

DECEMBER NEWS

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Here we are again with another Christmas newsletter – it seems no time since we were celebrating Christmas 2015. Once again, we would like to thank all our customers for making this another great year for Nielsen's Marine Mates and we hope to continue to supply you with all of your fish keeping needs in 2017 and beyond.

On pages 2 and 3 you will find quite a few Christmas gift suggestions which you could leave lying around as a massive hint for your family. Of course, as always, we have many more gift ideas in store and there is always a gift voucher as a standby.

*If you are in the market for a new tank set-up for Christmas, **PLEASE** read our note following, to ensure you are not disappointed this Christmas.*

We wish you all the very best for the festive season and the New Year and hope Santa brings you something fishy. Cheers from Ian, Carl, Brandon, Tom, Jonathan and the Nielsen family.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TRADING

*This year we will be **CLOSED** on:*

**CHRISTMAS DAY (SUNDAY)
BOXING DAY (MONDAY)
NEW YEAR'S DAY (SUNDAY)**

*but will trade as normal on **ALL** other days from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., including the December 27th & January 2nd extra Public Holidays.*

TANK ORDERS

As many of our suppliers close over the Christmas/New Year period, some for several weeks, it is often difficult to obtain more stock if we sell out. We try to hold extra stock, particularly of tanks, but if you want a tank setup for Christmas, or into the New Year, **PLEASE ORDER EARLY** or use our layby to ensure you are not disappointed this Christmas.

NEW! COLDWIND COOLING FANS

Many aquariums require a chiller to keep tank temperatures at an acceptable level. However, if the tank is in a cool room and only needs the temperature dropping a couple of degrees, or if your existing chiller



just needs a little help, then these cooling fans may be the answer.

Available in three models, the fans clamp on to the side of the aquarium and blow air across the water surface, cooling by water evaporation and lowering temperature by 2 – 3 degrees.



Model F1 Single Fan, measuring 16.2cm high x 8.5cm wide. \$46.50.

Model F2 Double Fan, measuring 20.3cm wide x 12.8cm high. \$64.99.

Model F3 Quad Fan, measuring 39cm wide x 12.8cm high. \$92.50.

Fans in the double and quad models can be angled for the best results.

Gift Suggestions



AQUA ONE DIAL A DIET DIGITAL FEEDER

Easy to use battery operated feeder, can feed 5 times per day at times of your choice with up to 3 portions per feed. Different portion sizes can be chosen for different times. Holds 60g of fish food. Feeds flake or pellets up to 3mm size. Manual mode for test feeding or extra feeding. 2 x AA batteries required (not included). Every tank should have one for over the holidays. Regular Price \$50.99



XMAS SPECIAL - ONLY \$45.00!

We have lots of ornaments to suit all budgets – ranging from a few \$\$\$ and upwards.

AQUA ONE AQUAFILL

This automatically tops up salt water or fresh water tanks via a reservoir and float valves. Can be used in a sump or directly in the aquarium. Especially handy in the hot weather when there is a lot of evaporation. \$107.99



SIAMESE FIGHTER TANKS

We have a great range of fighter tanks ranging from the 3lt acrylic tank with gravel, plastic plant & background to the deluxe betta villas complete with gravel, plastic plant, mini filter and heater concealed behind the back plate. Some have optional lights. These are great gifts for kids or adults!



AQUAREEF SETUPS

We have a great range of marine setups available in the Aquareef range starting with the Aquareef Mini 90 litre at \$550 (pictured) right up to the beautiful AquaReef 400 Series 2. They include a tank, cabinet, sump, return pump, heater and light. Some have skimmers. Most models are available in either black or white. Order or Layby early to avoid missing out!



3lt Acrylic \$24.50
Suitable for 1 Fighter



4lt Betta Villa \$81.99
Suitable for 1 Fighter



6lt Betta Villa \$101.99
Suitable for 2 Fighters



9lt Betta Villa \$121.99
Suitable for 3 Fighters



Gift Suggestions

AQUA ONE BATTERY OPERATED AIR PUMP

Aqua One 250 Single outlet air pumps come supplied with airstone and airline and require two Size D batteries (not included) to run. Great for transporting your fish or for protection in the event of a power outage. Buy one for each of your tanks. Great insurance at only \$19.99!



CHILLERS

We expect our next shipment of chillers around the 12th December. We have been advised by our wholesalers that there will be limited stock available, so PLEASE preorder your chiller if you want one. Prices start from \$579.00 and we are happy to recommend the correct model for your aquarium.



ON THE WISH LIST OF MOST REEF KEEPERS
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AQUA MEDIC ECO DRIFT 8.1 WAVEMAKER
Recommended for aquariums up to 800 litres, this wavemaker turns over from 1600 to 8000 litres per hour. This is a reliable, high performance and low noise unit. The supplied RC Controller offers various waves and currents plus a random program and a 10 minute feeding mode. The flow is cut by 50% during the night using the supplied light sensor cable. It utilises a strong magnetic mount which can be used on glass up to 15mm. One of our most highly sought after wavemakers. \$264.99.



AQUA ONE SAND WATERFALL
Here is a new type of ornament sure to be very popular. Connect this artificial rock to an air pump (not supplied) and watch the sand fall down the rock face simulating a water fall. Measures 17 x 11 x 22 cm. Great look. \$29.99.



FLIPPER DUAL MAGNETIC SCRUBBER/SCRAPERS

Suitable for glass or acrylic tanks, these unique magnetic cleaners have both a scrubbing pad and a scraper.

Three models available –

Nano for glass up to 6mm \$38.99,
Standard for glass up to 12mm \$65.99,

Max for glass up to 24mm \$129.00.
The perfect gift for the aquarist.



OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

Tank Tongs – always a handy accessory for any aquarium and only \$8.50.

CAN'T DECIDE?

Marine Mates Gift Vouchers are available for any amount and with no expiry date.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH -
MINI DRIFTWOOD CREATIONS**

If aquascaping is difficult for you, then Mini Driftwood Creations will make things a whole lot easier. As the name implies, these are a small piece of driftwood with anubias plant already mounted and growing on the wood. Anubias is a hardy plant with thick glossy leaves which will stand up quite well to most fish, even plant eaters. It also grows well in lower light situations. All in all, it is easy to keep and being already established on the wood means it is an instant and living decoration. Usual price \$23.50



DECEMBER SPECIAL \$19.99.

**FRESHWATER FISH OF THE
MONTH – ASSORTED MOLLIES**

Mollies are a live bearing fish giving birth to 10 to 20 babies at a time. As they are amongst the larger size babies born, their survival in a community tank is better than most, especially if a lot of plant and hiding places are provided for the babies.



Mollies come in a large variety of colours ranging from reds, orange, yellow, white, silver, black, black and white, green and more. They are easy to feed on standard dry and frozen foods and as an active and hardy fish they make a great community fish.

Normally \$6.50

**THIS MONTH \$5.50 EACH OR
5 FOR \$25.00.**

PLEASE REMEMBER

Monthly specials are available only until the end of December, unless sooner sold out.

FIREMOUTHS



These Central American cichlids are easily kept. As omnivores they feed on most dry

flakes and pellets, along with frozen foods.

The name derives from the bright orange/red throat and males will flare their gills out displaying the coloured throat as a territorial display.

Males are usually larger – up to 15cm, and have more pointed dorsal and anal fins than the less coloured females. These are an easy to breed fish with both parents caring for the eggs and spawn. Mix with other similar sized cichlids.

Usual price is \$16.50 each.

**THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL ONLY
\$12.50 EACH.**

**MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH -
FOXFACE**

These bright yellow fish are a peaceful and easy to keep fish which are excellent algae



eaters. When sleeping, or if stressed, foxface exhibit a brown blotchy colouration - the 'rotten banana' look.

They are not fussy feeders and will eat most frozen and dried foods but they love green algae, especially hair algae, and will keep the aquarium free of this nuisance algae.

Probably their only fault is that they can deliver quite a painful sting from their dorsal spines, so care is needed when transferring them into the tank. Once there though, they will serve you well, providing great colour and performing their lawn mowing duties to perfection. Normally \$49.00

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL \$43.00.