

# NOVEMBER NEWS

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*We have just returned from the annual trade show, this year in Melbourne, and so have a few new products to show you – some are in stock now and others are due in our store in the next week or so.*

*Aqua One has released the new Series 2 of the very popular Aqua Reef tanks along with a new Mini Reef tank. All of these will be available in about a week.*

*If you have a smaller tank and would like a canister filter, then the Aqua One Ocellaris 400 may be just what you need. Other interesting new products are the Flipper range of magnet cleaners/scrapers all-in-one; the Accudrip – a great tool to have to acclimate your new fish; Bactiv8 NPX – a new bacteria start, and the Continuum Exxodus Brick which claims to have the highest surface area of any filtration medium in the world!*

*So keep an eye open for all the new products coming in and until next month - good fishkeeping.*

## **BACTIV8 NPX**

Bactiv8®NPX is designed to seed new tanks and then improve water quality on an ongoing basis. When used in conjunction with NPX Bioplastics or other biological medium, plus a protein skimmer, Bactiv8 NPX will rapidly establish the biological assimilation and



export of nitrate and phosphate. It contains cultured, naturally occurring, marine heterotrophic microbes that aid biological filtration in marine aquariums. Use Bactiv8 NPX to enhance nitrification and denitrification, and to promote the decomposition of organic waste in heavily stocked aquariums. To use, shake well and add to a high flow area of the tank. To seed a new tank add one capful per 75 litres, every day for 10 days, then use 25ml per 125 litres, twice a month. It is recommended to turn off UV sterilizers and protein skimmers for 3 hours after dosing. **250ml \$18.99.**



*In late October, we were pleased to have a visit, from **Julian Sprung**, renowned aquarist, author and owner of the Two Little Fishies company. It was great to have the opportunity to discuss some of his products and, also get his insights and opinions on trends in the aquarium trade world-wide.*

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**FRESHWATER FISH  
OF THE MONTH  
ASSORTED SMALL ANGELS**

Angels are perhaps one of the most recognizable freshwater tropical fish with their diamond shaped body and long flowing fins. They eventually grow to be a sizeable fish and are a



member of the cichlid family. They are good community fish when kept with similar sized fish but unfortunately will prey upon

small fish – neon tetras being amongst their favourites. Although their mouth appears quite small, in reality it will open up to accommodate small fish quite easily. Mixed with the correct fish they are a hardy and beautiful addition to the tropical aquarium and their graceful movements are a pleasure to watch. Angels come in a variety of colours – mostly variations and combinations of silver, gold and black - and striped and marbled patterns.

Small angels in assorted colours are regularly \$10.99. **THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL ONLY \$7.99.**

**FRESHWATER PLANT OF THE  
MONTH – BLUE STRICTA**

Blue Stricta is a hardy bunch plant which makes a great backdrop for lower growing plants. It will grow to the top of the water (and above) in



most aquariums and can be pinched out at the top to encourage growth low down. The green colouration will vary from dark to lime according to

lighting conditions. As with most bunch plants, Blue Stricta grows

from a cutting. Although it can be planted in a bunch, good results come from it being separated out and pieces planted close together, but individually. Regularly \$6.50 bunch.

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL \$5.50**

**FLIPPER DUAL MAGNETIC  
SCRUBBER/SCRAPERS FOR  
GLASS & ACRYLIC AQUARIUMS**

Flipper magnet cleaners come in three sizes – Nano for tanks with glass up to 6mm thick, Standard for tanks with glass up to 12mm thick and Max for tanks with glass up to 24mm thick.



They are made with some of the strongest rare earth magnets available. Its unique design almost completely eliminates the possibility of trapping sand particles! With an ultra-low profile, and the only dual scrubber/scrapper design on the market, it is a major time-saver for daily cleaning. That's why the Flipper range has quickly become a "must-have" cleaning tool for advanced hobbyists and maintenance professionals! Features:

- Made with rare earth magnets for incredible cleaning strength and durability. Cleans even the most stubborn coralline algae.
- Blade side has only 3 contact points resulting in a 3mm gap between the cleaner and the glass. This minimizes the chance of trapping sand, and thus reduces the chance of scratching, even when cleaning below the sand!
- Unique orienting buoyancy always keeps the magnets facing the glass for easy retrieval. Plus, Flipper has nearly neutral buoyancy so it does not sink like a stone if the magnets are disengaged.
- Includes two replaceable blades: Stainless Steel for glass tanks and ABS plastic for acrylic tanks. It is suggested to replace blades every 3-6 months to maintain optimal algae scraping.

**IN STOCK NOW:**

**NANO FLIPPER \$38.99**

**STANDARD FLIPPER \$65.99**

**MAX FLIPPER \$129.00**

## 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



**NOVEMBER SPECIAL \$19.00**

### CONTINUUM EXXODUS BRICK

Exxodus•BAC is an extremely porous filtration medium designed to be used in all aquariums and aquatic systems for bio-filtration. It literally has the highest surface area, by far, of any filtration medium in the world, yet it provides excellent flow characteristics! One brick provides about 100,000 square feet of useable surface area for bacterial colonization. Doped with real aragonite for pH control at bacterial

sites. Exxodus•BAC will reduce the levels of toxic ammonia, nitrites and nitrates, as well as phosphates and organic pollutants in all aquaria. It may be used as your primary or only bacterial filtration medium. It works extremely well in systems of all sizes. It is particularly well suited to reef systems with live rock and will not foster problems that bio balls may. Use in an external biological filter of any type. Works well submerged, or under gravel or sand, or in a drip system. For best denitration, restrict water flow through material. For best nitrification, increase water flow through the material.

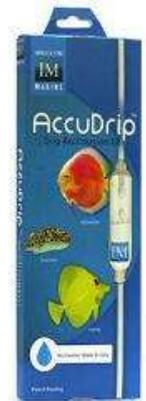


### ACCUDRIP ACCLIMATOR

Providing the smoothest transition for your new tank mates is the single most important decision to safeguard against unwanted



distress. You can reduce shock and stress-induced diseases by acclimating all new specimens safely and easily with this drip acclimation method. Even the slightest differences in temperature, pH, and specific gravity (salinity) are detrimental and prevent a long healthy life. The AccuDrip utilizes a rigid tube that hangs virtually on any aquarium and flows water through to a container holding your fish. A transparent self-priming siphon bulb, that doubles as a visual drip counter and is controlled with a precision thumb wheel rolling clamp, requires only one gentle squeeze to create a siphon, guaranteed every time!



**Great value at only \$14.50.**

**DUE IN STORE IN 7 – 10 DAYS!  
NEW AQUAREEF  
SERIES 2 SETUPS**

The new Series 2 AquaReef setups now include a more streamlined, flat front cabinet in high gloss white or black, LED lighting and a restyled refugium type sump which is partitioned at one end for a water reservoir – handy to attach an auto top-up unit if desired.

The new MiniReef 160 will also arrive shortly and again features the new LED lighting.



← AquaOne 160  
MiniReef \$999.00



AquaReef 195 Series 2  
\$1399.00 →



← AquaReef 300  
Series 2 \$1899.00



AquaReef 400  
Series 2  
\$2299.00 →

**AQUAONE OCELLARIS 400**

There are not many canister filters available for smaller tanks, but now AquaOne has the new Ocellaris 400 designed for tanks up to 100 litres and turning over 400lt/hr. It has the convenient quick release taps of its bigger brothers and comes complete with wool, sponges and sintered glass filter media so has everything needed to start using immediately.



Our regular price will be \$72.99.

**INTRODUCTORY PRICE \$56.99.**

**AT LAST! BACK IN STOCK -  
HIKARI FROZEN FOODS  
PLUS NEW CORAL GUMBO!**

After a lengthy absence, we at last have good stocks of Hikari Frozen Foods including the popular **Mysis**, **Mega Marine Angel** and **Spirulina Brine Shrimp**.

New to the range is **CORAL GUMBO**. This is a fabulous and unique mix of whole ingredients that your corals will respond to immediately.

Coral Gumbo is an excellent food source for reef tanks and is suitable for corals, shrimps and smaller marine fish. The unique mix is highly flavourful with numerous sized pieces to meet the needs of a wide variety of corals and other reef inhabitants. Expect less water clouding and greater polyp extension following feeding.

Includes rotifers, mysis, pacific krill, sea scallop, oyster, bass, nori, octopus, cyclops, squid, brine shrimp plus many vitamins and minerals. YUM!



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