

DECEMBER NEWS

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Our last newsletter for 2017 has lots of Christmas specials and gift ideas on pages 2 and 3, along with our usual monthly fish and plant specials on page 4. It's always a great idea to leave the newsletter lying around as a massive hint for your family. If in doubt, we always have gift vouchers available with 12 month expiry date. As always, 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 2018 and beyond.

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, Tom, Jonathan, Bree and the Nielsen family.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR TRADING

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

CHRISTMAS DAY (MONDAY 25TH)

BOXING DAY (TUESDAY 26TH)

NEW YEAR'S DAY (MONDAY 1ST)

*but will trade as normal on **ALL** other days from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.*

PLEASE REMEMBER

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



LONGING FOR A DIAMOND FOR CHRISTMAS? HOW ABOUT A BEAUTIFUL BLUE DIAMOND DISCUS?

These stunning fish are a bargain buy and are the perfect introduction for a discus tank. Discus belong to the cichlid family but tend to be less aggressive than most of that family and prefer soft, acid water.



Ideally, they should be kept in a species tank. Whilst there are many colour variants, Blue Diamonds are perhaps one of the most beautiful and certainly one of the most popular. Regularly \$110.00 each.

9CM BLUE DIAMOND DISCUS NOW ONLY \$85.00.

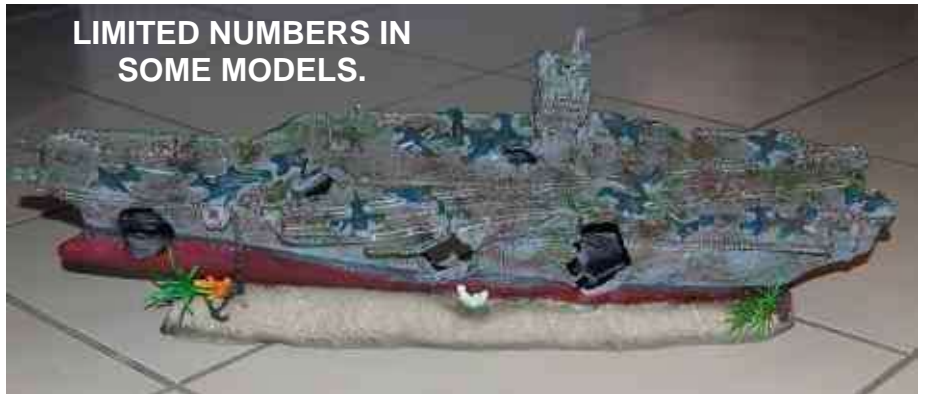
GIFT VOUCHERS

If you are hoping for some aquarium items for Christmas but don't trust your family to make the right choice, then Nielsen's Marine Mates Gift Vouchers are the perfect answer. They are available in any denomination and have a 12 month expiry date.

You may know that the Shark and Ray Gardens are now open in the grounds of our nursery. Gift Vouchers for this display are available in person or email paul@sharkandraygardens.com for details – please include your phone number. These vouchers are not available from the aquarium.



Christmas Specials & Gift Suggestions



Some BIG ornaments available for freshwater or marine tanks. REAL BARGAINS HERE!

HUGE 79CM CAMOUFLAGE HELICOPTER
Normally \$138.50 NOW ONLY \$75.00
TOO BIG??? TRY A SMALLER 41CM MODEL
Normally \$45.99 NOW \$35.00

70CM AIRCRAFT CARRIER Usually \$124.50
NOW ONLY \$69.00 ... Save \$55.50!!!
SKULL ON A ROCK WITH RED FLASHING EYES (LEDs)
Has been \$40.50 NOW \$25.00.

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. Usually \$19.99 NOW \$14.99



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



FLIPPER DUAL MAGNETIC SCRUBBER/SCRAPER

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

Standard size: for glass up to 12mm Normally \$69.50
GREAT SPECIAL ONLY \$59.99

CORALIFE DEEP SIX HYDROMETER

A quick and reliable way to check the salinity of your marine tank.

Our usual price \$42.99

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL ONLY \$29.99



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DIGITAL THERMOMETERS

External thermometer connected to submersible probe gives accurate and easily read temperature readouts. Great for any type of aquarium. Usual price \$18.50. NOW \$14.99



AQUASYNCRO WAVE MAKER

This wavemaker turns over 6000lt/hr, uses only 20 watts and has adjustable flow direction. A strong magnetic mount securely attaches it to the tank. Fresh or saltwater. Regularly \$66.99
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL \$55.00.



ONE FOR THE KIDS! SHARK THEMED TOYS AND GAMES

We have a great range of shark related toys, games, ornaments, key rings etc. including the popular Dancing Shark – solar powered and only \$5.99. Great stocking stuffer! The Shark Attack Game has been in demand from kids and adults alike. Dare to put your hand in the shark's mouth and touch his teeth, but beware, he bites! Activating tooth is random so you never know when his jaws will snap shut. \$16.99. Many others to choose from.



From \$28.99



\$66.50



\$49.99



\$29.99

SMALL TANK SETUPS AND FIGHTER TANKS AND BOWLS.

We have a big range of fighter tanks and bowls (some pictured above) which make great gifts for all ages. In addition are heaps of smaller tanks – filtered, unfiltered, with lights and without, pretty much anything you could want.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT??

WE HAVE SETUPS FOR FRESHWATER CRABS, CRAYFISH AND SHRIMP!!

PLANT OF THE MONTH - LARGE AMAZON SWORDS

Amazon Sword Plants come from, well, the Amazon! There are a wide variety of leaf forms available in this plant family, ranging from quite broad to very narrow and colours can be various greens to reds. A wonderful feature plant in the aquarium, they can be prolific growers given a little TLC. Most grow to a larger sized plant. As a tougher leaf plant these will often do better than some other plants in tanks with plant eating fish. These beauties are usually \$15.99 each.



DECEMBER SPECIAL \$13.99.

FRESHWATER NATIVE FISH OF THE MONTH – NEON RAINBOWS

Australian and New Guinea Rainbows have some beautiful and colourful fish and none more so than *Melanotaenia praecox* – the neon rainbow. They have an iridescent blue body and males have deep red



finnage, whilst the females are only slightly less colourful with lighter red fins.

Rainbows probably look at their best when kept in a species tank with lots of plants. The Neon Rainbow is equally suited to a tropical community tank especially because of its small size (maximum 6cm) and outstanding colour and is peaceful enough to mix with small fish such as neon tetras. These are a fish which are not at all fussy when it comes to feeding and will happily take flake and small pellets foods along with small frozen foods.

Normally \$14.00 each

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL \$10.00

MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH - CORAL BEAUTY ANGEL

This dwarf angel (*Centropyge*) can be kept in either a fish-only or reef tank where they are generally safe with most types of live coral.

A beautifully coloured fish, they do vary according to the location they come from with some having much more purple than others.

Coral Beauties are good feeders – quite happy with flake, small pellets, frozen foods and a supplement of seaweed sheets or other vegetarian food.



As with many marine fish, Coral Beauties are generally territorial towards other Coral Beauties. Whilst they can also display some aggression to other *Centropyge* angels that are later introduced to the tank, they usually settle down fairly quickly and are considered to be a good community fish. All in all they are a fish with a lot to recommend them.

Our regular price is \$49.00

THIS CHRISTMAS \$42.00

FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH – GLOWLIGHT TETRAS

Another favourite tetra, Glowlights show best colour in the planted aquarium.



Heavy planting in no way stops the fish from being easily visible, as once the fish are settled and know they have the security of plenty of hiding places, they are usually much more visible and outgoing. These red striped tetras are more than happy to feed solely on flake food although a feeding of frozen foods will always be greatly appreciated. Normally \$4.50 each.

NOW \$3.50