ENTIRE AQUARIUM.

## Charleston Reef Club Meeting This Saturday Evening at Tideline



Join us this Saturday night when we host the Charleston Reef Club Meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend. The subject consists of pests in the reef aquarium. We will have food and drinks at no cost. The meeting begins at 7:00pm Saturday night at the store. Please support this local club by being part of their meeting Saturday night at the store. There are always discussions on coral fragging, new equipment and general reef information during the meeting.

## Success! Pond Tour 2007



Thank you to everyone that attended the 2007 Charleston Show Pond Tour last

Saturday. Tickets were sold out!! There were so many incredible people that I met that toured my own pond in West Ashley. If you missed this wonderful event, be sure to include it in your schedule for next year.



Fountains, beautiful ponds, koi and goldfish, incredible landscapes – Do not miss this ever expanding tour next year!

## **NEW PRODUCTS AT TIDELINE AQUATICS!**

**Tetra Crisps Fish Food:** Now a new food processing that preserves more of the nutrients and vitamins. There are several choices with these new foods from Cichlid to Vegetable eaters.

**Microbe Lift Algae Away:** This pond product will kill most types of algae that grow in garden ponds. When using this product (and all algaecides 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.

**DT's Live Plankton:** This is one of the best reef foods available. These live plankton cultures are accepted by live corals and all other filter feeding organisms in your reef aquarium. Because these cultures are live, you will have much less risk in overfeeding your reef tank and causing blooms of problem algae. Remember to refrigerate this

product and use it before the expiration date labeled on the bottle!

## **LOCAL CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS/FORUMS**

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

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)

Saltwater fish aquarium club – CMAC  
[www.columbiamac.org](http://www.columbiamac.org)

Question and Answer Forum –  
[www.wetwebmedia.com](http://www.wetwebmedia.com)

## **Fish of the Week**



### **BABY CLOWN TRIGGERFISH** (BALISTOIDES CONSPICILLUM)

It is that time of year again! Baby clown triggers are now at Tideline Aquatics. These 1.5” guys are not the aggressive fish they grow into when they are young. Avoid keeping this fish with tankmates that will out-compete the baby clown triggerfish for food. Baby clown triggers can be somewhat shy and need a place in the aquarium they can go to feel safe. It is also best to feed these guys 2 or 3 small feedings per day to prevent them from becoming thin and weak. Good water quality is also required for these guys to

develop into the valuable and brightly colored adult triggerfish. Offer foods like finely chopped squid, chopped shrimp, a quality frozen diet like Formula One and/or Marine Cuisine. We also suggest supplementing their diet with a sinking carnivore marine pellet. This is just one of the specials this week at Tideline Aquatics. Print off the coupon at: [www.tidelineaquatics.net](http://www.tidelineaquatics.net)

## **What's New At Tideline**

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

Live Black Worms, Ghost Shrimp (LIMITED), Crayfish, Rosy Reds, Guppies, Feeder Goldfish, Fiddler Crabs (GETTING LOW).

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

Nice Jumbo Wild Caught Cardinal Tetras, Beautiful Nannochromis, Colorful Blue & Yellow German Rams, Golden Dojo Weather Loaches, Nice Size Freshwater Flounders, M/L Freshwater Barracudas, Malawi Calico Sharks, Black Caecilian Worms (Cool!), Pairs of Cool White Cheek Gobies, Red Hump Geophagus, Brightly Colored Mixed Platies, Super Nice Tiretrack Eels, Geophagus Jurupari Earth-eaters (Big Ones), Managuense Jaguar Cichlids, Salvini Cichlids, Green Terror Cichlids (Excellent color on these), Texas Cichlids, Albino Oscars, Tiger Oscars, Premium Mix African Cichlids, Rubber Plecostomus, Albino Cory Catfish, Clown Loaches, Iridescent Sharks, Figure Eight Pufferfish, South American Freshwater Stingrays, Mixed Fancy Chinese Goldfish, Medium Mixed Fancy Chinese Goldfish, Red Serpae Tetras, NEW Mahecola Barbs, New Yellow-Tail Congo Tetras (very nice!!) and more!!

### **GOLDFISH, KOI AND POND PLANTS (LOADED WITH STOCK):**

Small Domestic Pond Koi (LIMITED), Medium Domestic Pond Koi, Large Domestic Pond Koi, Jumbo Domestic Pond Koi, Medium Standard Butterfly Koi, Medium Premium Butterfly Koi, Large Standard Butterfly Koi, Beautiful Blooming Water Lilies in 1 Gallon Pots (tropical and hardy cultivars), Bog Plants, Floating Island

Plants, Parrots Feather Bunches, Hornwort Bunches and more!!

### **SALTWATER FISH (JUST ARRIVED TUESDAY AFTERNOON):**

Tonga Coral Beauty Angelfish, Bali Eiblii Angelfish, Bali Rusty Angelfish, Bali Six Barred Angelfish, Juvenile Bali Koran Angelfish, Bali Orbi Batfish, Hawaiian Raccoon Butterflyfish, Bali Pearlscale Butterflyfish, Bali Black Percula Clownfish, Bali Neon Velvet Damselfish, Indian Ocean Sergeant Major Damselfish, Bali Snowflake Moray Eels, Indian Ocean Scooter Blennies, Bali Signal Gobies, Bali Red Lizardfish, Bali Algae Blennies, China Sea Dragon Sifter Gobies, Sri Lanka Diamond Sifter Gobies (nice size), Bali Firefish Gobies, Bali Jumbo Green Clown Gobies, Bali Flame Dampiera Groupers, Bali Bicolor Basslets, Bali Purple Basslets, Bali Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish (some cool colors), African Volitan Lionfish (few), Bali Stars & Stripes Pufferfish, Bali Dogface Pufferfish, Indian Ocean Porcupine Puffers (more colorful than the Caribbean variety), Bali Mimic Yellow Tangs, Bali Baby Clown Triggerfish, Bali Medium Clown Triggerfish, Bali Green Leaf Wrasses, Sri Lanka Diana Hogfish, Bali Green Bird Wrasses, Vietnam Five Striped Q Wrasse (nice), Bali Large Carpenters Fairy Wrasses (beautiful), Juvenile Bali Whip Fin Fairy Wrasses, Temmincki Male Fairy Wrasses (New), Fiji Flame Hawkfish, Hawaiian Flame Angelfish, Costa Rica Passer Angelfish, Hawaiian Sufflamen Triggerfish, Ecuador Red Head Gobies (very bright), Australian Banana Wrasse, Bali Peacock Flounders (very cool), Bali Spotted Hawkfish, Mexico Longnose Hawkfish, Bali Mandarin Dragonettes, Kauderni Cardinalfish

### **SALTWATER INVERTEBRATES (ARRIVED TUESDAY AFTERNOON):**

Cleaner Shrimp, Trochus Algae Snails, Sifting Spotted Nassarius Snails, Java Pink Brittle Starfish, Bali Green Brittle Starfish, Purple Reef Lobsters, Coral Banded Shrimp, Vietnam Algae Eating Green Hermits, Green Bubble Anemones, Feather Dusters, Bali Long Tentacle Anemones, Yellow Polyp Rocks, Red Trachyphilia Corals, Green Torch Corals, Cortez Red Leg Reef Hermits, Cerith Snails, Assorted Live Rock. This

rock already has Caulerpa Macro Algae and even some polyps growing.