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Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

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

NEW CULTURED CARIBBEAN LIVE ROCK!!



In the last year we have seen the quality of live rock coming from the pacific region decline substantially. Previously live rock from areas like Fiji was covered with coralline algae and other encrusting organisms but now it arrives with little to no color and quite “dead” in appearance

though tiny worms and “pods” are still present. We just have not been satisfied with live rock for some time. Tideline even brought in some of the more expensive rock from Sulawesi. This rock had wonderful shapes but still, it lacked much color and “life”.

When I (Chris) attended a Customer Appreciation Day Sale for a friend of mine with a store in Tennessee (Aquarium in Knoxville) I was amazed at his live rock selection. This rock reminded me of what we used to receive from shippers back in the mid to late 1980’s. Of course I had to get my hands on his supplier. Thankfully we are far enough apart he kindly shared his supplier with us at Tideline Aquatics!!

Today (Thursday), we have 250lbs of this grand cultured Caribbean Live Rock arriving!!! This rock will astound you. It is covered in coralline algae, tiny coral clusters, worms, “pods”, plant life and sponges. This rock is not cheap but we did put a website coupon up to save you a few bucks on this superior live rock. You good folks are going to go bananas over this live rock!! This supplier is allowing us to be the exclusive dealer for his live rock in the Charleston area. Call the store for the arrival time today.

CHEAP CAN BE QUITE EXPENSIVE!!

Everyone wants to save a buck when they can and Tideline Aquatics understands that by giving you weekly web coupons and in-house specials on quality livestock and aquarium supplies. But we did want to share a few stories about how

expensive some cost-cutting ideas can be. Sometimes cheap can cost you a fortune!!

Recently a good customer of ours decided to purchase some Nori (the dried marine algae) that is intended for human consumption in Sushi from his local grocery store to feed his reef grazers (tang and algae blennies). These fish had been in his aquarium for quite a while and were all flourishing. He also has a quarantine tank that had several algae-grazers he was going to eventually move into his main reef (a responsible aquarist quarantines all new purchases!). This grocery store Nori was nearly half of what aquarium store Nori costs. As soon as he began feeding this dried algae to his fish, they ALL died – and quickly! The fish that did not eat on the Nori (jawfish, gobies, clownfish, etc) were all still healthy and acting normally. Who knows what the difference was with this product. Perhaps flavorings, preservatives, salts or some other chemical that was completely safe for human consumption was not safe for tropical fish consumption. The losses in fish were over \$500 bucks – OUCH.



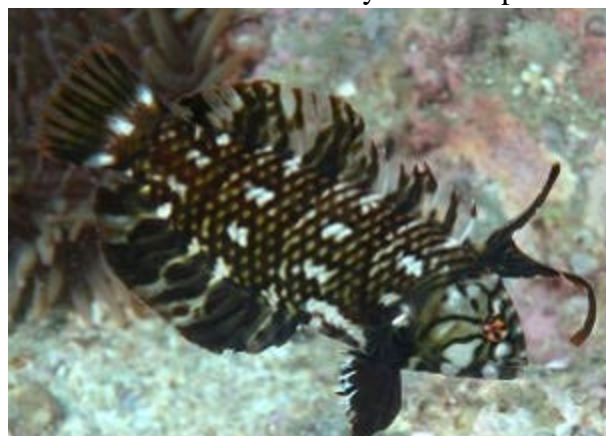
DRIED MARINE ALGAE INTENDED FOR FISH

A gentleman and his family took a stroll down the beach. With all the storms, numerous yellow seafans had washed ashore. Since he and his family had seen numerous seafans for sale in aquarium stores, they thought this “free” find would make a grand addition to their aquarium. They scooped up some water from the ocean and placed the find in the bucket for the ride home. They added the beautiful yellow seafan to their aquarium that evening. The next morning when they turned on the aquarium light, the water was milky cloudy and all of the aquarium animals

were dead! The seafan had dissolved away, the ammonia level in the aquarium sky-rocketed and killed everything in the aquarium.



About two weeks ago, a fellow purchased one of the bright green dragon wrasses that had come in on a recent shipment. The fish was thriving and digging about the aquarium as dragon wrasses love to do. He and his family took a trip to the



beach and felt lucky when they came upon some small local anemones living on rocks. The collected a couple of these anemones and brought them home to place in their aquarium. The next day they found their beautiful dragon wrasse half swallowed down by the “free” anemone. Our local anemone species have extremely powerful stinging cells and the curious dragon wrasse just got too darn close!

So the point of this writing is that free or cheap is not always a great deal. Animals from our local beaches should never be placed in your tropical aquarium. Even if you do some research and decide it is a safe organism to add, it should be quarantined separately for at least two weeks to ensure it is healthy and not carrying any disease organisms that could harm your aquarium investment. Foods intended for people are not always safe for aquarium animals. Aquarium components that are found at places like yard sales and on Ebay may be in poor working order. This can especially be true of components like

aquarium heaters, opened bags of salt, boxes of aquarium additives, old test kits and other “great” deals. Old heaters could have corroded contacts that could stick causing your aquarium to overheat thus killing your fish. Opened bags of sea salt could have been exposed to dangerous chemicals, bug sprays and who knows what! Aquarium additives that are old can degrade and become toxic thus killing the aquarium animals upon adding them. Out-dated test kits can give you false positive or false negative readings causing you to make poor decisions on the water quality adjustments.

So, in the end, if you'd just spent a little more, you would have a safe food, product, test kit or livestock addition that would not cause your aquarium inhabitants any harm. A quick phone call or email to the staff at Tideline Aquatics can save you money if you are ever in doubt. That is why we are here for you seven days a week!

A NEW INTRO TO TIDELINE AQUATICS! THE ELECTRIC BLUE RAM DWARF CICHLID!!!!



If you love Rams, you're gonna flip over this incredible new hybrid ram that displays electric blue color that flashes with every move. We just received these fish on Tuesday and have already fallen in love with them!! The electric blue ram requires the same care as other ram hybrids requiring soft, clean, warm water low in organics. From what we have seen of the (4) specimens we received is that this hybrid seems a little feistier than the standard German Blue Ram. We would not call them aggressive but we will say that they seem somewhat more territorial toward other fish in the aquarium. These are not cheap but if you love dwarf cichlids, this one is gonna tempt your pocketbook we can assure you!

AND....

THE WHITE CHEEKED GOBY!

If you are into freshwater bottom dwellers on the unusual side, you will likely enjoy owning this interesting and inexpensive import from the fast-flowing mountain streams of South China. The White Cheek Goby (**Rhinogobius wui**) requires a soft substrate (fine sand or gravel) with stones and/or driftwood for where it enjoys perching. Only the males display the beautiful patterns pictured below and one male should either be kept alone or in the company of two or three females. Water quality should consist of soft to



medium-hard water with a temperature of no more than 77 degrees (59-77 degrees). These interesting gobies reach just under 2” at adult size and are quite easy to breed. Females lay 10-50 eggs which hatch in about 2 days. The fry are large enough to accept newly hatched brine shrimp. This fish does not require any salt in the water to survive but do not place this fish in very warm aquariums (over 77 degrees).

POND TOUR 2009 WAS A SOLD OUT EVENT THIS YEAR!!

If you were unable to attend this years Charleston Showa Pond Tour 2009 you missed an extraordinary tour. Just at my home we had over 200 people come by. It was wonderful talking to so many of you outside Tideline Aquatics and being able to share my pond and garden with you. If you missed out this year, be sure to get your family and friends together for next years pond tour in June 2010!

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!!

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

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

ON THE MENU THIS WEEK:

Feeder Guppies, Feeder Rosy Redds, Feeder Goldfish, Feeder Crayfish, Feeder Fiddler Crabs. We are out of live black worms until next week!

FRESHWATER FISH:

Livebearers – Lemon Swordtails, Koi Swordtails, Gold Dust Mollies, Silver Mollies, Red Platies, Redtail Dalmation Platies, 24K Tuxedo Platies, Mickey Mouse Platies, Assorted Swordtails, Sunburst Platies, Assorted Fancy Guppy Pairs, Sailfin Mollies, Assorted M/L Lyretail Mollies, Dalmation Mollies, Black Yucatan Mollies.

Catfish/Loaches/Plecostomus – Large RARE Scaides Pictus Catfish, Green Gold Corydoras Catfish, L200 Green Phantom Plecostomus, L204 Emperor Plecostomus, L144a Longfin Bristlenose Plecostomus, XL Albino Bushynose Plecostomus, Small Albino Bristlenose Plecostomus, Agassizi Corydoras Catfish, Punctatus Corydoras Catfish, Orange Stripe Aeneus Corydoras Catfish, Sterbae Corydoras Catfish, Rainbow Sharks, L103 Clown Plecostomus, L007 Dracula Plecostomus, XXL Juruense Shovelnose Catfish, Synodontis Petricola Catfish, Spotted Shovelnose Catfish, Blue Dolphin Catfish, Glass Catfish, True Tigrinus Shovelnose Catfish, Golden Dojo Loaches, Angelicus Botia Loaches, Spotted Pictus Catfish, Upside Down Catfish, Botia Striata Loaches, Chinese Algae Eaters, Hypostomus Plecostomus, True Siamensis Flying Fox Algae Eaters, Common Plecostomus, Albino Corydoras Catfish, Clown Loaches, Green Corydoras Catfish, Paleatus Corydoras Catfish, Otocinclus Dwarf Algae Eaters.

Brackish – Green Spotted Pufferfish, South American Dragonfish Gobies, Green Scatophagus, Archerfish, New Javanese Bumble Bee Gobies, Figure Eight Pufferfish, Mono Sebae, Mono Argentius.

Tetras / Rasboras / Barbs / Danios – Golden White Cloud Mountain Minnows, Zebra Danios, Round-Banded Barbs, Bloodfin Tetras, Pristella Maxillaris Tetras, Whitefin Rosy Tetras, Red Serpae Tetras, Cardinal Tetras, Large Neon Tetras, Large GloLite Tetras, Tiger Barbs, Cherry Barbs, Gold Barbs, New Veiltail Cherry Barbs, Scissortail Rasboras, New! Zebra Barbs, Redtail Loretto Tetras (very nice), Red Eye Tetras, Beautiful Espei Pencilfish, White Clouds, Harlequin Rasboras, Clown Rasboras, Clown Barbs, Black Skirt Tetras, Green Tiger Barbs, Whitefin Rosey Tetras, Assorted Glo-Fish.

Gouramis / Bettas – Gold Honey Gouramis, Red Honey Gouramis, Leopard Ctenopomas, Platinum Gouramis, Pink Kissing Gouramis, Gold Gouramis, Blue Gouramis, Female Bettas, Super Color Fancy Dwarf Gouramis, Ass't Male Bettas, Opaline Gouramis, Ctenopoma ansorgii.

Cichlids (Dwarf, South American, African) – NEW AND INCREDIBLE Electric Blue German Rams, Nicaraguense Cichlids, Rainbow Cichlids, Geophagus Surinamensis Eartheaters, Medium Green Terrors, Assorted Medium Peacock Cichlids, Assorted Mbuna Cichlids, Neolamprologus Calvus Cichlids, Neolamprologus Compressiceps Cichlids, Leleupi Cichlids, XL Brichardi Cichlids, Lg Electric Blue Ahli Cichlids, Texas Cichlids, Premium Assorted Mbuna African Cichlids, German Gold Rams, Green Severums, Geophagus Jurupari, Pink Convict Cichlids, Black Convict Cichlids, Jack Dempsey Cichlids, Firemouth Cichlids, Festae (true red terror) Cichlids, Eretmodus "Blue Point" Goby Cichlids, Medium Green Terror Cichlids, Altispinosa Rams, Large and Medium Gold Severums, Small & Medium Assorted Oscars, Large and Jumbo Peacock Bass.

Angelfish / Discus – Black Veil Angelfish, Gold Marble Veil Angelfish, Koi Angelfish, Marble Angelfish, Half Black Angelfish, Medium Zebra Lace Veil Angelfish, Medium Koi Veil Angelfish, Super Orange Large Koi Angelfish, Medium Assorted Angelfish, Large Assorted Angelfish, Large German Stendker Discus...

Other – Millennium Rainbowfish, Boesemani Rainbowfish, Neon Praecox Rainbowfish, Threadfin Rainbowfish, Turquoise Rainbowfish, Iridescent Sharks, Striped Peacock Eels,

Tiretrack Eels, African Ropefish, Yellowtail Spiny Eels, White Cheek Gobies, South American Dragonfish Gobies, South American Teacup Stingrays, African Vampire Shrimp, Orange Bee Shrimp, Beautiful Dwarf Rainbow Gudgeon Gobies, XL Japonica Algae Eating Shrimp, Bamboo Filter Feeding Shrimp, Japanese Trapdoor Snails, Mystery Snails, Nerite Snails, Large and Jumbo Peacock Bass, M/L Clown Knives, Tank Bred Dolphin Moryrids, Assorted Fancy Rainbowfish, Medium Silver Arowanas, Redtail Barracudas, Celebes Halfbeaks, Freshwater Flounders, Silver Dollars, Asian Needlefish, Polypterus palmus, Polypterus ornatipinnus, Ctenopoma ansorgii, Electric Blue Crayfish (LG), Roseline Denisonii Sharks (Tank Bred!), Bala Sharks, Redtail Black Sharks, Black Ghost Knives, Lungfish (huge), African Butterflyfish, Distichodus Sexfasciatus.

Goldfish – Small Assorted Fantails, Medium Assorted Fantails, Medium Black Moors, Medium Chinese Orandas, Medium Chinese Ryunkins, Bubble Eyes, Telescope Eyes, Pearlscales, Medium Calico Fantails.

Pond Fish: - LOOK!! New KOI JUST ARRIVED!! - 2"-3" Domestic Koi, 6" Domestic Koi, Japanese Grade 5" Shiro Utsuri Koi, 8" Butterfly Koi, 6" Butterfly Koi, 6" Premium Butterfly Koi, 5" Pond Comets, 6" Shubunkins, Jumbo Domestic Koi.

Aquarium Plants: Limnophila Hippuroides, Red Melon Swords, Amazon Swords, Red Flame Swords, Bacopa, Giant Hygrophylia, Red Ludwigia Peruensis, Rotala Indica, Wisteria, Italian Vallesneria, Pygmy Chain Swords, Dwarf Sagittaria, Nana Vallesneria, Anubias Nana, Bronze Crypt. Wendtii, Blyxa Auberti Grass, Water Sprite, Sunset Crypt. Wendtii, Aponogeton Ulvaceus, Marble Swords, Banana Plants, Java Moss, Java Fern, African Bolbitis Fern and more!!

Pond Plants: THE POND PLANTS ARE LOVIN' THE HEAT AND ARE ALL IN FULL BLOOM!! Tropical Water Lilies, Hardy Water Lilies, Lotus, Floating Island Plants, Parrots Feather, Taros, Umbrella Palms, Bog Hibiscus, Star Grass, Blue Bog Reed, Cattails, Dwarf Bog Bamboo, Arrowhead and more!!

SALTWATER FISH:

Angels / Butterflyfish – Coral Beauty Angelfish, Flagfin Angelfish, Keyhole Angelfish, Adult and Juvenile Majestic Angelfish, Flame Angelfish, Half Black Angelfish, Koran Angelfish, Heniochus Butterflyfish.

Clownfish – True Black Ocellaris Clownfish, Large Tank Bred Ocellaris Clownfish, Yellow Stripe Maroon Clownfish, Black Clarkii Clownfish, Ocellaris Clownfish, XL Sebae Clownfish, True Percula Clownfish, Black Onyx Percula Clownfish, Tomato Clownfish, Maroon Clownfish.

Gobies / Blennies / Jawfish – Purple Firefish Gobies, Clown Gobies, Yellow Watchman Gobies, Yellow Head Jawfish, Yellow Banded Jawfish, Green Banded Gobies, Firefish Gobies, Black Cap Jawfish, Panda Gobies, Two Spot Signal Gobies, Candy Cane Gobies, Red Trimma Gobies, Blue Spotted Jawfish, Bullseye Jawfish, Golden Sailfin Blenny, Tail-Spot Blenny, Black & White Priolepsis Gobies, Orange Spotted Blennies, Assorted Nano Gobies, Helfrichi Firefish Gobies, Orange Spot Guttata Gobies, Randalli Gobies, Blue Neon Gobies, Pink Barred Gobies, Diamond Sifter Gobies, Algae Blennies, Bullethead Reef Blennies, Blue Torpedo Gobies.

Wrasses / Hogfish – Christmas Wrasses, Red Christmas Wrasses, Yellow Coris Wrasses, Sixline Wrasses, Filamented Fairy Wrasse, Candy Hogfish, Harlequin Tuskfish.

Tangs / Rabbitfish – Mimic Yellow Tangs, Powder Brown Tangs, Foxface Rabbitfish, Yellow Blotch Rabbitfish, Spinefoot Rabbitfish, Gold Spotted Rabbitfish, Mimic Half Black Tangs, Sohal Tang, Tominiensis Orange Fin Tangs, Fowleri Tang, Powder Blue Tangs, Sailfin Tangs, Blue Regal Tangs, Yellow Tangs.

Triggerfish / Eels / Puffers – Blue Dot Hawaiian Pufferfish, Chainlink Moray Eels, Bursa Triggerfish, Caribbean Sharpnose Pufferfish, Peacock Sharpnose Pufferfish, Leopard Sharpnose Pufferfish, Coronata Pufferfish, Rectangulus Triggerfish, Humu Triggerfish, Lg Clown Triggerfish, Niger Triggerfish, Snowflake Moray Eels, Dogface Pufferfish, Valentini Pufferfish.

Lionfish/Scorpionfish – S/M and Medium Black Volitan Lionfish, Lg Black Volitan Lionfish, Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish.

Other – Australian Red Scatophagus, Flame Hawkfish, Longnose Hawkfish, Green Wolf Eel Blenny, Springeri Pseudochromis, Fiji Devil Damsel fish, Domino Damsel fish, Scooter “Blenny” Dragonettes, Red Scooter “Blenny” Dragonettes, Red Striped Squirrelfish, Big Eye Squirrelfish, Shark Egg Capsule, Mono Argentius, Silver Scatophagus, Purple Basslets, Fridmani Pseudochromis, Yellow Goatfish, RARE Borbonius Anthias, Blue Damsel fish, Yellowtail Damsel fish, Neon Velvet Damsel fish, Clown Grouper, Falco Hawkfish, Mandarin Dragonettes, Pajama Cardinalfish.

INVERTEBRATES:

Snails / Cucumbers / Starfish / Urchins – African Red Knob Starfish, Common Sifter Cucumbers, Spiny Star *Astraea* Snails, Spiral Top Reef Snails, Queen Conch Snails, Chocolate Chip Starfish (not for reefs!), *Trochus* Snails, Nerite Snails, Small *Nassarius* Snails, *Cerith* Snails, *Astraea* Reef Snails.

Crustaceans – Red Fire Shrimp, Anemone Shrimp, Japanese Pistol Shrimp, Curlique Pistol Shrimp, Porcelain Crabs, Arrow Crabs, Green Emerald Crabs, Golden Coral Banded Shrimp, Peacock Mantis Shrimp (must live alone!), Coral Banded Shrimp, Candy Cane Pistol Shrimp, Tiger Pistol Shrimp, Scarlet Reef Hermits, Reef Lobsters, Anemone Crabs, Blueleg Reef Hermits, Red Tip Reef Hermits, Common Hermit Crabs (not for reefs), Skunk Cleaner Shrimp, Horseshoe Crabs, Green Emerald Crabs, Pacific Hairy Red Leg Hermits.

Corals / Polyps / Mushrooms – Pineapple Favia Coral, Cultured *Euphyllia* Corals, Green Hairy Mushroom Rocks, Blue Green Mushroom Rocks, Metallic *Wellsphyllia* Coral, Pokerstar *Montipora*, Green *Lobophyllia*, Green *Acropora*, Super Neon Candy *Caulestrea* Coral, *Duncanopsamia* Whisker Coral, Green *Merulina* Corals, Orange Brick *Zoanthids*, Green *Trachyphyllia* Corals, Green Torch Coral, Pink Birdnest Corals, *Blasstomussa* Coral, Toadstool Leather Corals, Assorted Indonesian *Zoanthid* Rocks, Green Star Polyp Rocks, Green Mushroom Rocks, Red Chili Coral, Branching

Frogspawn Corals, *Echinophyllia* Corals, Assorted Favia Brain Corals, Cultured *Acropora Solitariensis*, Australian *Scolymia* Corals, Australian AWESOME *Acanthastrea* Corals, Indonesian Mushroom Rocks.

Other – Green *Ricordea* Polyps (few), Caribbean Coralimorph Mushroom Polyps (few), Haitian Pinktip Anemones, Flowering Rock Anemones, Seahares, *Chaetomorpha* Algae for Refugiums, Colorful M/L & Large Bubble Anemones, Long Tentacle Anemones, Assorted Feather Dusters, Sea Apple, Hawaiian 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.