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Tideline Aquatics New Store Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Friday	11am-7pm
Saturday	10am-6pm
Sunday	12pm-5pm

MARINE FISH THAT CAN BE KEPT IN GROUPS SAFELY IN THE AQUARIUM....



Nothing is more vivid than a school of Yellow Tangs cruising on the reef eating algae. But try keeping a group of these Yellow Tangs in an aquarium of less than 300 gallons and watch them kill each other off one by one. It just will NOT work in the home aquarium.

Though many marine fish live in schools in the wild, this simply cannot be accomplished in the confines of a home aquarium. But there are marine fish that can be kept in groups safely. Some of these fish we will discuss here actually

perform best in the aquarium when kept in groups of five or more.

PTERELEOTRIS "DARTFISH" GOBIES



THE SCISSORTAIL GOBY

Gobies of the species Ptereleotris nearly all can be kept safely in pairs or groups (of course there are some exceptions). All of these gobies are extremely peaceful and will require being kept with mild mannered species. These "dartfish" or "torpedofish" (as they are commonly referred to) are all reef safe too!



THE BLUE GUDGEON GOBY



THE GREEN SILK GOBY

Nearly all Ptereleotris species are hardy fish that accept all types of prepared marine foods like mysis shrimp, brine (as a treat), plankton and combination foods like Marine Cuisine and Prime Reef. One thing to consider with these fish is that they are all jumpers. This means you must have a covered aquarium to prevent them from jumping to their doom. All of these gobies typically dig themselves a group burrow where they will quickly dart in to when spooked. It is normal for these fish to hide for several days when first introduced but this subsides once the fish become accustomed to their new surroundings.

OPISTOGNATHUS AURIFRONS – THE PEARLY OR YELLOWHEAD JAWFISH



Pearly jawfish are one of the most interesting fish to watch in the aquarium. Once settled into their new surroundings, these fish will all dig out burrows which they stand guard for anything that comes to close. As a show of force (though these fish are extremely timid), they will open their huge mouth wide to try and scare off any

unwelcomed guests. It is also common to have these jawfish pair up in the aquarium. If you plan on adding more than one, they must all be added simultaneously. ALL jawfish are incredible jumpers and must be kept in an aquarium with a tight cover. Jawfish accept all types of prepared marine foods. A varied diet is key to keeping these fish healthy in the aquarium.

FAIRY BASSLETS – ANTHIAS SPECIES



If you want stunning color, Anthias species will certainly catch your eye. But be picky when choosing a group of anthias for your aquarium! Most species of anthias are extremely difficult to keep alive in captivity but there are a few exceptions. Tideline Aquatics will assist you in choosing a hardy species that has a good survival record in the home aquarium (will your online store do that for you?).

Anthias live in a harem with one male tending a large group of females. In captivity this can be accomplished by choosing your prize brightly colored male and then adding at the same time a group of 4 or more females (often less colorful). Anthias must be kept with peaceful tank mates in an aquarium with plenty of rockwork and decorative coral where they can seek refuge if spooked. When keeping any anthias species, you must consider that this fish group must be fed 2 or 3 times per day to survive in most cases. Mysis shrimp and other meaty foods soaked in a vitamin enhancing product will keep your anthias in good health. See a Tideline Aquatics employee for a good product to soak your marine foods in to make them more nutritious for your animals. Excellent nutrition is the key to keeping

anthias alive in the aquarium. Don't be fooled in to buying a cheap anthias species as most of these just do not live long in the aquarium. We only stock hardy anthias species at Tideline Aquatics!

THE BLACK & WHITE HENIOCHUS HENIOCHUS ACUMINATUS



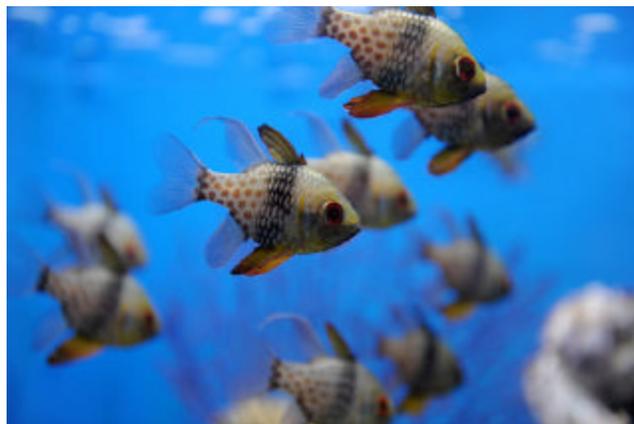
Not to be mistaken with the difficult to keep Moorish Idol, the Black and White Heniochus is a hardy fish if given good water quality and a strong varied diet. These fish grow large and can be a little obnoxious for a butterflyfish. They are best housed with marine fish like Surgeonfish (tang), Foxface Rabbitfish, mild mannered Wrasses, Cardinalfish and even Lionfish. If you plan on adding more than one of these to your aquarium, they must all be added at once to be successful. This is not a reef safe fish though it benefits from having live rock in the aquarium as they are constantly picking at the rock for a snack in between feedings. Avoid fin nipping fish like sharpnose pufferfish as they will likely nip at the elongated dorsal fin of the heniochus.

FOXFACE RABBITFISH (SIGANUS SP.)



The Foxface Rabbitfish (*Siganus vulpinus*) is one of our favorite marine fish as they are hardy and nearly always peaceful in the aquarium. If all added at once you can safely keep a group of three or more of these rabbitfish species together. Foxface Rabbitfish require plenty of green food in their diet so supplement their regular marine food with dried marine algae, spirulina and/or foods like Emerald Entree or Formula Two. These fish are extremely nervous when first added to the aquarium so it is best to turn out the lights for the first 24 hours after introduction. This fish seems much less skittish when kept in a school. This fish will grow large and are safe with many marine fish species. See your Tideline Aquatics salesperson for recommendations of tank mates. These fish have venomous spines so be careful when handling these fish or when working in the aquarium!

CARDINALFISH



PAJAMA CARDINALFISH



KAUDERNI CARDINALFISH

There are dozens of cardinalfish species available for the marine aquarium and nearly all

of them are easy to maintain. Some cardinalfish are brightly colored while others just have interesting markings. When adding a group of these fish, they must all be added at once for best results. Most cardinalfish are reef safe though there are a few that will eat small crustaceans and smaller gobies. What is unique about all cardinalfish is their ability to just hover in the water with what appears to be no fin movement at all! Maintain cardinalfish with other peaceful species to keep them safe from harm. Fin nipping species like sharpnose pufferfish will sometimes chew on the fins of these peaceful fish to watch carefully if you plan on adding one of these pufferfish. Cardinalfish eat a variety marine foods including small live foods like grass shrimp and even guppies.

**ON TUESDAY WE RECEIVED A
WONDERFUL SHIPMENT OF MARINE FISH,
LIVE CORALS, CRUSTACEANS,
INVERTEBRATES, FRESHWATER FISH AND
FEEDER FISH. COME TO THE STORE TO
SEE ALL THE NEW ARRIVALS!!!**