

THE HARLEQUIN



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The official newsletter that highlights the Best of ORCA



Please feel free to send any questions or comments regarding the newsletter to sethwahlton@hotmail.com.

FRAG AUCTION:
If you are planning on bringing items to include in the ORCA frag auction, be sure to have them in store quality bags so there will be less mess and harmed animals due to leaking bags.

Recent Events

May Meeting:

Our May meeting was held at Matt and Melissa Kantzs' house. Matt's beautiful 210- gallon reef tank was breathtaking, and how he ran the entire tank shocked and amazed many because of its precise control and neatly organized systems to accurately determine what he should do to further better his reef, (if that is even possible). The presentation, by Seth Wahlton was on the laws and regulations regarding collecting livestock from the coast of Florida. Some main points of this presentation are explored further in this month's newsletter. At the meeting, a raffle was held, which gave ORCA members a chance to win wonderful prizes like a Phosban reactor, a Koralia 2 power head, Juice's beautiful and exotic coral frags, and other great gifts. The June meeting also featured a great Frag Auction, featuring some beautiful corals. The zooanthids sold well, so if you have any extra frags, or have a nice colony you can frag, it seems a lot of people are looking to add zoo's to their tanks, so bring some in (in store quality bags) and make yourself and the club an extra buck. The meeting was great. If you missed it, be sure to join the next one, because the meetings keep getting better and better as our club members grow closer and more trusting in one another, resulting in an excellent, fun, and most importantly, actively informing gathering.

June's Presentation:

By: Seth Wahlton

Laws and Regulations regarding the collection of animals and plants off the coast of Florida

- If you are over 16, or planning on fishing off a boat or vessel, you must get a saltwater fishing license, which can be purchased at Sports Authority or Wal-Mart for only \$13.50
- It is illegal to take any stone crabs, blue crabs, or Blue land crabs, all which are very common off the coast. Stone crabs have black tipped claws, blue crabs look like stone crabs without the black-tipped claws, and blue land crabs can look exactly like fiddler crabs, so it would be wise to just not take any crabs from the coast.
 - Any sea fan, sponge, or hard coral is illegal to take from the waters off the coast of Florida.
 - Under no condition, is live rock legal to take. Live rock is defined by the FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission) as any solid material that has plant growth on it. That means any piece of wood, concrete, plastic, or stone that has even a little trace of algae on it would be defined as live rock and, if caught with it, the person who took it could be in serious trouble, and may even have to serve jail time.
 - So, just keep under the law, obey the rules, and collect with caution, because the FWC and law enforcement officers often make random checks for illegal species in people's possession.



****The Southeastern Reef Conference is soon, and if you want to take part in this exciting and fun way to learn more about the hobby and participate in the Statewide Frag Auction, BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW as there is only so much time to secure your opportunity to go.****

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Future Events

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bring it to the next
meeting with the
\$20 membership
fee.

THE HARLEQUIN is back, and needs YOUR help.

I feel it is important to have a collaborative newsletter that the members of ORCA can have a part in.

How you can help:

- Share valuable information about particular issues or creatures
- Tell us all about your DIY equipment
- Share the pros/ cons of equipment you have used
- Have items you are selling posted in the Classifieds
- Tell us your worst aquarium stories and how we can avoid a situation like it.

Simply, contribute what you would like to see more of in

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Submit to sethwahlton@hotmail.com

Next ORCA Meeting

June 30. Ray Wortley's Home
10212 Matchlock Drive
Orlando, FL 32821

Doors Open at 6:00 PM, Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

August 25: David and Kari Kosuchowski's house

September 29: John and Cathy Wojcik's house

October 27: Al and Karen Schrieber's house

November: "NO ORCA MEETING THIS MONTH"

December: Christmas Party: (TBD)

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