

JUNE NEWS

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Next time you are in store, check out the new lighting we have installed on our marine display tank. We figured it was time to update to some of the latest equipment and you can read more about this on page 4.

We are pleased to advise that, having cleaned up after the floods, the guys from Shark & Ray Nursery have now opened their exciting display in the grounds of Nielsen's Native Nursery (behind Marine Mates). More details and their contact details for bookings and enquiries are on page 2. There you can also get information on how you can get a discount on entry to the exhibit when you buy from Nielsen's Nursery, Coffee Shop or Aquarium.



Our specials for this month are the marine Blue Green Chromis and freshwater Silver Dollars and our plant of the month is the beautiful Pogostemon Stellata.

We are also highlighting a new wavemaker and (at last) a 500-watt heater for those bigger tanks, so plenty of interesting fish and products to read about.

Until next month ... good fishkeeping.

MARINE FISH OF THE MONTH BLUE GREEN CHROMIS



There are very few marine fish which will school together in the

aquarium. Blue Green Chromis are a species which will and they are a very peaceful and hardy tank addition and quite reef safe. They will change colour as they turn in the light, ranging from silver to blue to green, hence the name. Chromis feed readily on dried and frozen foods and give the tank a real 'look of the reef' with their schooling behaviour. Chromis are regularly \$17.00 each.

JUNE SPECIAL 3 FOR \$40.00.

PLANT OF THE MONTH – POGOSTEMON STELLATA

Pogostemon Stellata, known in the hobby as Pogo, would have to be one



of the most decorative plants for the aquarium. It has beautiful pink whorls interspersed with lime green foliage and attractive fine leaves. This plant

requires good lighting to do well and, preferably, CO₂ fertilization. It will grow from cutting and, as it sends out many side shoots, can also be grown horizontally. Sold in bunches, it is normally priced at \$6.99.

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KEEPING SEAHORSES

If you do not have the room or the budget for keeping a large marine tank, then



keeping seahorses may be the answer. Seahorses can be kept in relatively small aquariums and a 90-litre tank will comfortably accommodate up to six seahorses. Biological filtration is essential and an 'all in one' style of aquarium such as the 90 litre Aqua One Mini Reef aquarium (shown with

cabinet door open) with filters, protein skimmer and lighting built in is especially suitable.

Seahorses are best kept in a species tank as they can be difficult to mix with most fish. This is because they are very slow feeders and seldom compete for food well enough to survive in a community setup. In the past, seahorses have had the reputation of being difficult to keep as they required some sort of live

food such as brine shrimp as their food source. However, most of our seahorses have been trained to eat frozen mysis shrimp, making feeding much



simpler.

If sufficient lighting is provided, such as is used in the Aqua One tank mentioned above, a few pieces of basic corals may be able to be kept with the seahorses, along with some macro algae and perhaps a small starfish or shrimp. As well as, or instead of these, rock, base coral rock or even some ornaments and

plastic plants can be used as 'hitching posts'. With the correct equipment, keeping seahorses is a fascinating experience and you are assured of a WOW from visitors to your home.

FRESHWATER FISH OF THE MONTH – SILVER DOLLARS

These round-shaped, silver fish originate from South America and, although vegetarian, are closely related to piranha. Unlike their cousins, they are generally a peaceful schooling fish which are capable of growing up to 15cm in length. As adults, they will require a large tank preferably decorated with rocks and driftwood and can be



mixed with other similar sized fish including either larger community fish or some South American cichlids. They will require large amounts of vegetable matter in their diet including vege pellets or discs and flake. They can rarely be kept in planted aquariums due to their vegetarian diet. Usually \$19.30

JUNE SPECIAL \$14.50.

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

NEW DISPLAY LIGHTING HYDRA 52 LED_s



This shows existing lighting on our display tank. Come in soon to see the new Hydra 52s in use.

We are in the process of installing the latest Hydra 52 LED lighting on our marine display tank. Each Hydra 52 has 104 LEDs with Cool White, Deep Red, Blue, Royal Blue, Green, Violet and UV spectrums. Whilst the amount of each colour can be adjusted according to personal preference, in traditional LEDs there is a maximum available to each



colour. Uniquely, the Hydra 52 dynamically adjusts power available to each colour, borrowing power from the colours not being used, giving the most vivid spectrum ever seen. With these lights, no controller is needed. With built in wi-fi, all that is needed to control one, or multiple, Hydra devices is a computer, iOS or Android device and this can be achieved anywhere using the free myAI cloud service. The Hydra range also features other models suitable for smaller tanks. Hydra 52 \$899.00.

AT LAST! A HEATER FOR LARGE TANKS ABSOLUTE CRYSTAL GLASS 500W HEATER



Just in are these 500 watt heaters, ideal for large tanks up to 500 litres and rarely available in this size. These heaters are fully submersible with a stable and accurate IC (integrated circuit) Chip controller. They feature an easy to read dual Celcius/Farenheit temperature setting which is easily adjustable. Can be used in fresh or salt water. Great buying at \$55.00.

SEDRA 4000LT/HR PUMP/WAVEMAKER

This wavemaker has an adjustable flow from 500 to 4000 litres per hour and comes complete with a wireless controller which is capable of running more than one wavemaker. A number of modes are offered including continuous full flow, random flow and fixed flow of your choice.

Additionally, a night time mode allows minimal flow during dark hours and a feed mode pauses all flow for ten minutes to allow fish to easily feed.

The pump has a magnetic mount suitable for use on tanks with glass up to 15mm thick. \$165.00.

