

# NOVEMBER NEWS

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The hot weather has certainly come early this year and if you are keeping a reef tank then it is critical to have a chiller (or constant air conditioning) running on your tank to protect your corals. We have good stocks of chillers now in store so be sure to get yours early.

If you are looking for something reeeally different, take a look at the new fish bowls now in. These super kitsch, retro looking bowls are suitable for a fighter or perhaps a pair of white clouds. They have drawn lots of comments from customers coming through the store this week.

There has been a price rise for the Aqua One Mini Reef 90 and 120 but we will be holding the old price until early December, so if you are in the market for either of these great setups then buy one now or layby for Christmas.

Until next month ... good fishkeeping.

## JUST IN – FIGHTER BOWLS!



**BOWL WITH  
CAT  
(REMOVABLE)  
AND CRAB**

**\$29.99**

**BOWL WITH  
CAT  
(REMOVABLE)  
AND  
MERMAID**

**\$29.99**



**THESE SMALL BOWLS ARE  
PERFECT FOR A SIAMESE  
FIGHTING FISH OR A PAIR OF  
WHITE CLOUDS.**

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**SPECIALS IN THIS NEWSLETTER  
ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THE  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER UNLESS  
SOONER SOLD OUT.**



**FLAMINGO BOWL INCLUDES AIR  
PUMP \$49.99.**

## CHILLERS & COOLERS FOR THE MARINE AQUARIUM

The hot weather is here already and, sadly, many marine fish and inverts will perish because their tank water is just too hot.

It is most important that the aquarium water should not be allowed to get to that stage as, apart from the obvious effect on the inhabitants, once the temperature is high in the aquarium it is much more difficult to reduce it. The best plan is to look at placing a chiller on your aquarium **NOW**.

The recommended temperature for marine aquariums is 24°C and this is especially critical for reef tanks (those containing live corals and inverts). Whilst coral may tolerate higher temperatures for short periods of time, often the zooxanthellae which live inside the coral will be irreparably damaged and as this is a major food source for the coral, eventually the coral will also die. It is shocking to note that a single very hot day can wipe out a beautiful reef aquarium in 24 hours. The following models of chillers have just arrived in stock – the RESUN 450 and the RESUN 600.



The **RESUN 450** is a 1/6HP chiller recommended for tanks up to 200 litres. It sells for \$490.00.

The **RESUN 600** is a 1/4HP chiller recommended for tanks up to 400 litres. It sells for \$545.00.



Whilst many aquariums require a chiller to keep tank temperatures at an acceptable level, 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 a cooling fan may be the answer.

**COOLWIND COOLER FANS** clamp on to the side of the aquarium and blow air across the water surface, cooling by water evaporation and can drop the aquarium temperature by 2°– 3°C. They can be angled for best results.



**Model F2 Double Fan** is suitable for tanks up to 100 litres. It measures 200 mm wide x 125mm high x 65mm deep and sells for \$64.99.



**Model F4 Quad Fan** is suitable for tanks up to 200 litres. It measures 400mm wide x 125mm high x 65mm deep and sells for \$92.50.

Talk to our staff if you need assistance in choosing the correct chiller or cooler for your aquarium.

**BEAT THE PRICE RISE ON  
AQUA ONE MINI REEF 90  
AND 120 SETUPS!**

Prices on these Mini Reefs will rise by around \$100 early in December but we are holding the old price until then! Get yours now!

Laybys available for Christmas.

The Aqua One MiniReef is a complete reef aquarium system consisting of high quality accessories that help to provide an ideal habitat for marine fish and corals. The in-sump filtration system keeps equipment out of sight, providing optimum viewing conditions for your aquarium.

The included protein skimmer is designed to easily and effectively remove organic waste from aquarium water. The included light unit provides an energy efficient lighting solution that enhances the colours of fish in the aquarium, whilst providing a spectrum that enhances coral growth. The light bracket is adjustable.

The overflow has a black acrylic cover with lasered overflow grill. The tank has a black vinyl laminate to enhance tank depth and hide unsightly cords.

The cabinet comes assembled and is manufactured from alloy frame and plastics to ensure maximum resistance to salt and moisture.

All plumbing is included.

**MINI REEF 90** – 45cm cube and cabinet is 80cm high. 90 litres. **\$550.00.**

**MINI REEF 120** – 90cmLx 45cmHx 45cmD. 80cm high cabinet. 120 litres. **\$650.00**



**NOVEMBER SPECIALS ON  
THESE AQUAREEF MODELS  
ONLY.**



**AQUAONE MINI REEF 160**

90cmL x 45cmD x 45cmH 160lt.

Usually \$999.00

**THIS MONTH \$899.00**

**AQUAONE AQUAREEF 300**

98cmL x 50cmD x 70cmH  
300 litres

Usually \$1899.00

**THIS MONTH \$1599.00**



**AQUAONE AQUAREEF 400**

127cmL x 50cmD x 70cmH 400 litres

Usually \$2299.00

**THIS MONTH \$1999.00**

**FRESHWATER FISH  
OF THE MONTH –  
MALE DWARF GOURAMI**

Dwarf Gouramis grow to approximately 5cm and mix well with other medium to small tropical fish. This fish is closest to the original wild colouration from



which a number of colour variants have been bred. Males are always more colourful than the females which are generally plain silver. Dwarf Gouramis have a lot to recommend them, being a peaceful, easy to keep and easy to feed little fish. They will accept most flake and fine pellet foods and will appreciate an occasional feeding of frozen foods. Normally \$13.00.

**THIS MONTH ONLY \$9.99.**

**MARINE FISH  
OF THE MONTH –  
PYJAMA WRASSE**

Pyjama Wrasse, also known as Six Line Wrasse, are a great addition to the marine aquarium. Although they do not eat coral they will prey upon some inverts, particularly small shrimp and molluscs. They are a hardy, active fish, very colourful and are not fussy feeders. In the ocean



they are said to grow to 10cm but are

rarely seen that size in the aquarium. They are generally compatible with similar sized or larger fish and compete well for food. They are however, inclined to jump so cover the tank. Unlike many wrasse which frequently bury for long periods in the substrate, Pyjama Wrasse are not prone to doing this and are normally out and about and on show, at least while the tank lights are on. Normally \$37.

**THIS MONTH \$32.00.**

**CICHLID  
OF THE MONTH –  
OB BLUEBERRY ZEBRAS**

These are a Mbuna cichlid, primarily from Lake Malawi. Whilst they are said to grow up to 15cm, mostly they are seen at 12-13cm as adults. As with most African cichlids, they prefer hard, alkaline water and a tank with plenty of rocks and caves. Alternatively, plastic or clay pipes also make good hiding places. These fish are easily bred and are

mouthbrooders. They can be quite aggressive so should be mixed with similar sized or larger cichlids of the same family. They are herbivores and should be fed on vegetable pellets and flakes, spirulina and other vegetable matter. As with many Mbuna they may be susceptible to bloat if fed a largely meat based diet.



The blotching/spotting on these fish is quite variable but fully grown males are quite spectacular with a blue/purple overlay to the black spotting.

Usual price \$16.99.

**NOVEMBER SPECIAL \$13.00.**

**FRESHWATER PLANT  
OF THE MONTH –  
ASSORTED CRYPTS**

Most crypts come from tropical Asia with many from Sri Lanka. They range from low growing, right up to tall background plants and are one of the few plants which will generally tolerate low light. Although they like soft acid water best, most will adapt to other conditions and, as a heavier leafed plant, will tolerate a



little nibbling from plant eaters.

Normally \$6.99

**NOW \$5.99**