

September 2008 - Michael Budiman

Congratulations to Michael Budiman on winning TOTM for September 2008 with his beautiful, flourishing tank.

Michael is known as michael budiman on the RTAW Forums and you can read more about his tank in his Tank Journal.

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Introduction

Where do I start? I've been in the hobby for 5 years, started out with a 2 foot cube, fluros lights and canister filter.

Then upgraded to a 5 foot tank with matrix system and 150w mh. I mainly kept lps and softies which I found very interesting at the time.

The tank was my pride and joy, I could spend hours just looking at the tank. That was until I had a car accident which was just devastating, beside my tank, I was also into sports car. I spent countless hours and money. After the accident, I started slacking off, not doing water changes, weekly water test. Everything just started to die, so I decided to start over and get a new 6x2x2 made.

Initially I just wanted a morph tank and some nice angels. One day I just browsing around on the net and stumbled across this masa site, I started looking at the tank of the month and was instantly inspired by the tanks that have won. Freddy Fraggingaz was my favorite. Then I started noticing the sps corals, which I find is so colorful and fascinating. I started to search for more info on these corals. I knew then I'm going to make my tank an sps tank. So I upgraded the 150w to a 250w and added a vortech and tunzes.

Current set up

6x2x2 connected to a 2 foot frag tank.

Setup for roughly 1.5 years

3x1.5 foot sump used to have macro but took it out since I started using Zeovit.

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Filtration

Main tank 120kg of live rock and 10cm sand bed

Sump 10cm sand and 30kg live rock

Zeovit system

Reef Octopus DNW200 skimmer

Water flow/movement

1 Vortech

1 tunze 6101

2x6045 tunze nano

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Lighting

Currently 2x250w with lumenbright reflectors with 12k reeflux globes

1x400w with lumenarc reflector with 12k reeflux globes

6x24w t5 guppys unit. 4xfiji purple, 2xati blue plus.

Will be upgrading the 250w to a 400w icecap ballast soon

Other equipment

Tunze auto top up, top up with RO water.

Aquamedic KR1000 calcium reactor.

Teco TR15 chiller

Pond master 6500lph return

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Water parameters

Salinity 1.025

PH 8.1

KH 8 Salifert

cal 400 Salifert

Mg 1250-1300 Salifert

P04 0.01 Salifert

N03 0 Salifert

potassium 380-400 KZ

Additives and conditioners

Zeo Additives

Zeostart2

zeolites

Zeofood

Zeobac

coral vitalizer

Potassium Iodide Fluoride

Sponge Power

Stylo Pocci Glow

Coral Extra

Iron

B Balance

K balance

Amino Acid

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Fish

5 chromis

2 ocellaris clown fish

1 flame back pygmy angel

1 kole tang

Coral

Acropora

Montipora,

Stylophora

Pocillopora

Millipora,

Zoas

Morphs. etc

Inverts

Trochus snails

Maxima clams

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Maintenance

10% weekly water change using NSW

clean glass 2xweek

skimmer cup 1xweek

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