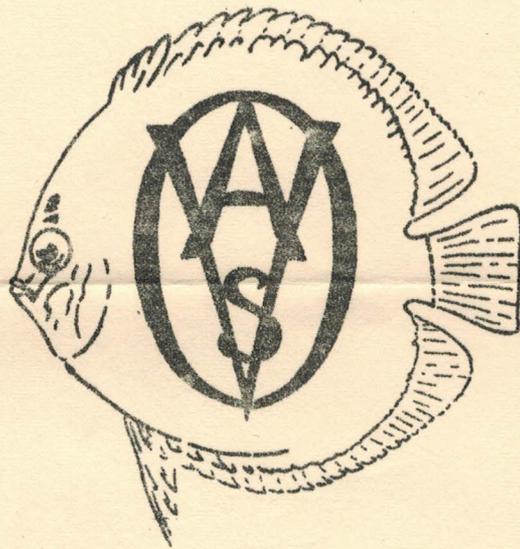


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The Ottawa Valley Aquarium Society is a member of The International Federation Of Aquarium Societies and the Canadian Association Of Aquarium Clubs.

Meetings are held in the Chemistry Building, Room 37, University of Ottawa, on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM for the Junior Society and on the fourth Thursday at 8:00 PM for the Senior Society.

SENIOR SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members:

1962 is here and as your President I am committed to serve the Society to the best of my ability. I am sure that all your Officers and Directors feel the same way.

Our Society has always succeeded in doing just a little better each year. Our membership, our shows, our programmes and the many other activities have improved each year; let 1962 be no exception.

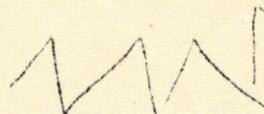
Your Executive is responsible for providing the requirements, but you must do your share if we are to succeed in keeping up the good record set by previous executives. If you are willing to contribute a little, we can make 1962 the best year yet.

Here are a few ways you can help. Renew your membership promptly. Bring a friend to the meetings. If we all adopt the slogan "Each one bring one", we can double our membership in one month. Please accept a place on one or more committees. If you have special skills, make this known. If you are asked to write an article for the OVAS NEWS or speak at a meeting, say yes. If you have any constructive suggestions, please let the executive know.

Above all else, don't let George do it. Let's get together and make this year one to be proud of!

*J. Parisien*

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JUNIOR SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members:

Your new Officers and Directors have now taken their positions; you will find a list of their names on the first page. We will try to do our best to further your Society and good fellowship among fanciers of aquarium life.

I would like to thank Ron Ensom for the splendid job he did as President for 1961 and hope that I may do as well.

Our December and January meetings were especially good, and February's should be even better. I would like to thank Mr. Parisien for so generously giving his time on both occasions.

I hope you will bring at least one friend who is interested in our hobby to the meetings and help bring our membership up to 150.

See you at the meetings!

*Jerry McMullin*

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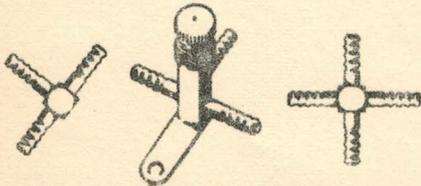
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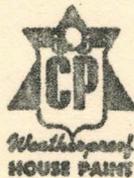
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SALT WATER AQUARIUM

By Bud Peart

Reprinted from Hamilton &amp; District Aquarium Society

This will be a short resume of the generally accepted correct methods of the care and keeping of marine specimens. Some of the information presented will be that gleaned from our own short experience in this field.

The necessary equipment for the setting up of a Marine Aquarium is as follows:

1. A stainless steel, all glass, or plastic aquarium, preferably twenty gallon size or larger,
2. If a stainless steel aquarium is used, a special sealer to go over the aquarium cement must be procured, unless the aquarium has stable and non-toxic cement,
3. Thermometer,
4. Pump,
5. Reflector, complete with glass to place over the aquarium to protect the lighting system from salt spray,
6. Hydrometer for measuring the density and thus the salinity of the water,
7. Plastic box filter, outside filter or power filter,
8. A good marine mix of your own choosing,
9. A salt water pH test kit and buffer,
10. Coral and marine sand.

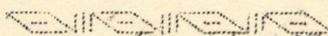
To set up a marine aquarium, the following procedure may be used. Wash the aquarium thoroughly with warm water. Fill the aquarium and allow to stand twenty-four hours. Remove the water and add your salt mix. Fill aquarium half full with tap water and stir to dissolve salt. Place hydrometer in mixture and add water until hydrometer reads between 1.021 and 1.025. If a stainless steel aquarium is used, keep the water level at least two inches below the top frame to prevent metal corrosion and a resulting toxic condition in the aquarium. Start filtration. Wash marine sand and add to aquarium. Boil all coral at least thirty minutes, allow to cool, rinse under cold water and place in the aquarium. Check the pH and maintain a reading of between 7.8 and 8.3. This should be checked every other day while the aquarium is in use.

A few MUSTS in salt water aquarium keeping:

1. Purchase a good book and follow it to the letter,
2. Always buy the best in equipment and fish; there are no bargains in the marine aquarium,
3. Check pH often- acid water will kill marine fish quickly,
4. Maintain temperature between 62 and 78 degrees F.

A few NEVERS in salt water aquarium keeping:

1. Never use charcoal in salt water,
2. Never allow water to come in contact with any metal,
3. Never place anything in the marine aquarium without first boiling it first for thirty minutes, fish excluded, of course,
4. Never allow salt water spray to touch your reflector as it can quickly short-circuit your lights.



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AQUARIUM SOCIETIES  
"DIGEST AND REPORTS".....

...Harvey J. Wittenberg, TIFAS President, has recently announced the approval of the 1962 Honours Awards Program proposed by the Honours Committee by its Chairmen, John Armstrong.

Though the program will take more than one year for full realization, the first placements in each area of competition will be awarded the '62 TIFAS AWARDS at the TIFAS convention next May in Cleveland.

As provided by the constitution, the awards this year will be in recognition of the Federation's best HOBBYIST, SCIENTIST and AUTHOR of the year.

An additional award will also be made for the best society of the year, and in cooperation with Mr. Ben F. Ramey, Vice-President of TIFAS, and Chairman of the Regional Groups Committee, the most progressive Region of the year will also be recognized....

...The TIFAS Liability Insurance Policy limits have been raised. \$15,000 each person, \$30,000 each occurrence for bodily injury liability, and \$10,000 each accident for property damage liability. This policy protects every member of OVAS against claims directed against them but not to their family or own property, only claims from others....

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How do you feel about the NEW LOOK in the OVAS NEWS? The reason is one of less work for the Editor, who has yet to be found. If

you are interested in making a career in journalism, please let us know. We would also like to hear any comments on this style. But remember- to criticize is to volunteer!

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