

JANUARY NEWS

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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that Santa brought you lots of fish related presents. We wish you all the best for 2016 and trust it will be a great year for you all. This month we have some good specials for both marine and fresh water enthusiasts and we have our tanks well stocked if you are looking to freshen up your tanks over the holidays.

If you were lucky enough to get a new aquarium for Christmas and are struggling with any aspect of setting up, we are happy to give you any advice necessary to get you up and running. Just remember to go slowly as tanks need to cycle before introducing livestock.

Until next month - good fishkeeping.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - HYGROPHILA

This popular plant is tall growing and is great as a backdrop in the tropical aquarium. It has small, bright green leaves and, given good light, is a quick grower. Hygro can sometimes grow so quickly that it becomes a little 'leggy', but as it grows from cutting this is not a problem as it can be easily trimmed. Regular Price \$6.50 per bunch.

THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL \$5.50



MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH - PYJAMA CARDINALS



Pyjama Cardinals are a highly unusual looking fish with big red eyes, large spots and strange finnage. They are a very interesting addition to any

marine tank, a peaceful community fish and reef safe. When resting, they will sit perfectly still mid water without moving a fin and look like they are suspended by some invisible means. Fish which have very large eyes are often nocturnal and Pyjama Cardinals, and in fact all Cardinal Fish, are no exception. Nocturnal fish usually rest in the day time and feed at night. However, pyjama cardinals adapt well to day time feeding although they do prefer feeding in the late afternoon/evening.

They look most spectacular in a small group and so are one of the few marine aquarium fish which can be kept in a school. Normally \$23.00



JANUARY SPECIAL ONLY \$19.00

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE OPEN, AS USUAL, 9A.M. TO 5P.M., ON THE AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY, TUESDAY, 26TH JANUARY.

????DO YOU KNOW THESE PRODUCTS EXIST????

A ROUND UP OF HANDY AQUARIUM PRODUCTS, SOME OLD AND SOME NOT SO OLD, WHICH YOU MAY NOT BE AWARE OF.

MAGICLEAN HOSE CLEANER This product has a stiff brush attached to a flexible nylon handle, 1.9 metres long, which makes cleaning long lengths of tubing (diameter size from 12 – 32mm) simple. A build-up of slime and algae in the lines from your filter can seriously reduce the water flow rate and this product solves the problem.



THREE BRUSH SET A great companion product to the Magiclean, this set of three different size brushes will keep uplifts, smaller tubes, skimmers etc. clean and clear.

EASY REACH TONGS Often feel like you need a longer arm? These tongs come in two sizes to suit even very deep tanks and can be used to remove uneaten food etc. and move plants, rocks and corals.



PLANT ANCHORS These weights wrap around the base of fresh water plants to keep them from floating to the surface. They can also be used to weight air stones, airline, ornaments etc. For fresh water use only.

GROUNDING PROBE The Aqua One Grounding Probe is primarily designed to safely eliminate stray voltage and current from aquarium water. Only when connected to a power outlet with a safety switch (GFCI or RCD), will the Aqua One Grounding Probe also ground any leaking current resulting from damaged submersed electrical devices. Stay safe.



CRAB/SHRIMP TRAP If you have a problem mantis shrimp, crab or any other small pest in your aquarium, these traps are a great solution. There are several entrances to suit different size crustaceans and once inside they cannot get out! Simply bait the trap and place in the tank overnight. With few moving parts and all-plastic construction, this trap is strong and effective.



CORAL FEEDER This coral feeder is designed for direct feeding of liquid and particulate foods to filter feeders. It can also be used as a 'puffer' to clear debris from hard to reach areas in the aquarium. Has a 25cm feeding tube which can be extended to 58cm for deep aquariums with the extension tube included. Simply fill a glass with water, add the liquid food, then squeeze the rubber bulb to fill the tube. Place over the coral and slowly squeeze the bulb to release the food.





WATER LEAK ALARM The Aqua One Water Leak Alarm will trigger if water contacts the sensor pins on the underside of the alarm so leaks will be detected as soon as they occur preventing major damage to cabinets, floors and other household furnishings. Can be placed on the floor, inside the cabinet for sump leaks or on top of the aquarium to signal overfilling.

AIPTASIA-X Aiptasia are a small anemone, which multiply at an alarming rate. They actually attack, kill and overgrow most corals and other anemones and have been considered one of the marine aquarium's worst pests. They can be easily introduced into the aquarium on rocks or even coral. Red Sea Aiptasia-X is designed to kill these pests. It comes with a syringe to inject the treatment directly into the Aiptasia which dissolve almost instantly after application. The product is reef safe for use with all fish and sessile inverts.

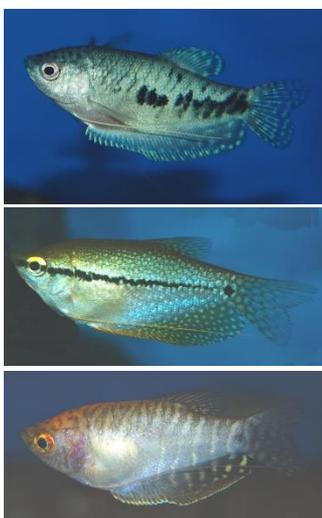


CHEMI-CLEAN RED SLIME ALGAE REMOVER. This product cleans red cyanobacteria in marine aquariums. It is safe for fish, coral, invertebrates, desirable algae and nitrifying bacteria BUT must be used strictly according to directions. Chemiclean works within 48 hours oxidizing trapped organic sludge.

WAVE SURFER The Wave Surfer is a controller designed to connect to one or two suitable pumps to simulate real marine currents. It is easy to program with the perfect balance of features for trouble free operation without complicated computers or power controllers. The Wave Surfer permits the creation of multiple currents from different directions inside the tank. Customization is possible by setting switching intervals. A feeding mode which allows temporary suspension of the wave program of up to 5 minutes whilst feeding and a night mode designed to simulate slower water motion typical of night currents are also a feature. When choosing pumps to connect to this product, remember that most power heads are designed for continuous running and a wave maker type pump which is designed for continuous on and off is the best choice.



FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH – ASSORTED GOURAMIS



A larger growing tropical fish, gouramis are a hardy, active fish, easy to feed and keep. Because of their ultimate size they are best not mixed with tiny fish. Gouramis are considered a labyrinth fish, meaning that they breathe air directly from the water surface. As with all fish of this group they also build a bubble nest when breeding. Males can be distinguished from females by having a longer more pointed dorsal fin. As omnivours, they are best fed foods high in green matter with supplements of live or frozen foods. This assortment includes Opaline Gouramis (top picture), Pearl Gouramis (middle), Gold Gouramis (bottom) and Platinum (not pictured). Normally \$9.99. **JANUARY SPECIAL \$8.50**

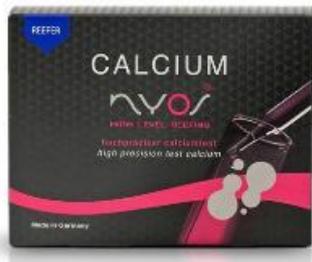
NEW! NYOS REEFER TEST KITS

The new Nyos Reefer test kits offer highly precise analyses for seawater conditions and the highly attractive price/ ratio makes laboratory quality test kits affordable for the hobby user. Made in Germany with strict batch and quality control, the kits are easier to use than some with intuitive pictorial instructions. Visit www.nyos.info.en to watch actual tests being performed. The calibrated droppers made by a German manufacturer ensure uniform drops during testing and allows precise measuring results along with, most importantly, identical repeat measurements.

There are five test kits in the Reefer range:

NYOS CALCIUM REEFER KIT \$28.99

An easy to use kit with clear colour change and accurate to 5mg/l. Calibrated syringes make using correct amounts simple and precise. Uses separate indicator and titration solutions. Good for approx. 50 tests. Kit contains 25ml Reagent 1 liquid, 5g Reagent 2 powder, 50ml Reagent 3 liquid, Test Vial, 2 colour coded syringes, 1 dropper tip, 1 measuring spoon, instructions.



NYOS CARBONATE HARDNESS REEFER KIT \$19.99

A very simple test to use with only two reagents. Good for approx. 50 tests. Kit contains 5ml Reagent 1 liquid, 25ml Reagent 2 liquid, 1 15ml syringe, 1 Test Vial, Instructions.



NYOS MAGNESIUM REEFER KIT \$28.99

Accurate to 15mg/l, this kit also does approximately 50 tests. Kit includes 50ml Reagent 1 Liquid, 5g Reagent 2 Powder, 50ml Reagent 3 Liquid, 1 Test Vial, 3 colour coded syringes, 1 Dropper Tip, Measuring Spoon, instructions.



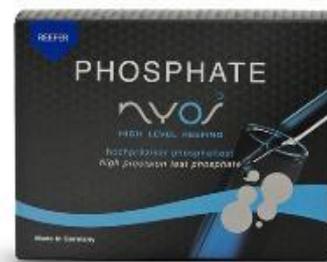
NYOS NITRATE REEFER KIT \$37.50

Measures a range of 1 to 160mg/l and does approximately 40 tests. Kit contains 10ml Reagent 1 Liquid, 2g Reagent 2 Powder, 2 Measuring Jars with Lids, 1 5ml syringe, 1 Comparator, 1 Colour Card.



NYOS PHOSPHATE REEFER KIT \$37.50

Measures a range of 0.025 to 1mg/l and up to approx. 50 tests. Test contains 25ml Reagent 1 Liquid, 5g Reagent 2 Powder, 2 Measuring Jars, 1 Lid, 1 Measuring Spoon, 1 20ml Syringe, 1 Comparator, 1 Colour Card.



Probably the outstanding features of all of these kits is their ease of use, along with great quality control resulting in precise, accurate test results time after time.