

MAY NEWS

from **NIELSEN'S MARINE MATES**

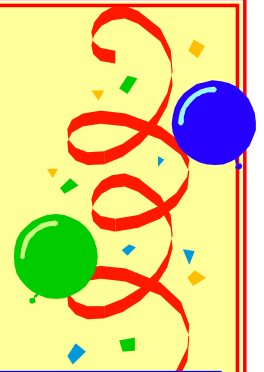
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NIELSEN'S MARINE MATES IS EIGHT YEARS OLD!

Be sure to come in this week for our Birthday celebrations. Great offers and specials available, but only until Friday, May 8th.



Well here we are eight years on! The time has certainly flown by and we thank all of our customers for your support during this time. It has been sad to see a number of independent aquarium stores close down over the past year or so, this largely because of the rise of the big 'chain' type pet stores. The sheer numbers of these stores makes it very convenient to shop there and this makes a real impact on independent stores. However they do not carry more than the basic varieties of freshwater fish, and no marines and only certain brands of accessories. We see their dominance as a real threat to the aquarium industry, as more and more aquarium specialty stores disappear. As they go, your choice of fish also disappears. More than ever we value your business and hope you will recommend independent stores to family and friends wherever possible. We like to reward our regular customers via our Reward Scheme and if you are not already a member please check it out next time you are in store or via our website. Meanwhile, please join us for our birthday celebrations and grab a bargain or two!



JUST ARRIVED!

AQUAREEF MINIREEF 120

Includes sump, return pump, filter sock and holder, heater, skimmer and light, 60x45x45 tank, 80cm high gloss black cabinet.

Ideal as a marine starter tank, species tank, seahorses and more. Great buying at \$650.00.

BIG SAVINGS ON BULK FROZEN FOOD

Normally \$5.40 each

100g FROZEN BLOODWORMS

or

100g FROZEN BRINE SHRIMP

BOX LOTS OF 6

NOW \$25.00 per box

(All one type, mixed boxes not available.)

Freshwater/saltwater.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE – TIME TO HEAT YOUR TANKS!

Freshwater tropicals, cichlids including discus, most rainbows, marine fish, reef tanks - all should have heaters in their tanks by now. We have a great range of heaters in stock, ranging from the Pet Worx economy heaters to the top of the range Eheim/Jagar heaters. Don't risk your fish by delaying heating your tank.



SUPER LIVESTOCK SPECIALS

AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 8TH UNLESS SOONER SOLD OUT.



LACUSTRIS RAINBOWS Beautiful turquoise rainbow originating only from Lake Kutubu in the southern highlands of Papua New Guinea. A great community fish. Normally \$15.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$12.00**



PRINCESS CICHLID Popular African Cichlid, growing up to 10cm. Can be kept in groups but can be territorial towards other species of fish. A graceful fish with beautiful finnage. Normally \$15.50 **SPECIAL PRICE \$12.00**



FOXFACE A great marine community fish - terrific algae eater, very peaceful and easy to keep. Suitable for Reef or Fish Only tank. Normally \$49.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$45.00**



GOLD WHITE CLOUDS White Clouds tolerate a wide temperature range so can be kept in tropical or cold water tanks/ponds. A schooling fish, peaceful, hardy, active. Normally \$4.80 each **SPECIAL PRICE \$3.70**



FRESHWATER AQUATIC PLANTS - CHOOSE ANY FIVE OF OUR \$6.50 BUNCHES FOR \$25.00. GREAT SAVING!



CHROMIS. A true schooling fish, these marine fish are very peaceful and can be kept in fish only or reef tanks. Colour changes from green to blue as they turn in the light. Normally \$15.00 **SPECIAL PRICE 5 FOR \$60.**



NEON RAINBOWS Arguably the most beautiful of the New Guinea Rainbows. Beautiful metallic blue with red finnage. Can be mixed in tropical community or rainbow tanks. Normally \$12.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$9.00.**



BLUE TANGS Almost a must-have for the marine tank. Stunning blue colour makes it a standout and it's algae eating abilities make it a useful addition to all marine tanks. Normally \$59.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$54.00**



RED ZEBRA CICHLIDS Malawi cichlid which grows about 10 - 15cm. Provide with lots of caves and hiding places to minimize territorial behaviour. Normally \$16.95 **SPECIAL PRICE \$12.00**



TALKING CATFISH A large growing fish, up to 20cm. These fish emit a squeaking sound when removed from the water. Prefers rocks and caves to rest in. Mix with large fish. Normally \$29.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$23.00**



ASSORTED ANGELS A very popular tropical fish with flowing finnage. Mix with medium to large fish as they have deceptively large mouths! Medium size. Normally \$18.50 **SPECIAL PRICE \$13.00**



SMALL BANANA WRASSE Beautiful bright yellow fish. As with many wrasse, these will bury in the sand to rest at times. Great community fish but may worry inverts. Normally \$35.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$30.00**



RED EMPRESS This African cichlid grows easily to 15cm. Males are territorial towards each other and the ideal is to keep one male to at least three females. Normally \$16.99 **SPECIAL PRICE \$12.00**



STROMB SNAILS These marine snails are excellent algae eaters but keep to the substrate, and as they do not climb will not knock down corals. Also keep the substrate turned over. Normally \$19.00 **SPECIAL \$15.**



BRONZE CATFISH One of the most popular scavenger catfish for tropical tanks. Always busy, very peaceful, easy to keep - what more could you want. Normally \$5.99 **SPECIAL PRICE \$4.99**

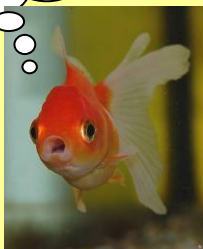


BLUE STARFISH Amazing blue colour. Moves slowly around the tank, over rocks, across substrate and up on the glass. Never know where it will appear next! Normally \$19.00 **SPECIAL PRICE \$15.00**



SMALL SILVER DOLLARS Highly metallic silver fish which can grow to 15cm+. Mostly vegetarian so will eat plants. Keep in a school or at least pairs. Tropical fish. Normally \$15.50 **SPECIAL PRICE \$9.99.**

O.M.G.! How cheap are we!



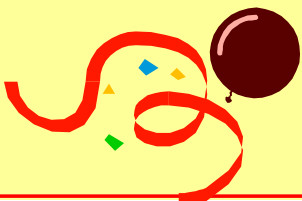
FANTAIL GOLDFISH Coldwater fish for the aquarium or outdoor pond. The beautiful double tail makes these slower swimming than their single tail cousins. Normally \$4.50 **SPECIAL PRICE 5 FOR \$17.00!**

WE WILL ALSO HAVE SELECTED CORALS AT VERY SPECIAL PRICES SO BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE RANGE.

SUPER SPECIAL – AQUAONE ELITE SKIM 300. Protein skimmer suitable for 300 litre tank. Regular price \$345.00. BIRTHDAY SPECIAL only \$299.00.

SPECIAL NOTE:

All specials available only until May 8th unless sooner sold out. Rewards points do not apply to items on special.



GROWING PLANTS USING CO₂

Many aquarists long to have a lushly planted freshwater aquarium but struggle to achieve it. Creating such a tank is a fine balance between nutrients (not too much, not too little) and lighting. Whilst aquarium fertilizers and substrates have their part to play in providing those nutrients, perhaps the best method of fertilization is by using CO₂.

To give you some idea of what great results can be achieved using CO₂, here is some photographic evidence of just how good those results can be.



The first photo shows a tank belonging to a staff member when it was set up in December, 2014.



The second photo shows the same tank taken a month later. A compact CO₂ unit has been running since setup. You can see how the plants are establishing nicely. The beautiful Boesmani rainbowfish is considerably posing in almost the same position!



Here is the tank another month on – so two months from set up and look at the plant growth! Yes, it's that Boesmani again – thinks he is a superstar.



Taken two weeks ago and ready for a trim here and there. Look carefully and the Boesmani is still there bottom right.

Like to achieve a similar effect? The compact CO₂ system used on this tank is easily installed and comes complete with filled cylinder, regulated pressure gauges, electronic solenoid valve, fine tuning needle valve tap, liquid fill alloy bubble counter with internal check valve and polyurethane CO₂ resistant and kink resistant hose. An average aquarium will require the cylinder filled only every 4 – 5 months. The complete system is priced at \$319.00 and think of the savings on having to regularly replace plants.

Why not take advantage of our plant special on page 2 to get started!