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From Liz

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 6/30/01

Sorry for the small issue and it's lateness. There just aren't enough days in the month for me to get all this work done by myself anymore. Hope you enjoy what I did manage to put together for you this month though.

Tank Showcases Needed - There are a few month's still open in 2001! Send an email to fishnchips@mail.com with as much or as little tank information as you want published.

Visit This Month's Subscriber's Tank Showcase

Keith Jones' 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 Bob Allison 11/19/00

Edited By Elizabeth M. Lukan 6/19/01

What is your favorite reference book?

I have three. The first being Tullock's 'Natural Reef Aquariums', mainly as it has a fairly simple approach to biotypes. I am really a major supporter of the ideas of creating aquariums that reflect one biotype rather than filling a tank with a mish mash of fish/inverts from various origins.

My second choice would be M. S. Paletta's 'The New Marine Aquarium' which has a 'common sense' approach to setting up a an aquarium.

Thirdly, and I know this is a bit long in the tooth, but for a technical as well as 'do it yourself' approach, I guess Martin Moe Jr's 'The Marine Aquarium Reference - Systems & Invertebrates' takes some beating. Can't you guys in the US persuade him to bring it up to date?

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 @ ReefsUK - <http://www.reefsuk.org> -

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/1/01

6/8/01:

Reefs UK and their sister site, AquaticSearch (<http://www.aquaticsearch.co.uk/> (*url dead 10/06/05*)) are making it into the hobby magazines! The Reefs UK website was featured in the May editions of the new Tropical Fish magazine and Practical Fish Keeping. AquaticSearch was also featured in the May edition of Practical Fish Keeping.

AquaticSearch gives you the opportunity to receive £10 cash incentive for each local UK

aquatic store you persuade to be listed in the AquaticSearch search engine as an AquaticSearch Associate.

AquaticSearch now offers on-line forums for all areas of fish keeping. Forums include Marine, Reef, Koi, Pond, Tropical, Cichlids, Discus and Goldfish.

Coming soon to AquaticSearch will be Aquatic Price Search which will help to provide visitors with a quick and easy way of finding the lowest price for aquatic products.

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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Caught In The Net

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/1/01

New Stuff Found

On Reefs.org (<http://www.reefs.org/>):

- Article "Neptune AquaController 2" by Bill Esposito

What Will They Think Of Next?

Robotic fish & more featured at Monolith Marine Monsters (m3).

Although the Aquaroids and Mini U-Boot are designed for freshwater use only, they are just too cool to not mention in Fish 'N' Chips. When Eddie at m3 (<http://www.marine-monsters.com/> (*url dead 10/06/05*)) told me about these gadgets, I just had to pass the news along to you.

I've always been partial to turtles so that's my favorite, but the details on the jellyfish and nautilus will amaze you. To find out more about Aquaroids and The Mini U-Boot, including pricing, please visit m3 via the link above or go directly to the Aquaroid page at <http://www.marine-monsters.com/front/products/aquaroid.html> (*url dead 10/06/05*) or the Mini U-Boot at <http://www.marine-monsters.com/front/products/miniuboot.html> (*url dead 10/06/05*).



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Marine News

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 6/30/01

5/31/01 - Brazil, For the first time in Brazil's history, a non-governmental organization (The Brazilian branch of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society - Instituto Sea Shepherd Brazil) is taking a fishing company (Pescado Amaral) to court to collect damages on behalf of the fish and the marine environment - they are suing for US\$100,000 - after catching a vessel in the act of "predatory illegal drag trawling" off the coast of Rio Grande do Sul, near Tramandai. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/may2001/2001L-05-31-04.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

6/1/01 - US, A study of climate induced evolutionary change in the California intertidal snail *Acanthinucella spirata* suggests that resource managers should not focus just on genetic diversity when developing conservation plans for protecting endangered or threatened species

but should also consider morphological diversity. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jun2001/2001L-06-01-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

6/4/01 - US, The Bush administration has decided to retain an executive order passed by former President Bill Clinton, which authorized a new nationwide system of marine conservation areas. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jun2001/2001L-06-04-06.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

6/6/01 - US, Two environmental groups are taking Commerce Secretary Donald Evans to court over plans to allow damaging fishing gear in sensitive marine habitats and crucial fishing grounds off the New England and Mid-Atlantic coast. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jun2001/2001L-06-06-06.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

6/6/01 - US, A new class of oceanographic research instrumentation will allow scientists and engineers to detect the onset and development of harmful algal blooms from afar. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jun2001/2001L-06-06-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

6/14/01 - US, A study conducted by the Wildlife Conservation Society says that bleaching may allow some corals to adapt to global warming and other environmental change. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jun2001/2001L-06-14-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

6/20/01 - US, The Ocean Conservancy has issued a challenge to the Bush Administration to protect at least as much wilderness in the ocean as the U.S. now sets aside on land - amounting to about five percent of our U.S. oceans. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens.lycos.com/ens/jun2001/2001L-06-20-09.html> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

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Chips...er...Tips

Keeping a Tank Log or Journal

By Judy Shaner 6/10/01

Edited By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/1/01

Tonight was one of those times when the tip I gave the most to people was to "keep a log." In these busy times, it is very easy to forget what you did or did not do on any given day or week.

What did you notice about the tank inhabitants last Thursday, for example? You checked the alkalinity a "couple of weeks ago," might actually be a month ago. When a problem arises, a log or journal helps very much to pinpoint where and what the problem stems from. One can also recognize cycles within the tank and its inhabitants from a log.

Actually, I could write a whole page of what a log does, both for the hobbyist and for those of us who must find the answer to their questions or problems. It just took me eight e-mails to find the "something" that caused a bacterial bloom in someone's tank. I kept getting the answer "nothing has changed." Finally, discovered that the person had not topped off the water for a couple of days (?) and then added a gallon of top off to it!! This was in a 30 gallon tank with NO sump - so it was poured in directly to the tank!!!!

It is a wonder all the fish were not dead!!!

Editor Comments:

The above tip was submitted by Judy Shaner of The Salt Box. Please visit Judy's site at <http://www.coralreeftanks.com/> (*url dead 10/06/05*). My editing was limited to formatting mostly.

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 6/30/01

Special Announcement

My good friend Carol E. Keen has organized "*Seahorses At Sea*", the first ever Seahorse Conference and Cruise. The cruise is scheduled for 11/26/01 to 12/1/01 on Carnival's Cruise Ship 'Jubilee' leaving Tampa, Florida (USA) visiting Grand Cayman, Playa del Carmen, and Cozumel, Mexico before returning to Tampa. Speakers include Michael Dickson, Jim Forshey, Peter Giwojna, and Carol E. Keen. Please visit <http://seahorsesatsea.homestead.com/Seahorsesatsea.html> for complete cruise details, prices, events, and booking information.

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	7/1/01		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/
"Seahorses At Sea" Seahorse Conference and Cruise	11/26/01	12/1/01	Cruise leaves Tampa, Florida, USA	Info: For more information, visit http://seahorsesatsea.homestead.com/Seahorsesatsea.html
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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