

# Fish 'N' Chips

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## From Liz

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/28/02

***Custom Buoyancy Inc. Recalls Overpressure Valves*** - 7,700 overpressure valves used with buoyancy control systems (both jacket and wing styles) are being voluntarily recalled. The overpressure valve can stick in the open position, posing a drowning hazard to divers. Three reports of the valves sticking open have been received but no injuries have been reported. These overpressure valves can be found on the following brand names: Diving Unlimited International (DUI), International Divers, Ocean Management Systems, Rip Tide and Steam Machines. Valves with date codes from October 2000 to June 2001 are being recalled but valves with an asterisk below the serial number are not. These overpressure valves were sold in the USA from October 2000 to November 2001 for about \$590. Stop using the valves immediately and contact the dealer where purchased for a free replacement valve. The Consumer Product Safety Commission Recall notice, including product photos, can be found at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml02/02093.html>. Custom Buoyancy Inc. can be reached at (866) 790-5099 from 8am to 5pm PT Monday to Friday or at <http://www.custombuoyancy.com/>.

***Free Graphics*** - Before I forget again, there are some new fish and water related free graphics on my web design site. Check them out at High Aspirations, Inc. (<http://www.highaspirations.com/freegraphics.html>).

**More Showcases Needed:** I'm starting to run out again so keep those showcase submissions coming! Email your tank photos to [fishnchips@mail.com](mailto:fishnchips@mail.com) with as much or as little tank information as you want published.

**Visit This Month's Subscriber's Tank Showcase:** Hassan Moore's 75 Gallon 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 Cowry Comment

By Anonymous 1/1/02

Edited By Elizabeth M. Lukan 6/16/02

Following is another comment on Cowries. Never before has an article generated such feedback! The original article, "The Cowry: Add a Little Lustre to Your Tank" by Dale Bennett was featured in the [July 2001](#) (*updated 8/24/04*) issue with comments by Roger Holt and Jake Pehrson coming in the [August 2001](#) (*updated 8/24/04*) and [October 2001](#) (*updated 8/24/04*) issues respectively.

*"I have several large cowries which I have enjoyed for several years now. They coexist with my corals & sponges. Given enough algae they seem to thrive."*

Anybody else want to send in a comment on their Cowry experiences? Send an email to [fishnchips@mail.com](mailto:fishnchips@mail.com) with your comments and see your name in print in a future issue.

### **Editor Comments:**

Editing was limited to spelling, grammar, and putting the submitter's writing into html and the Fish 'N' Chips format.

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## What's Up @ Reefs UK

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

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/28/02

**7/1/02:**

- Clayton Smith has successfully raised the Orchid Dottyback (*Pseudochromis fridmani*). He has been attempting this for some time and was successful in April 2002. An article on this can be found on the Reefs UK website.
- Les Melling's DIY Calcium Reactor plans can be found on the Reefs UK website. The plans include a drawing and the approximate costs.
- Reefs UK would like to thank all those who have provided the London Aquarium Semporna Project with coral cuttings. The response has been excellent and has provided the project aquarium with many captive propagated corals. It is not too late to donate corals and if you would like to donate please contact Mark Taber at [mttaber@reefsuk.org](mailto:mttaber@reefsuk.org) or Clayton at [claytonjohnsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:claytonjohnsmith@hotmail.com) for further information.

To join the Reefs UK Mailing List or the Reefs UK Chat (Email Discussion Group), visit the Reefs UK Website for instructions.

***Editor's Comments:***

Information in this section covers the latest happenings at Mark T. Taber's Reefs UK 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 Reefs UK. 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 7/28/02

### **New Stuff Found**

On Advanced Aquarist's Online Magazine (<http://www.advancedaquarist.com/>):

- Volume 1, Issue 7, July 2002 is now available.

On AquaServe Aquarium Publications (<http://www.aquaserve.com/> (*url dead 10/06/05*)):

- Community/Articles: Anemones in Nano Reefs by Nano-Reef.com
- Community/Articles: Reverse Osmosis by Duane Clark

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## Marine News

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/27/02

**6/28/02 - Florida, US:** Eighteen year old damage to one of the most famous coral reefs in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary is beginning to be repaired with a little human help. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has begun restoring the site where the freighter Wellwood grounded on Molasses Reef off Key Largo in 1984. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/jun2002/2002-06-28-09.asp#anchor8> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

**7/2/02 - Sydney, Australia:** Australia's Catholic Church signaled its intention to mobilize its congregation - representing one-quarter of the Australian population - on environmental issues. The church is concerned about curbing land clearing and the logging of old growth forests, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the protection of the Great Barrier Reef. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/jul2002/2002-07-02-02.asp> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

**7/3/02 - Rhode Island, US:** Oceanographers from the University of Rhode Island are studying the microalgae that produce toxic algae blooms along the East Coast. Harmful algal blooms are on the rise around the world, causing more than \$1 billion in damages to fisheries, recreation and human health each year. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/jul2002/2002-07-03-09.asp#anchor7> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

**7/3/02 - Kingston, Jamaica:** The three directors of Wilmot Seafood are facing criminal charges for exporting conch without an export certificate as required by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/jul2002/2002-07-03-19.asp#anchor3> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

**7/15/02 - Rarotonga, Cook Islands:** Conservationists told regional journalists in Rarotonga that fish laundering and reef destruction has become a major concern in the Pacific. The volume of live fish taken by foreign fishing companies for sale in Asia has risen rapidly since the mid-1990s. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/jul2002/2002-07-15-02.asp> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

**7/19/02 - Florida, US:** Dr. Edie Widder, a Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution scientist has developed a deep sea camera (the "Eye In The Sea") that could capture images of creatures that live in the darkest regions of the world's oceans. The entire news release can be found in <http://ens-news.com/ens/jul2002/2002-07-19-09.asp#anchor8> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

**7/25/02 - Florida, US:** Researchers will embark on a three week expedition into the deep water off the U.S. South Atlantic Coast. The research mission, dubbed Islands in the Stream 2002: Exploring Underwater Oases, will explore spawning sites and habitats to better understand the dynamics of commercial and recreational fish populations, investigate the potential use of marine resources in human drugs, and research the role of bioluminescence. The entire news release can be found at <http://ens-news.com/ens/jul2002/2002-07-25-09.asp#anchor7> (*url dead 8/24/04*).

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## Chips...er...Tips Fish Separation

By Jason and Tera Chavez 4/30/02

Edited By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/28/02

Sometimes fish fight and need to be separated for a time or a fish needs to be removed because it's bothering corals etc. We use a hamster ball to separate a "rogue" fish from the other fish and corals temporarily until we can figure out how to remedy the situation.

You simply catch the fish (this is not always simple) and pop it into the ball. The ball will float in the water at the top of your tank and drifts in the current. The fish can see its surroundings, gets water exchange through the slits in the ball and the ball can be opened without releasing the fish in order to feed it. Obviously, this is a temporary hold for fish but it has been a life saver for us many times.

This works great when you buy a fish that you're not sure will be accepted by the other fish.

That way, if there's any trouble the new fish can be removed to a safe holding place out of harm's way.

**To Submit Your Tip:** Send your tip via email to [fishnchips@mail.com](mailto: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 7/28/02

Event	Start Date/ Time	End Date/ Time	Location	Event Details, Notes, and For More Info
MACNA XIV: The 14th Annual Marine Aquarium Conference Of North America	9/27/02	9/29/02	Westin Beechwood in Fort Worth, Texas, USA	<i>Info:</i> Hosted by the Dallas/Fort Worth Marine Aquarium Society. Visit <a href="http://www.dfwmas.com/M14.html">http://www.dfwmas.com/M14.html</a> ( <i>url dead 10/06/05</i> ) for more info.
International Coral Reefs Conference of Paris (CIRCoP)	1/31/03 <i>New Dates</i>	2/1/03 <i>New Dates</i>	Paris, France	<i>Info:</i> <a href="http://www.circop.com/">http://www.circop.com/</a> .

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.org website at <a href="http://www.reefs.org/">http://www.reefs.org/</a> .
Aquarist Profile Survey	Aug. 2000	Open Ended	<b>Info:</b> What is the profile of a marine aquarist? Visit the Reefs.org website at <a href="http://www.reefs.org/">http://www.reefs.org/</a> .

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

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## Prove It!, a Bibliography

By Elizabeth M. Lukan 7/28/02

**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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