

**OVAS Chat Event – Freshwater Shrimp “Ask an Expert” with Zapisto
December 17, 2006 8:00pm**

Welcome! You have entered [OVAS General Chat] at 7:52 pm

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:03 pm: Welcome to tonight's Chat Event - all about Freshwater Shrimp with our expert, Zapisto!

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:03 pm: This chat is moderated - by me :) If things start to get slow, I might have to start asking questions too ;)

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:04 pm: Sorry for those of you who already know all of this, but here are the ground rules:

[OVAS General Chat]: mila has entered at 8:04 pm

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:04 pm: If you have a question or comment, type an exclamation point (!) and send it to the room (like raising your hand in class).

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:04 pm: I will call on people in turn. "GA" means "Go Ahead" ...so, when it's your turn to "speak", I will type "GA yourname".

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:04 pm: When you're done speaking, type GA to let me know you're done and that we can continue with the chat.

[sas] 8:04 pm: !

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:04 pm: If you'd like to have a non-related conversation with another member in the room, click their name and choose 'Private Message.' Please limit all conversations in the main window to Freshwater Shrimp related material.

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:04 pm: To ensure that we have another Chat Event in the future, please use respect when participating in the 'Ask The Experts' Chat.

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:05 pm: Now please join me in welcoming tonight's expert, **Zapisto!** I'll let him say a few words and then we'll start with questions (sas)

[OVAS General Chat]: babblefish1960 has entered at 8:05 pm

[zapisto] 8:06 pm: hello all

[zapisto] 8:06 pm: thanks for joining

[zapisto] 8:06 pm: first i want to excuse my bad english sometime , i will do my best to speak well

[zapisto] 8:06 pm: ok PFG let's go

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:06 pm: great! GA sas

[sas] 8:07 pm: Lets get down to the dirty, sexing shrimp

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:07 pm: just a reminder to type 'GA' when you are done speaking :)

[sas] 8:07 pm: My Eyes are bad as it is can't see much in dif

[sas] 8:07 pm: Ga

[zapisto] 8:08 pm: ok sas, first i will talk here about sexing shrimp not prawn

[zapisto] 8:08 pm: and i will take cherry as exemple

[zapisto] 8:08 pm: but the method apply for most neocaridina and caridina

[zapisto] 8:09 pm: you have to look at the swimlet of the shrimp

[zapisto] 8:09 pm: on female the swimlet are cover and with male they are not cover

[zapisto] 8:10 pm: is it ok what i am saying

[sas] 8:10 pm: Very

[zapisto] 8:11 pm: sometime it is hard to say with very coloful shrimp

[zapisto] 8:12 pm: males are slimmer, more streamlined

[OVAS General Chat]: garnpet has entered at 8:12 pm

[zapisto] 8:13 pm: other questions ?

[babblefish1960] 8:13 pm: !

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:13 pm: GA babblefish

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:13 pm: the rest of you feel free to have your questions pre-written while we are talking about something else - that way you can just hit 'Send' when it is your turn

[babblefish1960] 8:14 pm: Thank you, my question is in addition to the sexing, what about optimal water parameters for shrimp like amano and cherery, sorry pfg

[zapisto] 8:14 pm: ok , the water parameter differ from species like for fish

[babbelfish1960] 8:15 pm: Are they able to be in acidic water, or do I need to be adding dolomite

[OVAS General Chat]: garnpet has left at 8:15 pm

[babbelfish1960] 8:15 pm: sorry ga

[zapisto] 8:15 pm: some like alkaline/hard water

[OVAS General Chat]: apuppet has left at 8:15 pm

[zapisto] 8:15 pm: some like acidic/soft water

[zapisto] 8:15 pm: crystal, tiger, bee for exemple like acidic/soft water

[OVAS General Chat]: apuppet has entered at 8:15 pm

[sas] 8:16 pm: !

[OVAS General Chat]: fishbuddy has entered at 8:16 pm

[zapisto] 8:16 pm: cherry, green, blue like hard/alkaline water

[zapisto] 8:16 pm: even if most of shrimp will live wide range of ph

[zapisto] 8:17 pm: you have to give them the good parameter if you want them to breed and live longer

[OVAS General Chat]: artw has left at 8:17 pm

[babbelfish1960] 8:17 pm: !

[OVAS General Chat]: artw has entered at 8:17 pm

zapisto [] 8:18 pm: amano hwo have name : C. multidentata like a very large range of ph

[zapisto] 8:18 pm: so you have to check the species you have and give them the proper water parameter like you will do with fish

[zapisto] 8:19 pm: GA

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:19 pm: GA sas

[sas] 8:19 pm: Whats the average livespan of Cherry? under optimal conditions?

[OVAS General Chat]: artw has left at 8:19 pm

[zapisto] 8:20 pm: the longer i had mine was 2 years

[sas] 8:20 pm: Ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:20 pm: GA babbelfish1960

[babbelfish1960] 8:20 pm: I guess my question stems from wanting to keep shrimp in my discus community tank and the angelfish community tank, and I don't know which will thrive with them, they are 29C temp acid tanks

[fishbuddy] 8:20 pm: zapisto (and others), what's your thought about keeping Cherry shrimps in an African tank??? I suspect the shrimps ended up as food for the ichlids.... :-(

[zapisto] 8:21 pm: shrimp will be food in a angel tank

[zapisto] 8:22 pm: also, the temp discus need will be most likely too high for them

[zapisto] 8:22 pm: you will probably have some macro who will accept this temp, and who will not be food for you discus or angel

[zapisto] 8:22 pm: but most of them will eat plant

[fishbuddy] 8:23 pm: !

[zapisto] 8:23 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:23 pm: GA fishbuddy

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:23 pm: (see above I guess :))

[zapisto] 8:23 pm: ok

[sas] 8:24 pm: !

[zapisto] 8:24 pm: anyfish are portential danger for most of the shrimp

[fishbuddy] 8:24 pm: What's your take on having Chery shrimps in an African tank??? Do they ended up being food for the Africans??? Anyone had experience with this combo?

[zapisto] 8:24 pm: is the adult did not get eat baby will

[zapisto] 8:25 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 8:25 pm: GA sas

[sas] 8:25 pm: For breeding purposes is a bare bottom tank the way it's done with a little cover for security?

[fishbuddy] 8:25 pm: GA

[sas] 8:25 pm: Ga
[zapisto] 8:25 pm: well, you have mutple discussion about that
[sas] 8:26 pm: LOL Sorry guys:red:
[zapisto] 8:26 pm: personnaly i do the two
[zapisto] 8:26 pm: i have tank barebottom with only java moss
[zapisto] 8:26 pm: i have tank with substrat
[zapisto] 8:26 pm: the two work so i will not this one is better than the other one
[zapisto] 8:26 pm: but
[zapisto] 8:27 pm: shrimp like grasping everywhere
[zapisto] 8:27 pm: so the more surface you give them the more happy they will
[zapisto] 8:27 pm: gravel is a nice surface for shrimp to grasp on
[zapisto] 8:27 pm: ga
[fishbuddy] 8:28 pm: !
[babbelfish1960] 8:28 pm: !
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:28 pm: GA fishbuddy
[fishbuddy] 8:28 pm: How well do Cherry shrimps get along with BN plecos??? Do the BN plecs eat the shrimps?
[sas] 8:28 pm: !
[zapisto] 8:29 pm: most of the time BN will not eat your shrimp
[fishbuddy] 8:29 pm: I take it the water parms between the Cherry and BN plecs are similar as well?
[zapisto] 8:30 pm: in fact most of fish who have mouth oriented to the bottom can be considered as safe , but many exception exist
[zapisto] 8:30 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:30 pm: GA babbelfish1960
[OVAS General Chat]: discusFans has entered at 8:30 pm
[babbelfish1960] 8:30 pm: What fish can you keep with amano and cherry shrimp then, just for enjoying, not breeding?GA
[zapisto] 8:31 pm: ok just for enjoy lot of fish can be kept with amano
[OVAS General Chat]: darkdep has entered at 8:31 pm
[zapisto] 8:31 pm: any fish who is not a predator , and smaller enough will not touch mano
[zapisto] 8:31 pm: amano sorry
[babbelfish1960] 8:31 pm: yes but you said no to angels and discus
[zapisto] 8:31 pm: for cherry , you have to keep in mind their size
[OVAS General Chat]: discusFans has left at 8:32 pm
[zapisto] 8:32 pm: amano with a adult size will be most likely ok with angel and lot of plant
[zapisto] 8:32 pm: with discus the temp will be a issue
[zapisto] 8:33 pm: but be aware of if the angel have an opportunity they eat the shrimp
[zapisto] 8:33 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:33 pm: GA sas
[sas] 8:33 pm: I transported approximately 25 various sized cherries in a pail for about 1 hour and the amount of waste was amazing! How much are they actually adding to the tank as waste?
[sas] 8:34 pm: GA
[zapisto] 8:34 pm: same as a school of small fish
[zapisto] 8:34 pm: you still have to do water change
[zapisto] 8:35 pm: if you think shrimp dont do any waste you are wrong
[zapisto] 8:35 pm: i like to add snail with my shrimp to clean a bit
[zapisto] 8:36 pm: if you have plant the waste produce by shrimp is also more easy assimilate by the plant
[zapisto] 8:36 pm: ga
[OVAS General Chat]: artw has entered at 8:36 pm
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:36 pm: anyone? :)

[babbelfish1960] 8:36 pm: !
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:37 pm: GA babbelfish
[babbelfish1960] 8:37 pm: We had adult amano with angels in a heavily planted tank, and one actually jumped out to get away from the fish, the angels ate them all
[OVAS General Chat]: artw has left at 8:37 pm
[OVAS General Chat]: artw has entered at 8:37 pm
[babbelfish1960] 8:37 pm: Sorry, I mean, is there a way to get around this? GA
[sas] 8:37 pm: !
[zapisto] 8:37 pm: as i say , amano can be kept with angel
[zapisto] 8:38 pm: but dont consider them safe in
[zapisto] 8:38 pm: if the angel have an opportunity, they will eat the amano
[zapisto] 8:38 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:38 pm: GA sas
[sas] 8:38 pm: What's the best feed for cherries if in a seperate tank?
[sas] 8:38 pm: Ga
[zapisto] 8:39 pm: all shrimp are opportunist
[zapisto] 8:39 pm: they will eat anything
[zapisto] 8:39 pm: i will tell you what i feed mine
[OVAS General Chat]: darkdep has left at 8:39 pm
[zapisto] 8:40 pm: spirulina pellet, frozen brine shrimp, cyclops eez, blood worm, zucchini, daphnia
[zapisto] 8:40 pm: etc.
[zapisto] 8:40 pm: fish flake is Also ok
[zapisto] 8:40 pm: the best is variety
[zapisto] 8:40 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:42 pm: someone? :)
[babbelfish1960] 8:42 pm: !
[sas] 8:42 pm: !
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:42 pm: GA babbelfish
[artw] 8:42 pm: !
[babbelfish1960] 8:42 pm: What about the bee shrimp you speak of, can I keep those in the discus tank? GA
[zapisto] 8:43 pm: no, bee is smaller than amano
[zapisto] 8:44 pm: of course you can try, but i will highly not recommend :)
[zapisto] 8:44 pm: for the reason i talk about early
[zapisto] 8:44 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:44 pm: GA sas
[babbelfish1960] 8:44 pm: So what would you suggest for discus, Wood shrimp? GA
[sas] 8:44 pm: Ya can you give us a rough timeline on cherries growth? When do they change color to red etc.
[zapisto] 8:45 pm: vampire shrimp
[zapisto] 8:45 pm: but when they will molt , they will be at risk if they have no hid placing
[zapisto] 8:45 pm: hiding place
[zapisto] 8:46 pm: claw shrimp will probably eat your plant
[zapisto] 8:46 pm: or will try get you discus
[zapisto] 8:46 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:47 pm: please see the question from sas above ^^^
[zapisto] 8:47 pm: ok
[zapisto] 8:47 pm: cherry is fast growing
[zapisto] 8:48 pm: i will say 3 to 4 month to be ready to spawn
[zapisto] 8:48 pm: even before
[zapisto] 8:48 pm: with all my shrimp , i notice something with color
[zapisto] 8:48 pm: specially cherry
[zapisto] 8:48 pm: depend the environnement they are in
[zapisto] 8:49 pm: they will have a more dark red or not

[zapisto] 8:49 pm: dark bottom, will make your cherry more red
[zapisto] 8:50 pm: after 2 month you should see some color in young
[zapisto] 8:50 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:50 pm: GA artw
[artw] 8:50 pm: right
[artw] 8:51 pm: ok we have rock shrimp in the store, when my customers ask me how big they get I am not sure what to say. they are already approx 1-2" in the store tank....
[artw] 8:51 pm: oh, ga
[OVAS General Chat]: daniel has entered at 8:51 pm
[zapisto] 8:51 pm: ok sorry , i am not very good with inch :)
[zapisto] 8:51 pm: but rock shrimp can go up to 15cm
[zapisto] 8:52 pm: vampire shrimp can become bigger
[OVAS General Chat]: fishbuddy has left at 8:52 pm
[apuppet] 8:52 pm: !
[artw] 8:52 pm: so they are 5cm now
[artw] 8:52 pm: ty Zap, GA
[zapisto] 8:52 pm: most the one i see have an average of 10 cm
[zapisto] 8:53 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:53 pm: GA apuppet
[apuppet] 8:54 pm: how do you control the cherry shrimp populations boom? aside from selling them. yet still keep them manageable. ga
[zapisto] 8:54 pm: hmmm good question
[zapisto] 8:54 pm: i sort mine
[zapisto] 8:54 pm: and i only keep best looking one
[zapisto] 8:55 pm: also , they will control themself
[zapisto] 8:55 pm: you start to see the population stabilise
[zapisto] 8:56 pm: no more berried female will show up, and thing like that
[artw] 8:56 pm: !
[zapisto] 8:56 pm: you will know it is time to raise tank size
[sas] 8:56 pm: !
[zapisto] 8:56 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:56 pm: GA artw
[artw] 8:57 pm: Hey Zap how much space a cherry shrimp needs (how many cm of shrimp per tank size)
[artw] 8:57 pm: GA
[zapisto] 8:58 pm: wow that the sort of question i never ask myself but i can tell you i have more than 300 shrimp in 3.5 g
[zapisto] 8:58 pm: i start to see now sign of supopulation
zapisto [] 8:58 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 8:59 pm: GA sas
[sas] 8:59 pm: Medications whats safe? Do they handle salt well, prazipro? say if they're in a community tank?
[daniel] 8:59 pm: hello is an angel fish freshwater or saltwater fish?
[zapisto] 9:00 pm: hmmm honestly , i will not recommend any medication in a shrimp tank
[zapisto] 9:00 pm: some people experiment some medication i forgot the name and this was a success
[zapisto] 9:00 pm: but most of the usual medication will most likly kill the shrimp
[babbelfish1960] 9:01 pm: !
[zapisto] 9:01 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:01 pm: GA babbelfish
[OVAS General Chat]: sas has left at 9:01 pm
[OVAS General Chat]: sas has entered at 9:01 pm
[babbelfish1960] 9:01 pm: We used praziquantel successfully in a community tank with a lovely vampire shrimp and discus, they were all fine.

[sas] 9:01 pm: Aw Man!!!!!!

[zapisto] 9:02 pm: i think the medication was prazi, i have to double check

[zapisto] 9:03 pm: myself i test some medication , and it was really not a success

[zapisto] 9:03 pm: vampire is a big shrimp

[zapisto] 9:03 pm: i am not sure of the result on a smaller species

[zapisto] 9:03 pm: ga

[daniel] 9:04 pm: !

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:04 pm: GA daniel

[artw] 9:04 pm: zap this has been excellent but I am going to go. I'll catch up with the Transcript in the morning. thanks for hosting it!

[OVAS General Chat]: artw has left at 9:04 pm

[zapisto] 9:05 pm: daniel

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:06 pm: anyone else?

[daniel] 9:06 pm: !what shrimp can you buy at the pet store for freshwater?

[zapisto] 9:07 pm: ho boy

[babbelfish1960] 9:07 pm: !

[zapisto] 9:07 pm: the problem is found them

[zapisto] 9:07 pm: most of the time you will found ghost, and cherry shrimp

[mila] 9:07 pm: !

[zapisto] 9:08 pm: but you have more than 20 species of freshwater shrimp

[zapisto] 9:08 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:08 pm: GA babbelfish

[mila] 9:08 pm: What is optimal temp. for breeding?

[babbelfish1960] 9:09 pm: How many wood shrimp, or similar filter feeder shrimp can I put in a 15 gallon tank

[zapisto] 9:09 pm: i will not put more tthan 2 or 3

[zapisto] 9:09 pm: of course depend of the way the tank is setup

[zapisto] 9:10 pm: the need current to feed

[zapisto] 9:10 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:10 pm: GA mila

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:10 pm: (see question above)

[zapisto] 9:10 pm: mila: depend of the species

[zapisto] 9:11 pm: my cherry are in 24/25 degree

[zapisto] 9:11 pm: some shrimp prefer lower

[sas] 9:11 pm: !

[zapisto] 9:11 pm: which shrimp are you talking about

[daniel] 9:11 pm: !

[mila] 9:11 pm: Can some breed in low temp? Under 20C

[daniel] 9:12 pm: are angel fish fresh water or salt water?

[zapisto] 9:12 pm: some species will,

[zapisto] 9:12 pm: exemple cherry support 70 to 80

[zapisto] 9:12 pm: will breed better at 74 76

[zapisto] 9:12 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:13 pm: GA sas

[sas] 9:13 pm: Will i Ki.. them at 82`?:cry: Sorry I did put them in a discus tank:nono:

[sas] 9:13 pm: Ga

[zapisto] 9:13 pm: you will short their life , if you are talking of cherry

[sas] 9:14 pm: Yep Cherry sorry

[zapisto] 9:14 pm: they most likely live in this temp

[zapisto] 9:14 pm: but not optimal

[zapisto] 9:14 pm: and discus will eat them if they have a chance to.

[zapisto] 9:14 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:14 pm: GA daniel if you have a question about shrimp

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:15 pm: otherwise... anyone else?

[daniel] 9:16 pm: !

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:16 pm: it's already your turn daniel
[daniel] 9:17 pm: are the shrimp going to cut the fishes up. if you put them with other fish?
[zapisto] 9:17 pm: claw shrimp will
[sas] 9:17 pm: !
[zapisto] 9:18 pm: but most the usual specie you can found on the market will not
[zapisto] 9:18 pm: ga
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:18 pm: GA sas
[sas] 9:18 pm: Just Wanted to say Thanks Lots of great Info Cheers
[zapisto] 9:19 pm: thanks
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:19 pm: anyone else have any questions?
[zapisto] 9:19 pm: the shrimp in fairly new in the hobby in north america
[babblefish1960] 9:19 pm: !
[daniel] 9:19 pm: !
[zapisto] 9:19 pm: but europe and asia is way in advance on us
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:19 pm: GA babblefish
[babblefish1960] 9:20 pm: I think keeping shrimp is very exciting, but they are so hard to find in good shape and numbers, and keeping them doesn't seem as simple as fish, as they are so more delicate, can you recommend a good starter shrimp and set up
[zapisto] 9:21 pm: ok , i love your question :)
[zapisto] 9:21 pm: shrimp is not so difficult
[zapisto] 9:21 pm: they are less subject to be sick like fish
[zapisto] 9:22 pm: but they are hard to find in north america, specially under the good name
[zapisto] 9:22 pm: to start i will recommand cherry shrimp
[zapisto] 9:22 pm: a good setup will be specially for people who love plant and aquascaping
[zapisto] 9:22 pm: a 10 or 20g well cycled with a good vegetation
[zapisto] 9:23 pm: you have to put special attention to your filter
[OVAS General Chat]: daniel has left at 9:23 pm
[zapisto] 9:23 pm: it is a danger for shrimp
[zapisto] 9:23 pm: and a good cover
[zapisto] 9:23 pm: room temp is ok
[zapisto] 9:24 pm: so dont need heater in most of house
[zapisto] 9:24 pm: a dedicated tank will be the best if you want breed
[babblefish1960] 9:24 pm: would a sponge filter be adequate, or is there not enough flow?
[zapisto] 9:25 pm: i use internal corner filter and sponge
[OVAS General Chat]: Aquaviewer has entered at 9:25 pm
[OVAS General Chat]: Laura has entered at 9:25 pm
[zapisto] 9:25 pm: aquaclear with a sponge on the intek is great also
[zapisto] 9:26 pm: the most frequently problem is over feeding
[zapisto] 9:26 pm: you have to feed you shrimp so they will eat everything in the next 15 min
[zapisto] 9:26 pm: did i answer your question ?
[zapisto] 9:27 pm: i feed mine every other day
[babblefish1960] 9:27 pm: As a matter of fact, you did, perfectly thank you
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:28 pm: !
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:28 pm: GA me :)
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:28 pm: do cherry shrimp eat their own eggs/young?
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:28 pm: GA
[zapisto] 9:29 pm: no most of shrimp dont eat they young
[zapisto] 9:29 pm: and it is difficult for them to eat their eggs , because they keep them until hatching
[zapisto] 9:29 pm: ga

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:29 pm: ok it must be my rainbow fry that are doing it (I have cherry shrimp in the breeding tank... thought the 50% java moss would be enough cover) :D thanks

[zapisto] 9:30 pm: some fry will survive

[zapisto] 9:30 pm: but most of them will be eat :)

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:31 pm: well if nobody has anything further, I'd like to thank Zapisto for agreeing to be our expert for tonight!

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:31 pm: those of you who came in late can read the transcript later tonight

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:31 pm: if anyone has any suggestions on how to make the chats better/more popular, I'd love to hear them

[zapisto] 9:31 pm: thank , i want to encourage everybody try shrimp

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:32 pm: and if anyone wants to volunteer to be an 'expert' for an evening, please let me know!

[zapisto] 9:32 pm: they are really fun to work challenge also with and a good

[Laura] 9:32 pm: Thanks Zapisto and PFG for moderating - I signed in late, but look forward to seeing the transcript.

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:33 pm: thanks for coming everyone... feel free to 'talk amongst yourselves' :D

[OVAS General Chat]: daniel has entered at 9:33 pm

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:33 pm: anybody here keep shrimp besides Zap?

[sas] 9:33 pm: !

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:33 pm: just go ahead and talk, everybody, the official chat is over :D

[OVAS General Chat]: Aquaviewer has left at 9:33 pm

[apuppet] 9:33 pm: nope. no shrimp here, but after this meeting, im gonna have to look for some cherry shrimps.

[Laura] 9:34 pm: I've got cherries and look forward to getting some of Zap's babaulti's

[apuppet] 9:34 pm: anyone selling?

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:34 pm: I keep cherry shrimp but am thinking about getting Amano shrimp for my main tank

[zapisto] 9:34 pm: amano is hard to breed

[zapisto] 9:34 pm: it will be a nice chalenge as they do need backwish water

[sas] 9:34 pm: Cherry shrimp here but not sure how many?

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:34 pm: oh they are brackish, amano?

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:35 pm: oh wait to breed you mean

[daniel] 9:35 pm: the shrimp your talking about are they food for the fishes?

[zapisto] 9:35 pm: no , the young need backwish water

[zapisto] 9:35 pm: to go by all the larval step they have

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:35 pm: I'm not interested in breeding them, just for show

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:36 pm: apuppet there are often cherry shrimp for sale on the forum

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:36 pm: you just have to keep an eye out

[Laura] 9:36 pm: Daniel, I think the discussion is around keeping them for show, often in species specific tanks.

[apuppet] 9:36 pm: roger that. thanks good ngiht all.

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:36 pm: I got mine from Roop, great deal - he emptied his AquaClear into a fish bag and I got the lot for \$10... there were at least 20 in there

[OVAS General Chat]: apuppet has left at 9:36 pm

[zapisto] 9:36 pm: yeah

[zapisto] 9:36 pm: they can live in aquaclear for month

[zapisto] 9:37 pm: that really fun

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:37 pm: I tried putting cherries in my rainbow tank but they ended up as lunch... they're okay with the juvies for now though

[PaleoFishGirl] 9:37 pm: that's why I'm looking for something bigger

[sas] 9:37 pm: Mine are hiding in a huge ball of moss and if I disturb it the fish in

the tank have a feeding frenzy! I got mine from Roop too
[Laura] 9:37 pm: I've gotten some from roop too - a very good deal. Even though I have a sponge on my aquaclear intake, I still find them in the filter.
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:37 pm: what are babultis like?
[zapisto] 9:38 pm: babaulti is green shrimp
[zapisto] 9:38 pm: rare
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:38 pm: what size?
[OVAS General Chat]: daniel has left at 9:38 pm
[zapisto] 9:38 pm: same as cherry
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:38 pm: can you keep them with cherries? can you keep more than one species together?
[Laura] 9:39 pm: They like the same conditions as cherries and won't crossbreed, so they're a good match
[zapisto] 9:39 pm: you can , they will not cross
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:39 pm: hmm interesting... how much? :D
[zapisto] 9:39 pm: but the only prob
[zapisto] 9:40 pm: the cherry will breed faster than the green, and you will end up with green refuse to breed
[zapisto] 9:40 pm: but for show it is a nice mix
[zapisto] 9:40 pm: green and red
[sas] 9:40 pm: So.... You can actually see egg masses on the females? I need to get a magnifying glass:read:
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:41 pm: it's pretty obvious when they have them - bigger than rainbow eggs even :D
[zapisto] 9:41 pm: no you dont need magniify
[sas] 9:41 pm: LOL I'm getting old
[PaleoFishGirl] 9:41 pm: maybe I'll make a Christmas tank, with green and red shrimp ;)
[zapisto] 9:41 pm: pfg i think sas talk about the ovaries
[sas] 9:41 pm: LOL:p
[zapisto] 9:42 pm: on the top of the shrimp ,you can see when they will have eggs
[sas] 9:42 pm: About the red and green
[zapisto] 9:42 pm: before the eggs appear

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