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From Liz

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/22/01

New Email Address Reminder - Remember that I've changed my email address to fishnchips@mindspring.com. Although I'll be keeping the fishnchips@mail.com email address, I'll only be checking it once a month or so. (Use fishnchips@mail.com - updated 10/02/05.)

HP Instant Delivery - HP has decided to discontinue it's Instant Delivery service. Subscribers to this service should have already received an email from HP directly explaining all this but just in case, here's the deal. HP will be phasing out the service during May and June. No new subscribers will be accepted. All links to this service have already been removed from my site. If I understand HP's email correctly, you should get this issue via the service but that will be it. So, if you are reading this issue via the HP Instant Delivery service and you have not already subscribed to the email newsletter please do so because this will be the last one you receive via HP. The email to subscribe is fishnchips-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Thank you very much to all of you who tried Fish 'N' Chips via HP Instant Delivery.

Recall of Scuba Buoyancy Compensator Devices - Sheico PKS Inc., of Carlsbad, California (USA), is recalling 10,000 scuba buoyancy compensator devices (BCDs) which are used by divers to maintain neutral buoyancy. The overpressure valve can stick in the open position and present a drowning hazard. There have been no injuries reported. The BCDs were sold under several different brands and models and only certain serial numbers are affected. The BCDs

were sold in dive stores and via mail order from September 2000 through March 2001 for between \$150 and \$450. Stop using the BCDs immediately and return them for a free replacement. For more information, call Sheico at (800) 808-3306 (9am - 5pm ET Monday through Friday) or visit <http://www.sherwoodscuba.com/opv> (*url dead 10/06/05*), <http://www.genesisiscuba.com/opv> (*url dead 10/06/05*), or <http://www.diveaeris.com/>.

Visit This Month's Subscriber's Tank Showcase

Edward Attix's Reef Tank is this month's Showcase and can be seen at <http://www.marinefiends.com/showcases.html> (*updated 8/24/04*).

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A Good Book A Hobbyist's Opinion

By Scott A. Martin 11/15/00

Edited By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/31/01

What is your favorite non-reef marine critter reference book?

Dr. Burgess's Mini-Atlas of Marine Aquarium Fishes

Published by T.F.H publications, catalog #H-1107

ISBN 0-79380-032-3

Approximate cost: \$30US (hardback)

Note: Available through Amazon.com

Who wrote it?

Dr. Warren E. Burgess, Dr. Herbert R. Axelrod, and Ray Hunziker

Why is it your favorite?

It has photos (1900 of them!) and excellent descriptions of any and every marine fish that a hobbyist is likely to encounter. This is the absolute best reference guide to marine fish I have found, and I own several dozen different books on this topic.

Any other comments?

Additionally, any serious marine aquarist should read these marine aquarium reference books by Martin A. Moe:

1. The Marine Aquarium Handbook
ISBN 0-939960-07-9
Approximate cost: \$20 US (paperback)
Note: Available through Amazon.com
2. The Marine Aquarium Reference
ISBN 0-939960-05-2
Approximate cost: \$26US (paperback)
Note: Now out of print; Hard to find, but worth it!

To Submit Your Book Review: Send your book review in any format you like to fishnchips@mail.com and I'll publish it in an upcoming issue. Make sure you let me know if I can include your name and email address or if you'd rather go anonymous.

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What's Up @ Reefs UK - <http://www.reefsuk.org> -

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/24/01

5/1/01:

AquaticSearch (<http://www.aquaticsearch.co.uk/> (*url dead 10/06/05*)), Reefs UK's sister web site has launched. AquaticSearch is the first site to list every aquatic store in the UK. Every hit to the AquaticSearch site helps Reefs UK, so please check it out.

A new section of the Reefs UK web site called the Picture Gallery has been created so hobbyists can see each other's marine aquariums. Hobbyists can send pictures of their tanks to post@reefsuk.org and they will be uploaded to the Reefs UK web site so others can see your success. Select the "Picture Gallery" under "Marine Aquariums" to find the existing photos. Please keep the photos small in size and send in just 2-3 of your best shots.

Reefs UK is looking for help. Since Reefs UK is non-profit they are always on the look out for

free help. They have some plans in the works and are looking for someone to donate some promotional materials such as baseball caps, key rings, t-shirts etc. with the Reefs UK web address on them. They need about 250 total. If you or someone you know can help them out, contact them via email.

To join the ReefsUK Mailing List, send an email to post@reefsuk.org.

To join ReefsUK Chat (Email Discussion Group), visit the ReefsUK Website for instructions.

Editor's Comments:

Information in this section covers the latest happenings at Mark T. Taber's ReefsUK Web Site. Mark has given me permission to publish any information from his mailing list that I feel would be of interest to Fish 'N' Chips subscribers. So, the above, although reworded by me, should be credited to Mark or to Derek Scales who works closely with Mark on the running of ReefsUK. The dates in bold coincide with Mark or Derek's mailings and are provided as a reference.

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Marine News

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/23/01

4/30/01 - USA. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has placed emergency restrictions on the commercial and recreational harvest of horseshoe crabs. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/apr2001/2001L-04-30-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/1/01 - USA. The National Marine Fisheries Service gave approval to allow scallop fishing vessels to drag heavy, metal dredges through environmentally sensitive marine habitats off New England and the Mid-Atlantic. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-01-06.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/1/01 - Germany. Lufthansa, one of the world's biggest airlines, has announced it will no longer transport wild animals for commercial purposes. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-01-11.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/1/01 - USA. A team of university, government, and private biologists have succeeded in spawning white abalone. This is a crucial step in developing a hatchery for the rare mollusk

which is being considered for listing as an endangered species. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-01-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/8/01 - USA. The Ocean Fund of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. has awarded grants totaling \$770,000 to the National Audubon Society and seven other marine conservation organizations. These funds will underwrite projects related to coral disease research, marine animal rescue, manatee protection and the purchase of land in Alaska. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-08-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/8/01 - USA. A new IMAX film called "Ocean Oasis," is coming to Los Angeles in June. The 40 minute film is concerned with preserving sea life in our oceans. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/e-wire/May01/08May0104.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/10/01 - Switzerland. A new report by the World Wildlife Fund and the World Conservation Union states that urgent measures are needed to protect the vast hidden treasures of the deep seas from over exploitation. The report calls for international agreements to be put in place to regulate the management, protection and exploitation of high seas beyond the 200 nautical mile limit of the exclusive economic zones of coastal states. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-10-06.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/17/01 - Australia. Australian marine biologists are using satellites to monitor a young white shark in Australia's southeast in a project that they hope will shed more light on the behavior of sharks as a species. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-17-03.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

5/22/01 - USA. Animal protection and environmental groups are urging Florida to stop commercial dive operators from feeding sharks and other marine wildlife and ban marine feeding. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-22-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

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Chips...er...Tips

Local Shoreline Collecting

By Dr. Chris Nelson 4/26/01

Edited By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/30/01

My tip... Why not try cold water marines from your local shoreline?

I live in Northern Ireland where it is cold most of the time! So instead of following the tropical marine keepers, I did something different and set up a 6x2x2 native marine aquarium with a 4x15x15 sump containing perlag and foam. I also added a Seaclone protein skimmer.

Local marines are free, equipment is cheaper, running costs are lower (no heat), using local mussels as food is also free and this hobby has minimal environmental impact - all in all a very attractive and easy to maintain aquarium can be established and provides a different talking point!!

Editor's Comments:

Thanks for the tip Dr. Nelson. For those of you interested in pursuing this aspect of our hobby, please do some research before hand and make yourself aware of the local collection laws, if any, so you don't get into any trouble.

To Submit Your Tip: Send your tip via email to fishnchips@mail.com and I'll publish it in an upcoming issue of Fish 'N' Chips. I'll write it up for you or you can do it yourself if you are so inclined. Make sure you let me know if I can include your name and email address or if you'd rather go anonymous.

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Upcoming Events

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/31/01

Event	Start Date/ Time	End Date/ Time	Location	Event Details, Notes, and For More Info
Aquarist Profile Survey	Aug. 2000	Open Ended		Info: What is the profile of a marine aquarist? Visit the #Reefs website at http://www.reefs.org/ .

Mandarin Survey	Jan 2001	Open Ended		If you have ever kept a mandarin, please fill out this survey, even if it has died. Visit the #Reefs website at http://www.reefs.org/ .
Message Board Poll Contest	now	6/1/01		Info: Just go to fishroom.com's (http://www.fishroom.com/ (<i>url dead 10/03/05</i>)) The Reef message board and reply to the polls posted there. Prize: 20 lbs. Florida Keys aquacultured live rock
Fishroom.com Survivor	4/1/01	7/1/01		Info: 32 contestants, 2 tribes will be chosen, 1 person will win. Visit the Fishroom.com at http://www.fishroom.com/ (<i>url dead 10/03/05</i>) The Beach message board for information and the latest happenings. Prize: 20 lbs. of Florida aquacultured live rock and a choice of CustomSeaLife 15watt Hang-on UV Sterilizer or AquaC Remora Protein Skimmer.
MACNA XIII: "The Living Seas"	8/17/01 <i>New Dates</i>	8/19/01 <i>New Dates</i>	Baltimore, Maryland, USA	Info: For more information, visit http://www.cmas-md.org/

Australian Society for Fish Biology Inc. 2001 Workshop/Conference	9/22/01	9/27/01	The Lord Forrest Hotel, Bunbury, Western Australia	Info: For more information, visit http://www.fisheries-esd.com/asfb2001/
2nd International Conference on Marine Ornamentals	11/26/01	12/1/01	Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, USA	Info: For more information, visit http://www.ifas.ufl.edu/~conferweb/mo (<i>url dead 10/05/05</i>)
International Coral Reefs Conference of Paris	March 2002		Paris, France	Info: http://www.circop.com/ .

To Submit Your Event: Send your event and all the specifics (date, time, location, pricing, contact info, etc.) via email to fishnchips@mail.com and I'll publish it in all issues of Fish 'N' Chips prior to the event.

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By Elizabeth M. Lukan 5/24/01

Article: From Liz Recall Notice

- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Subscription List (<http://www.cpsc.gov>)

Article: Marine News

- Environment News Service, <http://ens-news.com/>

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