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# **tideline aquatics** Newsletter

## **Tideline Aquatics Store Hours**

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

## **A NEW DAY FOR THE TIDELINE NEWSLETTER**

Beginning next week, the Tideline Aquatics Newsletter and 'new coupons day' will change from Tuesday night to Wednesday night. This will allow for a more accurate list of new livestock that arrived for that week. Presently, the newsletter is sent out on Tuesday night but often the animals do not arrive until Wednesday. We base the new arrivals list on what we ordered instead of what we actually received. This will also assist in producing the new coupons as in some cases; a coupon item does not show up on our order and has to be changed. Wednesday night newsletters will allow the list to reflect exactly what arrived.

## **FEEDER FISH MISHAP!**

Freshwater fish arrived late Tuesday afternoon. Because it is January, our supplier just added heat packs to the fish. Well, the tropical animals had no problem with the warm conditions but the feeder items did not fare so well. Rosey Redds all arrived dead on arrival, feeder goldfish suffered but most arrived okay. Feeder ghost shrimp arrived about 50% dead on arrival due to the heat packs. Live black worms are likely to all pass on to worm heaven. Crayfish and fiddler crabs did not show up at all (likely a blessing to them). We are reordering these items on Wednesday to arrive on Thursday as so many of you have been waiting on these feeder items. Of course we will likely add on a few other goodies to help cover the freight cost! So please understand, new feeders are coming your way this week – just a little later.

## **T12 DIAMETER FLUORESCENT LAMPS ARE OUTTA HERE**



Due to new laws coming in about 4-5 years, Coralife has stopped producing T12 diameter fluorescent lamps. Other lamp companies are also phasing out these lamps for the same reason. If your fixture uses these 'fat' diameter bulbs, your alternative will be T8 diameter lamps. If you use sealed endcaps in your light fixture, spacers are available at Tideline to fill the gap between the slimmer T8 lamp and the endcap diameter gap. VHO lamps, however, will no longer be available from Coralife. Whether this will be industry wide, we are unsure but as of now, all VHO fluorescent lamps are of the T12 diameter. Coralife T12 lamps have all been reduced for clearance from our suppliers so we went ahead and purchased quite a few. All of the T12 Coralife lamps at the store are marked at 50% OFF until they are gone. The replacement T8 diameter lamps will be stocked from this point forward. This will include actinics, 50/50s, 10Ks, 20Ks, Day Glows, etc. This will save you money over time as the T8 lamp fixtures will all incorporate electronic ballasts which are more energy efficient.

## **TANK BRED CLOWNFISH AND BASSLETS GIVE WAY TO NEW HYBRID CREATIONS**

NEMO, NEMO, NEMO, NEMO!! Everyone knows the common Ocellaris clownfish from the movie but with advances in tank breeding,

interesting new hybrid versions of “Nemo” are showing up at suppliers. While many are still quite expensive, as production increases over time, the price tag may become more affordable.



Whether it be from crossing two different clownfish species or from breeding together unusually marked alike species, the outcome can be extremely striking. A pair of small snowflake clownfish are fetching about \$400-\$500 dollars presently!! In our large bowfront reef aquarium at the store, we have a misbarred large female ocellaris that is more elongated with an unusual swimming pattern more similar to a saddleback clownfish. She is not for sale!

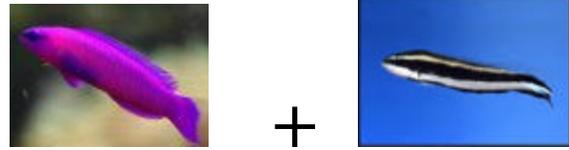


Inbreeding unusually colored or marked fish has been going on with freshwater fish for as long as aquariums have been around resulting in most of the colorful platy, swordtail, tetra, guppy and cichlids you purchase today. As marine Mari culture advances, you will like see more and more of these ‘new’ marine fish available for your aquarium.



Pictured above is the new Indigo Pseudochromis. The fish was created by crossing the bright pink Fridmani Pseudochromis with a Sankeyi Pseudochromis. Take a look at these two species pictured separately in the next set of

photographs. Both are beautiful on their own but the new Indigo Pseudochromis is quite a beauty and is now becoming more available in the trade.



Tank bred marine fish are typically hardier than wild-collected specimens. These ‘home grown’ fish are less likely to carry parasites and are more resistant to common diseases found in wild caught fish. All tank bred marine fish are more expensive but by supporting these fish producers, wild populations will not be impacted.



## **WE MAY OWE YOU A FISH!**

Late last week, we received a shipment of green chromis damsselfish in our marine shipment. Several customers that purchased these green chromis lost them mysteriously after only one or two days. We also lost several at the store for no apparent reason. Likely, the fish suffered from ammonia damage in shipping as they are packed 5-6 per bag and they arrived late. If you purchased any of these and lost them, please let us know so we can give you a replacement fish – no water sample required but do be honest. This does not happen often but when it does, we stand behind our fish and apologize for the loss to you.

## JUST COOL STUFF OF INTEREST



If you ever built a rabbit trap as a child, you will recognize the design of this tiny miniature trap designed to capture nuisance creatures in your aquarium. Evil crabs, hateful uninvited shrimp or small fish gone bad can now be caught without harm. The nylon screw sets the sensitivity. Just add some food, place it in the tank and check the trap each morning. Of course you may also capture your good guys from time to time but you can easily release them safely back into the aquarium.



Now for bigger guys that are causing you trouble, you can place this 10" long critter trap in the aquarium. You will need to monitor the aquarium for this one though. You hold the string that keeps the trap door open and when that problem child swims in, let go and the door slides shut to safely capture the creature inside. Remember folks, somebody is quite rich right now just because they thought of something so very simple to help us out in our aquarium husbandry!!

## RARELY IMPORTED BUT NOW AT TIDELINE AQUATICS!

If you are as much of a fish nerd as we are, you will get just so excited about these new imports

that just arrived this week. They are both beautiful fish and are only rarely imported.



First, the *Ctenopoma ansorgii*!! This secretive labyrinth fish from Africa usually arrives skinny and tiny but these are quite the opposite. Full bodied and loaded with color, this peaceful African gourami is safe with all but the smallest of fish. They enjoy warm soft water with plenty of nooks and crannies to keep them comfortable as they dart about the lower parts of the aquarium. Though they can be territorial towards one another, the aggression never seems to cause them harm.



Next we have the AWESOME Coral Red Pencilfish (*Nannostomus mortenthaleri*). While most pencilfish are interesting they are not very striking when it comes to color. The Red Pencilfish obviously got all the color in that family!! This is the perfect fish for the community planted aquarium. In this type of environment, this fish best displays its intense red color. These fish should be kept in peaceful aquarium that contain smaller fish like schooling tetras, rasboras, peaceful barbs and other soft water species. They are also safe with larger fish like Discus! Don't miss out on this shipment as they arrived at nearly full size and in near perfect condition!

## What's New At Tideline

### **FEEDERS (THURSDAY FOR MOST!!):**

Feeder Guppies (NOW AVAILABLE), Feeder Goldfish (NOW AVAILABLE), Feeder Rosys, Feeder Crayfish, Feeder Fiddler Crabs, Live Black Worms, Ghost Shrimp (NOW AVAILABLE).

### **NEW FRESHWATER FISH:**

**Livebearers** – Large Dalmation Mollies, 24K Tuxedo Platies.

**Catfish/Loaches** – Pygmy Corydoras Catfish, Skunk (Arcuatus) Corydoras Catfish, Melanistiurus Corydoras Catfish, Albino Corydoras Catfish, Golden Chinese Algae Eaters, Clown Loaches, Otocinclus Algae Eaters.

**Brackish** – Bumble Bee Gobies

**Tetras / Rasboras / Barbs / Danios** – Starfire Red Glo-fish Danios, Checkerboard Barbs, Rummynose Tetras, Longfin White Clouds, Coral Red Pencilfish, XL Florida Neon Tetras.

**Gouramis / Bettas** – Ctenopoma ansorgii, Mixed Color Female Bettas.

**Cichlids** (Dwarf, South American, African) – Keyhole Cichlids, Managuense Jaguar Cichlids.

**Other** – Freshwater Olive Nerite Snails (LOTS), Hifin Paroon Shark, Elephant Nose.

### **HANS GERMAN DISCUS SHIPMENT ARRIVES THURSDAY MORNING!!**

The following color strains will be available in a 3"-4" size: Flachen (Green Turquoise), Blue Pigeon Blood, Red Pigeon Blood, Marlboro Red, Blue Cobalt & Blue Diamond.

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

**Angels / Butterflyfish:** Coral Beauty Angelfish, Pacific Pygmy Angelfish, Eiblii Angelfish, Koran (Semicirculatus) Angelfish, Majestic (Navarchus) Angelfish, Black & White Heniochus Butterflyfish

**Clownfish** – True Percula Clownfish, Gold Bar Maroon Clownfish, Ocellaris Clownfish, True Black Ocellaris Clownfish (very nice!!).

**Gobies / Blennies** – Two Spot Bimaculatus Blennies, Starry Algae Blennies, Bluehead Blennies, Orange Spotted Blennies (Blenniella chrysospiros), Klausowitz's Blennies (Ecsenius

lineatus), Algae Blennies, Sri Lanka Red Scooter Blennies, Regular Scooter Blennies, Panda Gobies, Dusky Jawfish, Firefish Gobies, Mandarin Dragonettes, Golden Head Sifter Gobies, Trimma Gobies, Yellow Priolepis Gobies, Pantherinus Gobies, Green Banded Gobies, Randalli Gobies, Bynoisensis Sifter Gobies, Rainfordi Gobies, Dragon Sifter Gobies, Tangaroa Gobies, Flamehead Gobies, Yellow Clown Gobies, Steinitz Gobies, Yashia Goby, Diamond Sifter Gobies.

**Wrasses** – Ornatissimus Christmas Wrasses, Filamented Fairy Wrasses, McCosker's Fairy Wrasses, Harlequin Tuskfish, PAIR Tricolor Fairy Wrasses (C. solorensis), Sixline Wrasses.

**Tangs** – Sailfin Tangs, Powder Blue Tangs, Yellow Tangs, Tomini Tangs, Clown Tangs, Medium and Large Pacific Blue Regal Tangs.

**Triggerfish / Eels / Puffers** – Clown Triggerfish, Humu Triggerfish, Bridled Lagoon Triggerfish (RARE), Niger Triggerfish, Snowflake Moray Eels, Stars & Stripes Pufferfish, Dalmation Dogface Pufferfish, Common Dogface Pufferfish, Blue Dot Pufferfish, Valentini Pufferfish, Assorted Sharpnose Pufferfish.

**Lionfish** – Lunulata Volitan Lionfish, Small Black Volitan Lionfish

**Other** – Green Tassled Filefish, Bicolor Foxface Rabbitfish, Longnose Hawkfish, Peacock Flounders, Orange Spotted Rabbitfish, Common Foxface Rabbitfish, Fiji Pajama Cardinalfish, Bicolor Goatfish, Male Pink Squareback Anthias, Bimaculatus Anthias, Freckle Face Hawkfish, Purple Basslets, Springeri Pseudochromis, Fridmani Pseudochromis, Neon Arabian Pseudochromis, Flavivertex Pseudochromis, Redfin Foxface (Siganus magnificus), Tank Bred Kelloggi Seahorses.

### **INVERTEBRATES:**

**Crustaceans** – XL Cleaner Shrimp, Yellow Tip Reef Hermits (Clibanarius virescens), Zebra Reef Hermits (Calcinus laevimanus), Red Tip Reef Hermits, Scarlet Leg Reef Hermits, Neon Orange Knuckle Reef Hermits (Calcinus elegans), Yellow Coral Banded Shrimp, Sexy Dancer Shrimp, Peacock Mantis Shrimp (must live alone!!), White Spot Anemone Shrimp, Coral

Banded Shrimp, Vietnam Reef Hermits, Green Emerald Crabs, XL Red Pistol Shrimp, New Scarlet Leg Shrimp, Anemone Crabs.

**Snails / Cucumbers / Starfish / Urchins –**

Atlantic Turbin Snails, Pacific Turban Snails (Tectus fenestratus), Red Spotted Sand Sifter Snails, Pink & Green Cucumbers, Orange Linkia Reef Starfish, Chocolate Chip Starfish (not reef safe).

**Corals / Polyps / Mushrooms – Candy**

Caulastrea Corals, Orange Fungia Corals, Pipe Organ Corals, Green Eye Mycedium Corals (Oxypora sp.), Purple Short Tentacle Plate Corals, Green Branching Hammer Corals, Torch Corals, Fox Corals, Assorted Leather Corals, Assorted Mushroom Rocks, Green Branch Star Polyp Rocks, Orange & Green Zoanthid Rocks, Cultured Green Star Polyps, Cultured Mushrooms (arriving Thursday).

**Anemones –** Pink Tip Green Bubble Anemones, Sebae Anemones, Nice Color Long Tentacle Anemones.

**Other –** Common Feather Dusters.