

101 Years of Educating Aquarists

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 7:30 PM

HOLIDAY PARTY

**BRING A DISH &
GET IN FREE TO THE
ALL YOU CAN EAT SIT
ANNUAL BAS
SIT DOWN DINNER**

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At New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY

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Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline **(718) 837-4455**

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our November meeting was the first event that had to be cancelled due to the weather in many years. I think the last time we cancelled a meeting was 20 years ago when **Seth Kolker** was President. The reason we had to cancel back then was that a large blizzard had deposited

several feet of snow in Brooklyn. This year, Hurricane Sandy, also known as "Frankenstorm," destroyed everyone's peace of mind and happiness for quite a while. I believe that this was a rude awakening to what "Mother Nature" can do if we are not prepared or if we become complacent thinking that it won't happen to us. I hope that we all emerged from this horror safe and sound. Homes, cars and businesses can be rebuilt, but lives cannot. I hope that our aquatic creatures are also safe.

The storm hit our NY Aquarium hard. There were many new elements recently installed at the Aquarium to be used for current and future projects, which were destroyed. Offices and exhibits suffered damage. Thankfully, the fish and animals got through the storm and aftermath successfully, but the Aquarium will require a major clean up and won't be open to the general public until the Spring.

There is good news in all of this darkness. NY Aquarium Director Jon Dohlin, via Kate Fitzgerald, has granted us the OK to have our Holiday party at our Education Hall. So on Friday, December 14, we will have much to be thankful for. Doors will open for our members, families and friends at 7:30 PM.

As in previous Holiday parties, everyone is to bring something to eat and/or drink. **Please contact Second Vice President Marie Liccirdello at (718-377-7749) as to what you will be bringing to the festivities. Any one not bringing anything will be charged \$10 per person, at the door.**

As always, there will be free parking and BAS Fish Bingo and we will be presenting BAS awards for all hard working and dedicated members.

People still ask me why they haven't received the Bulletin and Aquatica in the mail. The reason is that they are now on our web site -- and in vibrant color! So please visit our new web site where you can read the Bulletin and enjoy a full color Aquatica. Provided you have given us your email address, we can email you our publications and other important notifications of club events.

The interactive forums and sponsor sections on our site are truly enjoyable. Speaking of our interactive Forum -- we are having a contest every month as to who has the most posts on our Forum. Please post questions and help provide answers to other hobbyists. You can also post items for sale and ask for items you need. There will be a \$25 BAS BUCKS first prize and a \$10 BAS BUCKS second prize for the most posts! It is a great place to web connect with other members and a fun location to interact and share information. Several of our wonderful sponsors have "rooms" within our Forum, such as **Air, Water & Ice, Zoo Med** and **Reefs2Go**.

I am asking for your help and support. If you want to see different speakers or try different things, please let me know. The elected officials of the Brooklyn Aquarium Society are here to serve YOU! Please let us know what you want and why. It would be helpful to everyone. It is important that you visit and patronize our sponsors. It goes full circle: by helping them, they are also helping you as hobbyists and everyone is helping the Brooklyn Aquarium Society -- so help us, help you!

For more info, please call our BAS Hotline at (718) 837-4455, or visit our modern website at WWW.BROOKLYNAQUARIUMSOCIETY.ORG.

On a more personal note - Any member who desires to attend a Board meeting, held at the Education Center of the New York Aquarium on the 1st Friday of the month, please notify me at (718) 238-1792 by the Tuesday previous to the meeting.

Joe Graffagnino
President

THE HOLIDAY PARTY



The good news is, thanks to the NY Aquarium, the BAS Holiday party is still on at the Aquarium's Education Hall. This year's party will be on December 14th. If you're a new member, let me tell you that you don't want to miss this great perk of membership.

There will be tons of great food. The BAS supplies basics: a roast turkey and trimmings, baked ham, desserts, coffee and soda. Our talented members bring their favorite dishes and desserts, delicious hot dishes ranging from pasta, chicken, sausage & peppers and salads, plus an array of fabulous ethnic foods.

It's a sit-down dinner with members, family, and significant others. The doors open at 7:30pm and the buffet dinner starts at 8pm. So please wait because we need time to set up arriving dishes on the buffet table; if you jump the line, you may miss some fantastic dishes!

You'll get to meet other members and have one on one conversations with them. You'll have a chance to play fish bingo with aquarium-related prizes. We also honor members who have served the Society for the past year and members who have written articles for *Aquatica*, with awards and aquarium books.

It's all great food and great fun, so mark your calendar now -- December 14th, and start thinking of the dish you're going to donate to the party.

Keep in mind that all members must bring at least one dish or pay a cover charge at the door of \$10 per person.

So, bring a dish and get in FREE!

All food donations are always acknowledged in the *BAS Bulletin*.

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COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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www.northeastcouncil.org/daas or

E-Mail: daas@northeastcouncil.com

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For more information contact **Linda Giza** pvaslinda@hotmail.com or **Martha Morris** marthamorris@hotmail.com

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BROOKLYN AQUARIUM SOCIETY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2012 - 2013

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JAN 11 Joe Yaiullo - Marine/Reef Presentation ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

FEB 8 Kathy Cardineau - Ponds - The Easy Way ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAR 8 Kevin Kohen - Superstar Fishes for Reef Aquaria ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 12 Mark Denaro - Where Rare Species are Common ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

MAY 10 Giant Spring Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

JUN 14 Laura Birenbaum - Coral & Marine Inverts' Tolerances for Dry Shipping ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

JULY/AUGUST - NO MEETINGS

SEPT 13 Joe Graffagnino ~ Knowledge of Useless S - - t I Acquired Over the Years ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

OCT 11 Giant Fall Auction ~ Freshwater fish, plants, marine fish, aqua-cultured corals & dry goods, including a 55 gal. tank & stand.

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FEB 14 TBA

MAR 13 Gene Ritter - Reef Diving in NYC ~ Marine fish, aqua-cultured corals, freshwater fish, plants & dry goods auction.

APR 11 Rachel Oleary ~ Freshwater topic

MAY 9 Giant Spring Auction

The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the N.Y. Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 14. Send inquires or membership checks to Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.

Note: The editor takes full responsibility for misspellings and punctuation errors.

REVIEWING THE COMING YEARS EVENTS AND SPEAKERS

We have an exciting group of speakers and events for our 102 years as a society; starting in **January** with our friend **Joe Yaiullo** with a Marine/Reef talk and frags donations from the **LI Aquarium & Exhibition Center's** fabulous 20,000 gallon reef display for our auction.

In **February**, **Kathy Cardineau** will talk about setting up and maintaining ponds, it's never too early to start thinking about getting your pond ready for the summer.

In **March**, we present **Kevin Kohen**, who will answer the vexing question: what marine fish are best to keep in a reef aquarium?

April will feature **Mark Denaro** with a presentation on rare species of marine fish you can keep.

May of course is **Spring Giant Fish Auction** with lots of fish you just can't get anywhere else, plus plants and dry goods and a Petland Discounts-donated new 55 gallon tank and stand, all to go to the highest bidder.

In **June**, **Laura Birenbaum** will fill us in on the care that is taken in shipping corals and marine inverts and how you can care for them when they arrive.

We take our summer break and come back in **September** with **Joe Graffagnino** and his observations of the useless aquarium stuff he has learned over his years of fish keeping...This should be really interesting.

October, we feature our **Giant Fall Fish Auction** with both freshwater and marine fish and corals and donated dry goods and our famous new 55 gallon tank and stand donated by **Petland Discounts**.

November brings **John Coppolino** speaking about the advance and updated techniques in marine fish and reef keeping. A must attend meeting for all you diehard marine enthusiasts and those who are thinking about taking the saltwater plunge.

In **December**, we all take a holiday break with our traditional **All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Party** for our members and their families and friends. See you all next year!

A MESSAGE FROM THE NY AQUARIUM

Dear Friends,

Last week, **Jim Breheny**, Executive Vice President of WCS Zoos and Aquarium and Director of the Bronx Zoo issued the following statement:

The Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium has conducted a 24/7- effort to stabilize conditions and restore utilities and operating systems after experiencing serious flood damage during Hurricane Sandy. Staff established temporary life support for the aquatic systems, pumped flood waters out of basements and mechanical areas, and restored filtration and other life support essentials for the exhibit and holding tanks. We had a short window of time to get these systems re-established. Thankfully, we were successful in our efforts. The aquarium, located along the ocean in Coney Island, was struck by a surge of flood waters as the seas broke over the boardwalk.

During the storm, 18 staff members remained at the aquarium to care for the animals and secure the facility. We thank all of New York City and the zoos and aquariums across the nation who have offered help and support. The aquarium will most likely re-open during late spring 2013.

It is heartbreaking to learn that our beloved Aquarium and the surrounding communities of Coney Island and Brighton Beach have been devastated by the wrath of Hurricane Sandy. Right now we are still in a period of assessment at the Aquarium but you can well imagine that there has been extensive damage.

We thank you for your thoughts and concerns. The recovery for all of us in Coney may be long but like the phoenix we will rise again - and better than ever.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kate

Kate Fitzgerald
Community Affairs
New York Aquarium
Wildlife Conservation Society
718-265-3427

EDITORS CHOICE: AQUATICA ARTICLE AWARDS WINNERS

ARTICLE AWARDS

September/October 2011

• **Joe Graffagnino**

A new fish in the Hobby -
Mekong Rice Killies
Oryzias meakongensis

• **Joe Graffagnino**

Whiptail Catfish - *Rineloricara* Sp.

• **Izzy Zwerin**

The Practical Plant
Propagating *Sagittaria subulata*

• **John Todaro**

An Interview With Clay Jackson,
Editor Aquarium Fish
International

January/February 2012

• **John Todaro**

A Cure for the Heartbreak of
Duckweed!

March/April 2012

• **Amaldo Lopez Jr.**

A Dinosaur in Your Tank

May/June 2012

• **Pauline Griffin**

Diamond Tetras Spawn

COVER PHOTOGRAPHY

November/December 2011

• **Joe Graffagnino**

Cover Photo - Bubble Coral

CONTINUING COLUMNS -
2011- 2012

• **Izzy Zwerin**

The Practical Plant
Chapters 1, 2, 3

• **Stu Hershkowitz**

Exchange Editors Report

• **Dan Hagan** (The Shrimp Farm)
Dwarf Freshwater Shrimp

BAS BREEDER AWARDS 2012

• **Steve Matassa**

Advanced Breeder

• **Michael Roman**

Senior Coral Propagator

• **Michael Roman**

Aquatic Horticulturist

C.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM

• **Joseph Graffagnino**

Tanichthys micagemma
Sparkle Eye White Cloud

Melanotaenia lacustris

Lake Kutubu Rainbowfish

Belontia signata

Combtail Paradise fish

Aphyosemion scheeli

Fundulopanchax scheeli

• **Michael Roman**

Xenotoca eiseni

Redtail Goodeid

Xenoporphus captivus

Green Goodeid

Zoogoneticus tequila

Crescent Goodeid

• **Frank Nell**

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COLD WEATHER HELP FOR YOUR FISH FROM BAS

With cold weather setting in, transporting livestock home can be a problem. If you know you're going to buy fish or corals, you should have an insulated bag to carry them home. The BAS has developed a great insulated carrying bag for members; with a reflective aluminum foil interior. It has comfortable plastic handles and is constructed with eco-friendly P.E.T (Polyethylene terephthalate). The bag is made from post-consumer water bottles (85% from water bottles, 15% from other recycled materials). It's 22"H x 16"W x 11"D. Big enough to carry lots of livestock bags. It also folds up for flat easy

storage. The bag is black with the BAS logo in yellow on one side, and features a unique full Velcro closure to keep your fish and corals safely in and the elements out. Members cost is only \$10. You can purchase one at one of our events

They'll be going fast, so a word to the wise...get yours at the next event. Keep it in your car, so you'll always be ready to protect any fish or corals you get this winter.

They're perfect for carrying and protecting livestock home from Society auctions or store purchases.

Get one at the next event!

**A GREAT INSULATED CARRYING BAG FROM BAS!
ONLY \$10
KEEP YOUR FISH AND CORALS WARM THIS WINTER.**



A HOLIDAY TREAT FOR YOUR FISH

Tom's Complete Beef Heart Feast

This is an interesting no-cook recipe. As **Tom Miglio**, BAS member, points out, cooking kills much of the nutritional value and vitamins of the ingredients.

Also, the use of less beef heart and more vegetable matter allows for a variety of vitamins and minerals to be introduced to your fish's diet.

This recipe is relished by livebearer fry and juvenile, as well as adult fish. It may be a bit too big for newly hatched fry like bettas and killies, but that depends on how fine you blend it.

Give it a try; you'll like it and your fish will love it.

RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 lb. beef heart. Save time ask butcher to remove the veins and skin.
- 4oz. jar Gerbers® creamed spinach.
- 4oz. banana yogurt
- 4oz. jar Gerbers® sweet potatoes.
- 2 tbsp Brewers yeast flakes.
- Gerbers® Oatmeal Cereal as needed to thicken mixture.

OPTIONAL

- 1/2 lb. calves liver. Have all skin and veins removed as above. Do not use pork liver. It's too fatty.

PREPARATION:

1. After removing all veins and skin, cut into pieces and blend to a smooth paste.
2. Add other ingredients one at a time. Blend until smooth.
3. Blend in Brewers yeast flakes.
4. Add enough oatmeal to thicken mixture to a paste.

5. Put in Ziplok bags and flatten to about 1/4" inch and freeze. Place on a cookie tray to help flatten bags.

FEEDING:

To feed, snap off a piece and crumble it into the tank. Feed in the morning when they are most hungry. Once they're used to it, feed anytime. Never feed more than your fish will eat in five to ten minutes.

NUTRITIONAL VALUES:

Gerber® baby foods have no artificial flavors, colors or preservatives. The beef heart is 100% protein. Spinach is rich in Vitamin A and potassium. Banana yogurt is rich in Vitamin C and potassium. Sweet potato is rich in Vitamin A. Brewers yeast is high in B Vitamins, and additional B complex factors inherent in brewers yeast, plus folic acid. Keep brewers yeast tightly closed. It needs no refrigeration.

EASY MEMBERSHIP RENEW ON-LINE

You can now join or renew on line using PayPal. Simply go to the BAS site and click on Membership, then on Sign Up Online. Fill out the sign-up form and click Submit. It's that easy!

BAS Forum Post Contest Winners for November

The 1st place winner of last months BAS Forum contest: *WHO CAN APPLY THE MOST POSTS PER MONTH* was:

David Manual he received \$25 worth of BAS Bucks. **John Fox** took 2nd and received \$10 in BAS Bucks. **The December contest is on now.**

To participate in the December BAS Forum contest, with the chance of winning BAS Bucks, go to our club's website, you can go to the top of the web page (right side corner) and click on the word forum and that will take you there, or you can use the link:

<http://forum.brooklynaquariumsociety.org/>

Good luck **Joe**

REGIONAL SOCIETY EVENTS

List your society events FREE in the monthly *BAS Bulletin*. E-mail a copy of your announcement to: JTODDYBAS@AOL.COM at least 1 month in advance of your event.

SAT. DEC 1 - NORTH JERSEY AS

• HOLIDAY PARTY @AMERICAN LEGION IN NUTLEY NJ

General meetings are held 3rd Thursday of the month at 8pm; doors open at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held at the Meadowlands Environmental Center. At the Elks Club, 251 Park Ave. Lyndhurst, NJ. 07071. Open to the public. Speakers, raffles, auctions. Info: Call (732) 541-1392 or call Kevin Carr @ 201 724-9460 or visit on line for directions www.njas.net or <http://www.meadowlandsstate.nj.us/directions.html>

TUE. DEC 4 - PIONEER VALLEY AS

• CHRISTMAS PARTY & FOOD/PET DRIVE

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Science Museum, 21 Edwards St., Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. For more information contact: Dave & Linda Giza (413) 283-8680 or email: mike@berkshiredesign.com, or for directions go to pvas.net

WED. DEC 5 - GREATER CITY AS

• ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & HOLIDAY PARTY AT FLAGSHIP DINER AT 138-40 QUEENS BLVD.

Meets 7:30pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Queens Botanical Garden, except for January and February. The public is welcome! Speakers, publication, bowl show, raffles, door prizes, refreshments, plant and fish auctions. For information, please contact Claudia Dickinson at: ivyrose@optonline.net or 631-668-5125, or visit www.greatercity.org

SAT. DEC 8 - LONG ISLAND REEF ASSOCIATION

• HOLIDAY PARTY AT LI AQUARIUM

Generally meets 1st Friday of the month at 8pm at Dickens Inc, 75 Austin Blvd, Commack, NY 11725. For directions & info: <http://www.LongIslandReef.org>

MON. DEC 10 - JERSEY SHORE AS

• ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus, 70 E. Main St., Freehold, NJ. At 8pm. Speakers, Auction rare & exotic fish, aquatic plants, door prizes. For more details: www.jerseyshoreAS.org; 732-859-5595; mws71@yahoo.com

TUES. DEC 11 NASSAU COUNTY AS

• ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Kellenberg at Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre NY 8:00pm. Check web site for directions. <http://ncasweb.org/directions.php>. General meetings open to the public. Guest speakers, fish related events, raffles, mini-auction. Info: Mike Foran (516) 798-6766, or at info@ncasweb.org

TUES. DEC 11 - OTTER VALLEY AS

• HOLIDAY PARTY

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Maclure Library, Pittford, VT. The public is welcome. Refreshments, plant and fish auction, free parking. For information contact: John Todaro at: jtoddybas@aol.com

FRI. DEC 14 - LONG ISLAND AS

• HOLIDAY PARTY @ SUNNY BUFFET @ BAY SHORE, NY

Meets the 3rd Friday of the month. Meetings are now held at SUNY Stony Brook's Maritime Science area, Room 120 in Endeavor Hall on the State University at Stony Brook Campus, Stony Brook, NY 11794. Doors open @ 7:30pm meeting starts @ 8pm Speakers, auctions, refreshments, free parking. For Info go to www.liasonline.org

SUN. DEC 16 - SOUTH JERSEY GUPPY CLUB -

• TBA

Consists of 50 members with many years of maintaining, breeding & producing show quality / winning guppies. Meetings 3rd Sunday every month at 1 p.m. at Griggstown Volunteer Fire Co at Griggstown, NJ. See South Jersey Guppy Club website for further info: www.guppysa2z.com

THU. DEC 20 - NORWALK AS

• NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00pm at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Open to public. Info: Norwalkas.org

TUES. DEC 25- GREATER HARTFORD AS

• NO MEETING

Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Lutz Children's Museum, 247 S. Main St. Manchester, CT Call: 9860) 643-0949

WED. DEC 26 - METROPOLITAN AREA KILLFISH ASSOC. (MAKA)

• NO MEETING

Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 pm at the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaker and auction of fish eggs, plants and dry goods. Refreshments served. Info: SLMACK@compuserve.com

FRI. DEC 28 - DANBURY AREA AS

• NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Meets 4th Friday of the month at the Carmel Ambulance Corps Vink Dr., Carmel, NY. For more info: Rich Litsky (845) 228-0372 or Joe Masi (845) 896-4793 or daas@notheastcouncil.

CHECK ALL TIMES AND DATES BEFORE ATTENDING

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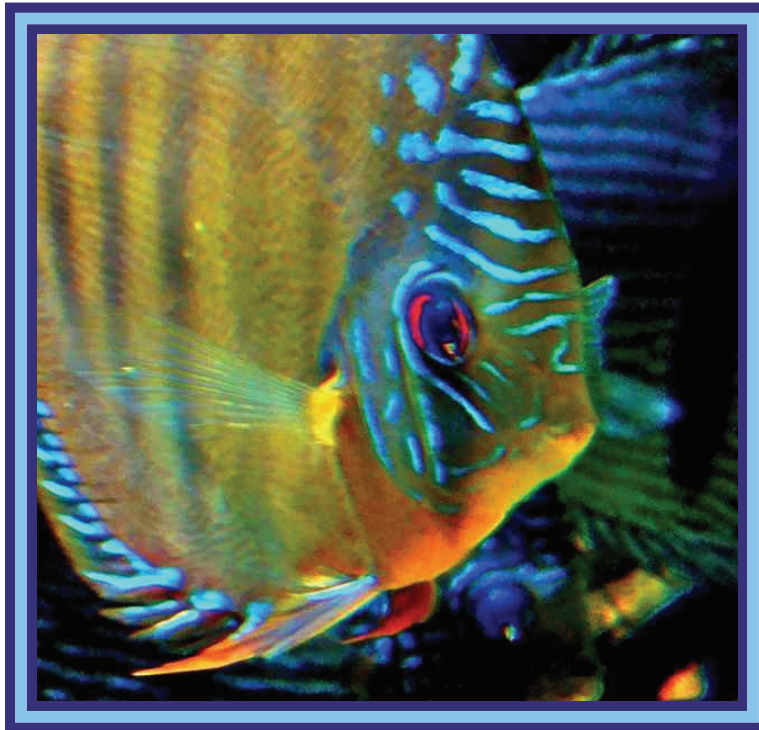
If listed TBA (to be Announced), that means the society has not gotten a speaker or has not updated their calendar of events as of the printing of this list.



TIP OF THE MONTH

During the winter, the heating system in your home will evaporate water in your tanks faster than in the summer. Keep an eye on the water level in your tanks to make sure they're at the proper level. This is particularly important with marine setups. Water evaporates, but the salt does not, driving up the salinity of the water.

Freshwater tanks should be kept at a consistent level also, to make sure the filter system works properly and heaters are not exposed to the air. If there is insufficient water, the filter will stop and possibly break and the heater coil, if exposed, could crack the glass. This could be dangerous to both you and your fish.



The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(C) (3) for people interested in the aquarium hobby and the study of aquatic life. The Society meets the 2nd Friday of each month except July and August at the Educational Hall of the N.Y. Aquarium at Coney Island, Surf Ave. at West 8th St., at 7:30 PM. Meetings are open to visitors. Membership is \$25 per year family, \$20 individual, \$15 for students under 14. Send inquiries or membership checks to **Brooklyn Aquarium Society, c/o Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 290610, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0011.**

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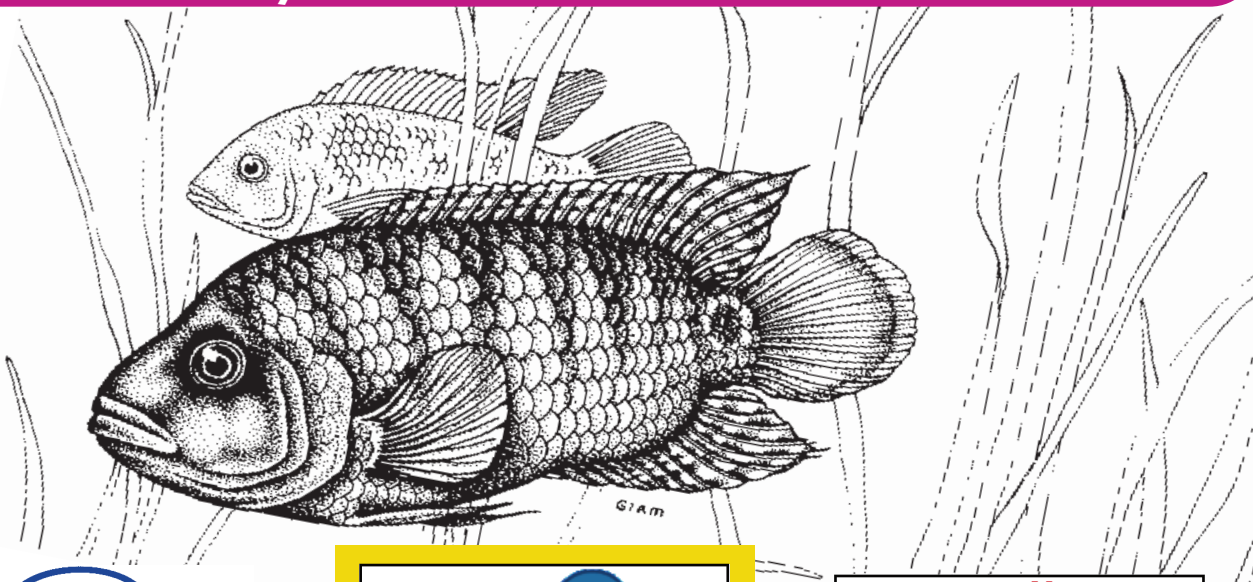
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