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# tideline aquatics Newsletter

## Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

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

### **TIDELINE NEW SERVICES:**

#### **Home Aquarium Cleaning Service –**

That is right! We are now doing home aquarium servicing! Just call the store to make an appointment to have your aquarium professionally cleaned by two members of the Tideline Aquatics staff.

#### **Aquarium Equipment Drop-off Service –**

Protein skimmers, water pumps, filters, glass tops, etc. Drop off your aquarium product for a complete break down and cleaning for only \$20.00! This is a 24 hour service except for Sunday drop-offs.

#### **Tideline Referral Program –**

Now when you bring in a family member, friend, neighbor or just someone off the street, you will receive a \$25.00 Tideline Gift Certificate if they decide to purchase a new aquarium package (20 Gallons or larger) from Tideline Aquatics. All you need to do is come to the store when your guest is purchasing their aquarium. The aquarium purchase must be 20 gallons or larger and include at least the tank, hood, light and stand (filtration components in lieu of stand). At the register, you will receive your \$25.00 Gift Certificate to use toward anything you wish at Tideline Aquatics. Just our way of saying “Thank you!” for bringing us a new customer.

### **TIDELINE “WALL OF FAME”**

### **PICTURE CONTEST – WIN \$100.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO TIDELINE**

Beginning on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will be able to enter our “Wall Of Fame” picture contest. We will allow one photo per household for entry

into the contest. Just bring in your BEST 8x10 glossy photo of your aquarium or pond. It can be a wide shot of your entire aquarium/pond or a close-up of your favorite aquarium or pond creature from **YOUR** aquarium or pond. You will need to include an index card with your name, address and phone number, the size of your aquarium or pond, how long it has been established, and type (reef, planted, water garden, etc). Blurry photos will not be accepted!! We will hang your photos in the store permanently! On December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will pick a winner based on the best photo quality AND creativity. Your personal information will be kept confidential.

The winner will receive a \$100.00 Tideline Aquatics gift certificate toward anything in the store you wish! Get your camera out and start clicking. Entries for the contest must be submitted before closing on DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>!! Each photo entered will be framed (by us) and hung in the store for everyone to enjoy. Enter your photo for a chance to win the \$100.00 Tideline Gift Certificate.

### **CHRISTMAS AQUARIUM GIVE-A-WAY!**

Remember that every time you visit the store, you can sign up for our aquarium give-a-way! We are drawing a winner on Christmas Eve!!

### **SHORT NEWSLETTER THIS WEEK!**

This week’s newsletter is smaller than usual due to our saltwater shipment being delayed today. We picked up the fish sometime around 10:00pm to out of the bags after their long journey. With the major ice storms across the Midwest, it has caused a back up at many of the airlines causing these types of delays. We cannot blame the airlines on this one; they are doing their best to get folks and freight to their destination with this terrible situation. But boy do we have some goodies that arrived this week!!

**COOL FISH THIS WEEK – SOME NEW, SOME DIFFERENT, SOME JUST HARD TO GET!!**

**SALTWATER:**



**THE BULLSEYE JAWFISH (?)  
(OPISTOGNATHUS SCOPS) (?)**

There are so many interesting Jawfish available in the marine fish trade but this one is brand new to us! They arrived about 10:30pm and do appear to be close to the fish pictured above. BUT these are from Bali, Indonesia and not from the Baja of California as the true Op. scops pictured above is native. As with all jawfish, they love to dig tunnels all over the aquarium where they poke out their heads waiting for the next meal!



**BLUEJAW TRIGGERFISH PAIR!!  
(XANTHICHTHYS AUROMARGINATUS)**

Many of you may recognize the beautiful Bluejaw triggerfish pictured above. In this shipment, we have a collected pair of these fish! The males are the most colorful possessing the intense blue jaw and bright yellow fins. The female is less colorful but still quite pretty. This is the first time we have seen this fish offered as a collected pair. Bluejaw triggerfish are quite

peaceful compared with most other triggerfish species even after they reach full size. This is also an extremely hardy fish for the aquarium. Housing these fish with larger gobies, blennies, dwarf angelfish, butterflyfish and tangs should be no problem. These fish are somewhat nervous when first introduced but overcome their fear once established. This triggerfish enjoys a meaty diet mixed with vegetable type foods like dried marine algae.



**THE TASSLED FILEFISH  
(CHAETODERMA PENCILLIGERA)**

This fish is available irregularly but it is one of the most unusual of the hardy marine fish. Tassled filefish almost appear furry with long appendages covering its entire body. These fish enjoy an omnivorous diet (both meaty and vegetable based). This fish must be kept with relatively peaceful species to prevent them from being damaged. This group is about 2.5" long but they can reach about 7" long in the aquarium.



**THE PANDA GOBY  
(PARAGOBIODON LACUNICOLUS)**

Now we only received one of these extremely cool nano gobies so do not fight over it! This fish reaches only about 1" long at full size. The one that arrived from Micronesia tonight is about 1/2"



long! This fish is collected from the branches of Pocillipora corals where it enjoys roosting. Due to its minute size, feeding of brine nauplii, Cyclops and other tiny foods is likely the key to keeping this beauty healthy. This is certainly not a cheap fish for its size! At about \$50, we are sure it will take a certain type of fish collector to get this one! We have only been able to obtain this fish twice in the past two years.

## **FRESHWATER:**



**ELONGATED ELEPHANTNOSE  
(OXYMORMYRUS BOULENGERI)**

This is the first time that Tideline Aquatics have EVER been able to obtain this rare elephantnose from the middle Congo Basin of Africa. We have been able to find little to no information on the care of this species but we are betting the care is similar to other Moryrids. These fish are electrogenic; produce an electric field to maneuver through their environment and to locate food items. It is best to keep only one electrogenic fish per aquarium as they tend to constantly chase one another causing stress to both fish. These fish are completely safe with small peaceful fish that will not outcompete this incredibly intelligent group of fish for food. This fish is NOT a flake food eater. At first, it should be offered live black worms. Then once established, one can start mixing in frozen foods like bloodworms, brine shrimp and mysis. The aquarium must be covered to prevent these fish from jumping out of the aquarium. Moryrids also need an aquarium that is well planted (live or artificial plants) with caves and crevices to give this fish some refuge. Did we mention intelligent? Mormyrids have the largest brain to body weight compared with all other species (including you!). These fish arrived in rough

condition with quite a bit of fin damage. Anyone interested in these fish should just place a deposit on one and allow us to get them healed up from the long trip from Africa. We also want to get them feeding well before you take one home!



**FRESHWATER CLOWN GOBY  
(REDIGOBIUS BALTEATUS)**

This interesting brackish water goby is indigenous to Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. As with other brackish water fish, raising and lowering of the salinity does not harm this fish as long as it is done gradually. This fish will likely NOT accept flake foods at first preferring frozen meaty foods and live worms in their diet. Avoid keeping this peaceful goby with any aggressive eating fish as they are quite shy and similar to the feeding habits of Bumble Bee Gobies. *R. balteatus* reaches about 2" long, will thrive in pH levels of 7.0-8.0 with a general hardness of 10-20 degrees for best results. To be so interesting, this is an inexpensive new arrival!!!



**THE VAMPIRE SHRIMP  
(ATYOPSIS GABONENSIS)**

Though the common name makes this shrimp sound like it may be evil, its name is derived from the sharp pointed arms it uses to anchor itself so it can expand its delicate feeding arms to filter feed in the wild and in the aquarium. This shrimp is native to Cameroon and grow quite large for a freshwater shrimp (4"-6"). Even at a large size this shrimp will never harm even the smallest of fish as it is primarily a filter feeder. One should add thawed Cyclops, brine shrimp nauplii and/or dissolved fry food injected into the water flow where this shrimp will open up its fan-like feeding apparatus to collect food. This shrimp needs good water conditions low in organics and free of metals like copper which will kill this shrimp.



**THE PEACEFUL ROUND BANDED BARB (PUNTIUS RHOMBOCELLATUS)**

We recently had a small shipment of this stunning new barb at Tideline Aquatics. After most had sold, we took the last two and placed them in our show planted aquarium just when you enter the store. Well, now everyone asks about the HOT new barbs in the planted tank! This barb will not nip fins nor eat plants. They school beautifully and do not hide. This new barb eats flake foods and seems as hardy as the common tiger barb without the attitude! Do not miss out on this shipment as it will likely be one of those fish that comes around only rarely! This import from Borneo will accept a pH range of 6.5-7.5 with soft to medium hard water conditions. Check this beauty out in our display tank when you enter the store. We have about 25 of these that just arrived. They are in perfect condition and already eating flake food and pelleted food.



**Dwarf Chain Loach (Yasuhikotakia sidthimunki)**

We featured this loach in last week's newsletter and we now have several specimens in stock! Now here is a loach is almost never available as they are not collected from the wild due to being listed as endangered. They are bred in captivity using hormones but not enough to bring down price of this expensive 2" jewel. Every time this fish is on our availability list, we buy them! Y. sidthimunki are never shy. They dart all over the aquarium with no fear. The markings are incredible but you will have to open the wallet pretty wide to purchase a school of them! This is a hardy loach that enjoys strong water flow and well oxygenated water. With its small size, Y. sidthimunki should be housed with smaller species like tetras, rasboras, peaceful dwarf cichlids and the like. If you see this fish and can afford it, don't miss out! This is one of the most active of all the loaches!



**FRESHWATER OLIVE NERITE SNAIL (NERITINA RECLIVATA)**

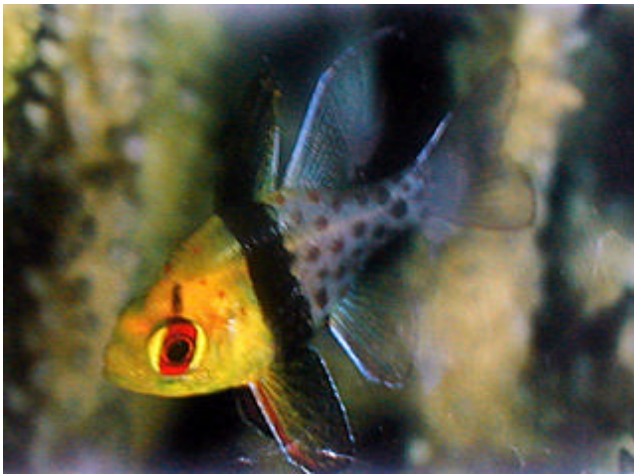
How about this one folks? A snail that does not reproduce in freshwater, does not eat live plants and cleans algae like crazy – you can get this with the olive nerite snail! We have about 50 of



these now in stock. With all the research we have done on this snail, it will not harm live plants but loves algae and detritus. Even though they may lay eggs in your aquarium, the eggs will only hatch if kept in a brackish water environment! These are cheap and beautifully marked!

Our fish selection is the best in the area! Be sure to check out our new arrivals listed below for a complete listing of all the new fish that arrived this week! Remember, we have hundreds of other fish still in stock from our previous shipments. Check them all out during your next visit to the store!

## Fish of the Week



**PAJAMA CARDINALFISH**  
(SPHAERAMIA NEMATOPERA)

We have featured this SUPER HARDY marine fish in a previous newsletter. Pajama cardinals are the ideal marine fish. This fish is extremely easy to maintain, will accept all types of prepared foods, will live in groups and is completely peaceful! What else can you ask of a saltwater fish? Reaching about the size of a dollar coin when full grown, about the only thing this fish may bother is small shrimp or tiny gobies. This group arrived tonight from our supplier that brought them in from the Fiji Islands. **This is just one of the specials you will find this week on our website coupons. Print the coupon at: [www.tidelineaquatics.net](http://www.tidelineaquatics.net)**

## What's New At Tideline

OUR LIVESTOCK SELECTION IS HUGE – BELOW IS JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU WILL FIND THIS WEEK!!

**FEEDERS (JUST ARRIVED!):** Feeder Guppies, Feeder Goldfish, Feeder Rosys, Feeder Crayfish, Feeder Fiddler Crabs, Live Black Worms, Ghost Shrimp.

### **FRESHWATER FISH (JUST ARRIVED TUESDAY):**

**Livebearers** – Fire Red Velvet Swordtails, Mixed Color Mickey Mouse Platies, 24K Tuxedo Platies.

**Catfish/Loaches** – Red Loricaria Whiptail Catfish, Gold Nugget Plecostomus, 2” Clown Loaches, Dwarf Chain Loaches (Rare), Angelicus Loaches (Striking!),

**Angelfish** – Jet Black Angelfish, Jet Black Veil Angelfish, Assorted Small Angelfish, Assorted Medium Angelfish, Zebra Lace Veil Angelfish, Gold Veil Angelfish, Koi Veil Angelfish, Sunset Angelfish.

**Brackish** – FW Clown Gobies, Purple Spot Gobies, Figure Eight Pufferfish, Green Scatophagus, Red Ruby Scatophagus, Archerfish.

**Tetras / Rasboras / Barbs / Danios** – Florida Bred Neon Tetras, Florida Bred Cardinal Tetras, Rummynose Tetras, Large Congo Tetras, Red Serpae Tetras, Zebra Danios, Round Banded Barbs (AWESOME), Denisonii Barbs (The Roseline Shark).

**Gouramis / Bettas** – Female Bettas, Male Bettas, Moonlite Gouramis, Sunset Honey Gouramis, Gold Honey Gouramis, Blue Gouramis, Gold Gouramis, Opaline Gouramis, Pearl Leeri Gouramis.

**Cichlids** (Dwarf, South American, African) – Large Fire Red Peacock Cichlid (Super Beautiful), Large Peacock Bass, Frontosa Cichlids, Nanochromis Nudiceps Dwarf Cichlids, Managuense Jaguar Cichlids, Firemouth Cichlids, Standard African Cichlids, Premium African Cichlids (SUPER NICE SELECTION), Tinanti Buffalo Head Cichlids, Apistogrammas – agassizi double reds, borelli yellow, cacatuoides double reds, Geophagus jurupari Eartheaters, Geophagus surinamensis Eartheaters.

**Other** – Silver Arowanas, Elongated Elephantnose (RARE), Vampire Shrimp, Algae

Eating Japonica Shrimp, Red Cherry Shrimp, Mottoro Freshwater Stingray, Small and XL Ranch Lionhead Chinese Goldfish, Bala Sharks, African Ropefish, Regular Freshwater Barracudas, Freshwater Olive Nerite Snails.

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

Bacopa Bunches, Cabomba Bunches, Ludwigia peruviana Bunches, Rotala indica Bunches, Potamogeton gayi Bunches, Wisteria Bunches, Amazon Swords, Anubias nana, Anubias Barteri, Crypt. moehlmanni, Crypt. wendtii 'Bronze', Dwarf Baby Teardrop, Italian Vallesneria, Aponogeton ulvaceus, Red Ludwigia Bunches, Dwarf Hairgrass, Dwarf Baby Teardrop imbedded on rock, Giant Microsword, Aponogeton undulatus Bulbs.

### **SALTWATER FISH (ARRIVED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT):**

**Angels / Butterflyfish:** Koran Angelfish, Coral Beauty Angelfish, African Flameback Pygmy Angelfish, Flame Angelfish, Majestic (Narvarchus) Angelfish.

**Clownfish** – Ocellaris Clownfish, Tank Bred Ocellaris Clownfish, Gold Stripe Maroon Clownfish (Small), Maroon Clownfish, Clarkii Clownfish, Sebae Clownfish.

**Gobies / Blennies** – Nano Panda Goby, Nano Twospot Blennies, Striped Algae Blenny (NEW), Starry Algae Blennies, NEW unnamed Watchman Gobies, Yellow Citron Goby, Firefish Gobies, Purple Firefish Gobies, Regular Algae Blennies, Candy Cane Gobies, XL Blue Mandarin Dragonettes.

**Wrasses** – African Sixline Wrasses, XL Super Male Flasher Wrasses (Incredible Fins and Color).

**Tangs** – Yellow Tangs, African Powder Blue Tang, Clown Tangs, Sailfin Tangs, Orange Tang.

**Triggerfish / Eels / Puffers** – M/L Humu Triggerfish, Medium Niger Triggerfish, PAIR Bluejaw Triggerfish, Orangetail Bluespot Pufferfish, Spotted Dogface Pufferfish, Porcupine Pufferfish.

**Lionfish** – Black Volitan Lionfish, Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish, Red Volitan Lionfish

**Other** – Green Tassled Filefish, Bicolor Foxface Rabbitfish, Red Spotted Pajama Cardinalfish, Kauderni Cardinalfish, Panther Groupers, NEW Bullseye Jawfish, Pearly Jawfish, Tank Bred Seahorses (small size).

### **INVERTEBRATES (ARRIVED LATE TUESDAY NIGHT):**

**Crustaceans** – XL Cleaner Shrimp, XL Red Fire Shrimp, Purple Reef Lobsters, Red Pistol Shrimp, Candy Cane Pistol Shrimp, Assorted Vietnam Reef Hermits.

**Snails / Cucumbers / Starfish / Urchins** – Mexican Turbo Snails, Cerith Snails, Nerite Snails, Common Cucumbers, Chocolate Chip Starfish, Pink Batik Tile Starfish (Pretty), Orange Linkia Starfish, Sand Sifting Starfish, Tuxedo Urchins (great algae eaters and small size).

**Corals / Polyps / Mushrooms** – A Huge Selection of Incredible Aqua-Cultured SPS Acroporas, Montiporas, Stylophora & Pocilliporas, Rare Fluorescent Oulophyllia Coral, Green Wall Hammer Corals, Cycloserus Red & Green Plate Coral, Green Candy Corals, Red & Green Candy Corals, Red Trachyphyllia Corals, Super Blue Mushroom Rocks, Yellow Polyp Rocks, Bali Ultra Zoanthid Rocks, Bali Pink Zoanthid Rocks, Solomon Island Ultra Zoanthid Rocks, Sunflower Zoanthid Rocks.

**Anemones** – Super Bubble Anemones, Fancy Color Long Tentacle Anemones, Green Rock Anemones.

**Other** – NEW TONGA ULTRA FUSION LIVE ROCK – NOT CHEAP BUT CERTAINLY WORTH A LOOK FOLKS!!! \$10.00 / LB

We still have a nice selection of small assorted frags suited well for nano reefs also.