



# tideline newsletter tideline aquatics

## Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

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

### **FISH YOU SHOULD NOT PURCHASE – SAVE THE FISH AND YOUR MONEY**

We've done a newsletter on this subject before but we have so many new members that we felt it was time for a revisit on this subject. Many aquarium stores and on-line stores offer fish for sale that simply do not survive in captivity. In nearly every case, you are not given the chance to reject a purchase because you are not given that facts about the fish or invertebrate you are considering. Don't be the victim. When you purchase the species we are about to cover, you not only lose your money, the animal loses its life. And by purchasing these animals, you only encourage the collectors to continue pulling these short-lived species from the wild where they would actually continue to survive. So here they are:

#### **COPPERBANDED BUTTERFLYFISH *CHELMON ROSTRATUS***



This fish simply refuses to eat or eats only brine

shrimp in captivity. This fish is often sold to reef customers for eating the pest anemone *Aiptasia*. Once the pest anemones are all gone, the fish simply wastes away and starves. In the 25+ years I (Chris) have been in the retail aquarium industry, I know of only two customers that have EVER had success with keeping this fish alive. This fish starves to death usually within 30 days of placing it in an aquarium. Let them thrive on the reef!

#### **SPOTTED SWEETLIPS OR CLOWN SWEETLIPS *PLECTORHINCHUS CHAETODONOIDES***



Many hobbyists are lured into buying this fish due to its stunning appearance and inexpensive price. This fish may live for about a month in the aquarium before it starves itself to death. This fish is extremely difficult to pass up when you see it but be aware they do not eat enough in the aquarium to survive for long! We have customers calling us about how to care for this fish after they bought it from another local store that continues to sell these fish! Speak up when you see this fish offered. Tell them they should not be selling fish that do not live in captivity!

**ORANGE SPOTTED FILEFISH**  
*OXYMONACANTHUS LONGIROSTRIS*



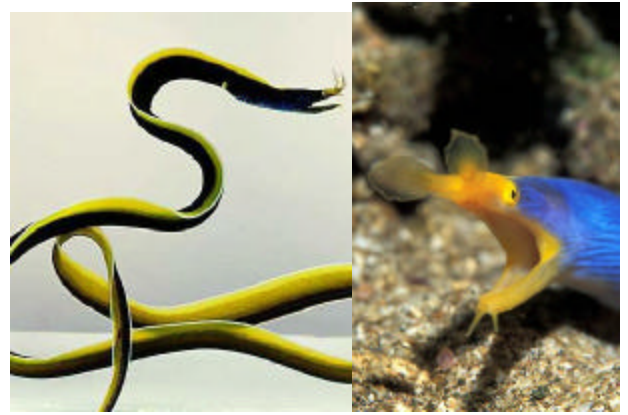
The photo above shows a pair of these incredibly beautiful orange spotted filefish feeding on live coral polyps. Well that is practically the only thing this fish eats in the wild. In captivity, they may chase down some brine shrimp but unfortunately this is just not a diet that this fish can survive on. After just a couple of weeks in captivity, this little gem starves to death. With their vivid orange spots and cheap price, you'll think you are getting a bargain but instead you are purchasing another fish often sold locally that simply does not survive in captivity. Hundreds of these fish are collected from the wild every week for the aquarium industry.

**MOORISH IDOL**  
*ZANCLUS CORNUTUS*



Though the moorish idol seems to eat well at first, they suddenly die for no apparent reason often within a month of being placed in the aquarium. From what we have read over the years, this fish's diet cannot be met in captivity. These fish are absolutely stunning but they should be avoided completely. If you love the appearance of this fish, then instead purchase the hardy similar species, the black and white heniochus. Black and white heniochus feed readily, live for many years in the aquarium and grow to full size. The moorish idol just does not adapt to captive life.

**BLUE OR BLACK RIBBON EEL**  
*RHINOMURAENA QUAESITA*



Ribbon eels are so tempting to purchase. Both the black and the blue are the same species. Juveniles are black and adults change to blue. A scientific study found that 98% of the ribbon eels collected for the aquarium industry die within 30 days of being placed into an aquarium! These eels either refuse to eat, get out-competed for food by other tank mates, develop skin infections or escape from the aquarium through the tiniest of holes. Most starve themselves to death by refusing to accept enough food to survive.

**ROCK BEAUTY ANGELFISH**  
*HOLACANTHUS TRICOLOR*



This Caribbean angelfish feeds primarily on live sponges in the wild. In captivity, this angelfish eats all types of prepared foods at first. Then suddenly (often within 30 days) it stops eating and dies. It is believed that the dietary needs of this fish cannot be duplicated in the home aquarium. This angelfish should be left on the reef. There is a reason these fish are so inexpensive when offered at aquarium stores and on-line. They do not live long in the aquarium and the dealers and collectors want to move them fast!

**SINGAPORE ANGELFISH**  
*CHAETODONTOPLUS MESOLEUCUS*



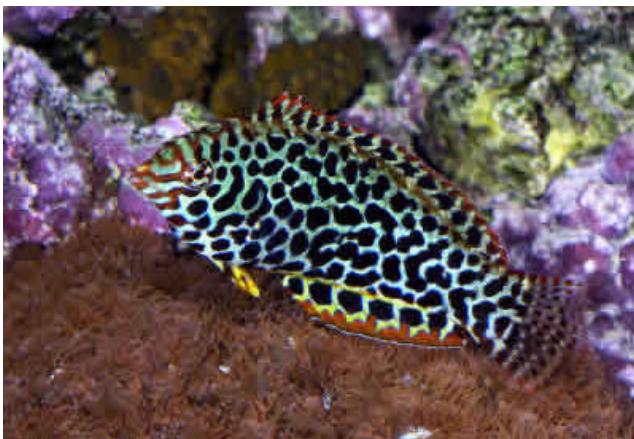
The Singapore Angelfish is offered for the aquarium trade every single day yet it rarely ever lives more than 30 days in captivity. This fish swims frantically around the aquarium as if to be completely happy yet refuses to accept any food choices offered. Very few have ever had success with this inexpensive marine angelfish.

**LEOPARD BLENNY OR LEOPARD ROCKSKIPPER**  
*EXALLIAS BREVIS*



This is such a lovely blenny and it just seems to jump happily all over the aquarium. Unfortunately, it only eats live coral polyps making it completely unfit for aquarium life. These blennies usually survive only a few weeks in captivity.

**LEOPARD WRASSE**  
*MACROPHARYNGODON MELEAGRIS*



Leopard wrasses are such beautiful wrasses yet very few ever survive in captivity for long. Even in reef aquariums, this little wrasse seems to struggle. Though a few folks have said they have had success with this wrasse, we like to ask them what happened to them. This wrasse is extremely shy and is often bullied by even the most peaceful of fish. In the aquarium, most refuse food or do not eat enough to keep them healthy. We have folks asking for this fish regularly though we will not bring them into the store. There are just too many hardy wrasses available in our trade to take the risk in killing another one of the lovely leopard wrasses. We do not recommend the collection or purchase of this fish.

**TAMARIN WRASSE**  
*ANAMPSES MELEAGRIDES*



You can see from this photo why so many folks purchase this delicate wrasse. These wrasses refuse to eat enough food to survive in captivity and often arrive in such poor condition that they simply die soon after being placed in an aquarium. There is a similar wrasse but with a red tail that is just as difficult to keep alive in captivity.

**BLUE SPOTTED BOXFISH**  
*OSTRACION MELEAGRIS*



Though this boxfish is beautiful, it refuses to eat in the aquarium. It may accept frozen brine shrimp but that is not a diet that the fish can survive solely on. Avoid this fish!

**REGAL ANGELFISH**  
***PYGOPLITES DIACANTHUS***



Regal angelfish are so beautiful yet they will not eat prepared foods. We have read where specimens collected from the Red Sea are much hardier but for the customers that purchased them from us, they still did not survive for more than a month. We just decided that this fish should be left in the wild or collected only for large public aquariums. There are dozens of marine angelfish that are hardy in the aquarium but this one is not a good choice!

The one thing you can count on with all of the fish we have talked about today in this newsletter; you will NOT find them at Tideline Aquatics. We did import some of these species years ago but after learning of their poor survival records, we stopped stocking them. So if you do shop around at the other stores or if you purchase from on-line stores, we hope this newsletter will save you from wasting your money by purchasing one of these species that does not live in captivity. Remember that ever time someone purchases one of these fish; it only causes collectors to continue to import them! There are so many hardy marine fish for aquariums. Why continue to support the collection of species that simply do not survive?

**NEW LIVE PLANT!**  
**NESAEA PEDICELLATA "GOLDEN"**



The more common *Nesaea pedicellata* originates from West Africa. This plant thrives in both hard and soft water with a temperature range of 72-84 degrees. We just received this stunning gold form of *Nesaea* that will certainly be a hit for the aquarium plant trade. *Nesaea* will thrive under medium to bright light conditions and prefers a nutrient rich substrate to perform at its best.

**OUR STENDKER DISCUS SHIPMENT  
JUST ARRIVED!!**



Our German Stendker Discus just arrived today! We have several new hybrids with this shipment and the fish are absolutely perfect! We will have them quarantined for three days but they should be ready for sale by Saturday or Sunday. See the "New Arrivals" section at the bottom of this newsletter for details about all the new hybrid discus varieties that are now in stock at Tideline Aquatics!

**NEW LIVE COPEPOD CULTURES  
NOW IN STOCK FOR PURCHASE!**

We now have live gut loaded copepods cultures for sale at the store. These are bottled and located in our refrigerator with the DT's Live Plankton products. These bottled live copepod cultures are excellent for seeding your refugium, culturing for feeding or for replenishing copepod populations in your existing aquarium. We will be stocking this product regularly as our supplier has picked up the line allowing us to reorder every two weeks.



**NEW MARINELAND UTILITY  
WATER PUMPS JUST ARRIVED!**



CAN BE MOUNTED EXTERNALLY OR  
SUBMERGED! QUIET AND POWERFUL!!  
AVAILABLE NOW AT TIDELINE AQUATICS!

**NEW BLUE LIFE PC LAMPS,  
METAL HALIDE LAMPS, HQI  
HALIDE LAMPS & HO T5 LAMPS!**



We have just begun to bring in our new line of quality and affordable Blue Life Aquarium Lamps! Not only will you love the many light spectrums available by Blue Life but you will love the prices. These lamps are up to 30% less than our previous aquarium lights!

**NOW STOCKING GEISSMAN HO T5  
LAMPS AT TIDELINE!**

We now carry Geissman's High Output T5 fluorescent lamps for reef aquariums. These high-end T5 lamps are available in many color spectrums for your specific reef aquarium needs.

**Don't forget to show your military ID at the check-out counter! Tideline Aquatics now offers a discount to both active and retired military persons with a military ID!!**

**New lower prices on heaters, Current USA HO T5 Fixtures, Black Diamond Carbon, Polyfilter, Glo-fish and many freshwater and saltwater species now at Tideline Aquatics!!**

**Also, print off web coupons for even more savings when you shop with us!!**

## **WHAT'S NEW AT [tideline aquatics?](#)**

### **FEEDERS (SEE BELOW):**

Guppies, Ghost Shrimp (LOW), Goldfish, Rosy Redds, Crayfish, Fiddler Crabs, Live Black Worms.

### **FRESHWATER FISH:**

**Livebearers** – Koi Swordtails, Gold Sunset Mollies, Assorted Swordtails, Painted Platies, Red Platies, Mickey Mouse Platies, Silver Lyretail Mollies, NEW! Cremecicle Mollies (awesome), Fancy Guppies, Black Yucatan Mollies, Dalmation Mollies.

**Catfish/Loaches/Plecostomus** – Rubber Plecostomus, Golden Dojo Weather Loaches, Queen Botia Loaches, New Victory Botia Loaches, Botia Striata Loaches, Chinese Algae Eaters, Scissortail Wood Catfish, L018 Gold Nugget Plecostomus, Hypostomus Plecostomus, Spotted Pictus Catfish, Corydoras Sterbae Catfish, True Siamensis Flying Fox Algae Eaters, Common Plecostomus, NEW! LDA16 Red Bristlenose Plecostomus, Incredible Tank Bred Corydoras Barbatus Catfish, Albino Corydoras Catfish, Arcuatus Skunk Corydoras Catfish, Punctatus Corydoras Catfish, NEW! Marble Borneo Catfish, Clown Loaches, Horseface Loaches, Clown Plecostomus, Chinese Butterfly Loaches.

**Brackish** – Green Scatophagus, Lg Green Spotted Pufferfish, Lg Figure Eight Pufferfish, Mono Sebae, Archerfish.

**Tetras / Rasboras / Barbs / Danios** – Cardinal Tetras, Clown Rasboras, Clown Barbs, Black Ruby Barbs, Zebra Danios, Bloodfin Tetras, Rummynose Tetras, Galaxy Rasboras (or danios – reclassified), True Red Pencilfish, Ember Tetras, Longfin Black Skirt Tetras, Longfin Red Serpae Tetras, Common Red Serpae Tetras, Tiger Barbs, NEW Maharaja Barbs, Beautiful & Peaceful Pentazona Barbs, Male Longfin Rosey Barbs, Giant Danios, Longfin Zebra Danios, Whitefin Rosey Tetras, Starfire Red, Electric Green and Sunburst Orange Glo-Fish (new lower price!).

**Gouramis / Bettas** – Pearl Gouramis, Female Bettas, Super Color Fancy Dwarf Gouramis, Gold Honey Gouramis, RARE! Pair Betta Brownorum, Ass't Male Bettas, Gold Gouramis,

Opaline Gouramis, Moonlite Gouramis, Pink Kissing Gouramis, Ctenopoma ansorgii.

**Cichlids** (Dwarf, South American, African) – German Blue Rams, Black Convict Cichlids, Jack Dempsey Cichlids, Paratilapia Polleni Cichlids, Geophagus Surinamensis, Geophagus “Red Head Tapajos”, XL Blue Spot Hybrid Cichlid, Shell Dwelling Multifasciatus Dwarf Cichlids, Geophagus Balzani (completely incredible!), Geophagus Altifrons, Pink Convicts, Firemouth Cichlids, Nicaraguense Cichlids, Pike Cichlids, Festae (true red terror) Cichlids, Red Peacock Cichlids, Eretmodus “Blue Point” Goby Cichlids, Lg Bright Electric Blue Ahli Cichlids, Umbriferum Cichlids, Electra Cichlids, Livingstoni Cichlids, Polystigma Cichlids, Compressicep Cichlids, Electric Blue Johannii Cichlids, Jacobfreibergeri Cichlids, Show! Geophagus Heckelii Cichlids, NEW! Fire Jaguar Cichlids, Festivum Cichlids, Medium Green Terror Cichlids, Altispinosa Rams, Large Gold Severums, Medium Assorted Oscars, Assorted Peacock Cichlids, Red Zebra Cichlids, Socolofi Cichlids, Redfin Borelli Cichlids, Kribensis, Daffodil Bichardi Cichlids, Frontosa Cichlids.

**Angelfish / Discus** – Stendker Silver Pigeon Blood Discus, Stendker Green Turquoise Snakeskin Discus, Stendker Red Snakeskin Discus, Stendker Marlboro Red Discus, Stendker Blue Diamond Discus, Stendker Red Turquoise Discus, Stendker Green Turquoise Discus, Stendker Pigeon Blood Snakeskin Discus, Jet Black Veil Angelfish, Koi Angelfish, Zebra Veil Angelfish, Assorted Angelfish, Medium Assorted Angelfish, Wild Caught Large Altum Angelfish.

**Other** – Freshwater Blennies, African Ropefish, Silver Dollars, Asian Needlefish, Olive Nerite Snails, Polypterus palmus, Polypterus ornatipinnus, Ctenopoma ansorgii, Red-Nosed Shrimp, Orange Bee Shrimp, Dwarf African Frogs, Medium Fire Eels, Mystery Snails, Saber Tusk Barracudas, Electric Blue Crayfish (LG), Brown African Clawed Frogs, Albino African Clawed Frogs, Roseline Denisonii Sharks (Tank Bred!), Bala Sharks, Redtail Black Sharks, Black Sharks, Rainbow Sharks, Black Ghost Knives, Tiretrack Eels, Lungfish (huge), African Butterflyfish, Distichodus Sexfasciatus, South

American Dragonfish, NEW! Blue Form Stiphodon Goby Pairs, NEW! Japanese Electric Blue Stiphodon Goby Pairs, Florida Alligator Garfish, NEW! Red Belt Climbing Rock Goby Pairs, NEW! Japanese Carp Gudgeon Goby Pairs, NEW! Forest Halfbeaks.

**Goldfish** – Lg Blue Butterfly Telescope Goldfish, Japanese Red Ranchu Lionheads, Hooded Pearlscale Goldfish, Lg Super Quality Chinese Orandas, Medium Ryukin Goldfish Assortment, S/M Assorted Oranda Goldfish.

#### **LIVE AQUARIUM PLANTS:**

Now in Stock: NEW! Golden Nesea, Blyxa Grass, Green Radican Sword Plants, Bronze Crypt. Wendtii, Amazon Swords, Bacopa, Limnophyllia, Rotala Magenta, Rotala Indica, Java Fern, Cabomba, Dwarf Baby Teardrop, Dwarf Hairgrass, Giant Hairgrass, Anubias coffefolia, Anubias nana, Aponogeton ulvaceous, Dwarf Red Leaf Lily.

#### **SALTWATER FISH:**

**Angels / Butterflyfish** – Melas Keyhole Angelfish, Medium Koran Angelfish, Kleini Butterflyfish, Hawaiian Potters Angelfish, Coral Beauty Angelfish, Atlantic Pygmy Angelfish, Annularis Angelfish, Baby Koran Angelfish, Red Sea Asfur Angelfish, Flagfin Angel, Bluespotted Poma Angelfish, Large Majestic Angelfish, Black & White Heniochus Butterflyfish.

**Clownfish** – XL Tank Bred Ocellaris Clownfish, XL Tank Bred True Black Australia Ocellaris Clownfish, Tank Bred Jaffa Ocellaris Clownfish, Maroon Clownfish, Sebae Clownfish, Assorted Tank Bred Clownfish, Black Melanopus Clownfish.

**Gobies / Blennies / Jawfish** – Hector's Gobies, Blue Spot Shrimp Gobies, Blue Spotted Jawfish, Bullethead Reef Blennies, Black Sailfin Blennies, Blue Dot Watchman Gobies, Red Striper Trimma Gobies, Firefish Gobies, Yellow Clown Gobies, Randalli Gobies, Dragon Sifter Gobies, Pink Spot Watchman Gobies, Starry Algae Blennies, Candy Cane Gobies, Blue Torpedo Gobies.

**Wrasses / Hogfish** – Blue Neon Wrasses, Red Hifin Fairy Wrasses, Purple Fairy Wrasses, Sixline Wrasses, Brown Bird Wrasses, Mexican

Rainbow Wrasses, Super Male Carpenters Fairy Wrasses, Super Male Filamented Fin Fairy Wrasses, Lunare Wrasses, Solorensis Fairy Wrasses.

**Tangs / Rabbitfish** – Powder Brown Tangs, Foxface Rabbitfish, Sailfin Tangs, Medium & Jumbo Yellow Tangs, Yellow Eye Kole Tangs, Red Sea Purple Tangs, Brown Scopas Tangs, Chocolate Tangs, M/L Blue Regal Tangs, Powder Blue Tangs.

**Triggerfish / Eels / Puffers** – Porcupine Pufferfish, Australian Shortnose Pufferfish, Rectangulus Triggerfish, Valentini Pufferfish, Niger Triggerfish, Snowflake Moray Eels, Dogface Pufferfish, Orangetail Blue Spotted Sharpnose Pufferfish, Yellow Belly Dogface Pufferfish.

**Lionfish/Scorpionfish** – Pink Rhinopus, Volitan Lionfish, Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish.

**Other** – Fridmani Orchid Dottybacks, Squareback Anthias, Neon Dottybacks, Yellow Goatfish, Caribbean Blue Reef Chromis, Purple Basslets, Scooter Blennies, Flame Hawkfish, Hifin Perchlet (pygmy hawkfish), Evansi Anthias, Red Lyretail Anthias, Assorted Damsel fish, Miniatus Grouper, Bicolor Basslets, Pajama Cardinalfish, Spotted Hawkfish, Red Squirrelfish, Shark Egg Capsules.

#### **INVERTEBRATES:**

**Snails / Cucumbers / Starfish / Urchins** – Nerite Snails, Cerith Snails, Mexican Turbo Snails, Bumble Bee Snails, XL Nassarius Snails, Common Sifting Cucumbers, Pink Cucumbers, Yellow Cucumbers, Pink Pin Cushion Urchins, Short Spine Urchins, Tuxedo Urchins, Chocolate Chip Starfish (not reef safe), Brown Serpent Starfish.

**Crustaceans** – Japanese Pistol Shrimp, Tiger Pistol Shrimp, Scarlet Reef Hermits, Hairy Red Leg Hermits (not for reefs), Common Hermit Crabs (not for reefs), Emerald Crabs, Skunk Cleaner Shrimp, Coral Banded Shrimp, Golden Banded Shrimp, Caribbean Peppermint Shrimp, Peacock Mantis Shrimp (must live alone!), Sally Lite Foot Crabs, Arrow Crabs, Common Pistol Shrimp.

**Corals / Polyps / Mushrooms** – Duncan's Whisker Corals, Candy Caulestrea Corals, Blue

Mushroom Rocks, Green Flower Mushroom Rocks, Super Green Mushroom Rocks, Torch Corals, Green Finger Leather Corals, Daisy Polyp Rocks, Branching Frogspawn Corals, Bubble Corals, Multi-color Blasstomussa Coral, Orange Echinophylia Corals, Assorted Favia Brain Corals, Pink Cynarina Meat Coral, RARE! Purple Mushroom Polyps, Cultured Acropora Solitariensis, Fungia Plate Corals, Platygyra Worm Brain Corals, Australian Scolymia Corals, Australian AWESOME Acanthastrea Corals, Orange Eye Echnophylia Corals, Toadstool Leather Corals, Finger Leather Corals, Cauliflower Leather Corals, Devils Hand Leather Corals, Assorted Frag Corals, Indonesian Mushroom Rocks, Green Star Polyps, Anthelia Rocks.

**Other** – Atlantic Feather Dusters, Common Cucumbers, Bluespot Seahares, Cultured Maxima Clams, Assorted Color Feather Dusters, Sea Apple, Bubble Anemones, Long Tentacle Anemones, Sebae Anemones, Rock Anemones, Florida Condylactus Anemones, Hard Tube Assorted Color Coco Worm Feather Dusters.

This list is based on our most recent shipments of saltwater livestock. There are many other species available in the store not included in this list.