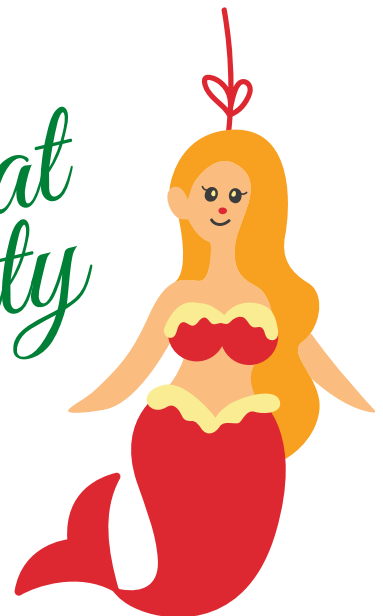


Welcome to the



THE FROSTBIT FINS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

*Rainbows and
mermaids are proof that
imagination and beauty
go hand in hand.*





A HOLIDAY MERMAID MESSAGE

BY: ANNEMERIDIA

Happy Holidays, my FeatherFins!

I am so excited! It's my favorite time of year - I LOVE the snow, and all things holiday! Everyone seems happier, songs are being sung, and people are just, in general, nice to each other. It brings out the best of all of the humans, and I am flipping my fins with delight at it all! And - who doesn't love presents, am I right?

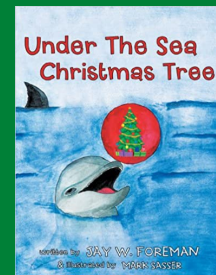
Locals - did you see us in the Christmas Comes to Kenai Lights Parade? My Wranglers pulled off the amazing feat of creating my float - it was a throne fit for a Queen! My friend, Deanna, made my new top, hat, crown and stole - and she made me look and feel like royalty. I had so much fun riding through the parade and seeing all your smiling faces! What a great way to kick off the season. These days, it's so nice to take a moment and just enjoy being - safely - together. Thank you so much for coming out in the cold and celebrating with all of us!

My Wranglers have been working feverishly this past month on our new merch. Have you tried our Marvelous Mermaid Munchies? They are delicious! There is even Mermaid Bait - which, of course, is made from my favorite snack - cinnamon rolls! Be sure to check out the website, frostbitfins.com, for the Munchies, party information and all the new things we have in store over the coming months!

I hope you all have a fantastic December, filled with love, family, Mermaid wishes and starfish kisses!

Your AK Arctic Mermaid,
AnneMeridia

LET'S READ!



Under the Sea
Christmas Tree
by Jay W. Foreman

Trying to capture the true meaning of Christmas, Delfino the Dolphin decides to create the first-ever Christmas tree under water. Not having access to ordinary decorations, Delfino and his good friend, Squalo the Shark, have their work cut out for them. With the help of their other aquatic friends, they're able to put together a uniquely decorated tree you have to see to believe. But does the Spirit of Christmas come from the tree itself?

(This title is currently out of stock - but check your local library for a copy!)

National Dates

12/1 Giving Tuesday
12/4 National Cookie Day
12/4 World Wildlife Conservation Day
12/9 International Day of Veterinary Medicine
12/10 International Animal Rights Day
12/11 Holiday Food Drive for Needy Animals Day
12/21 Winter Solstice
12/25 Christmas
12/26 Boxing Day
12/27 Visit the Zoo Day

DECEMBER FIN FACTS



Christmas tree worms: *Spirobranchus Giganteus*.

The Christmas tree worm is a marine worm that lives on tropical coral reefs around the world.

For more fun fin facts on the Christmas tree worm visit oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/xmas-tree.html

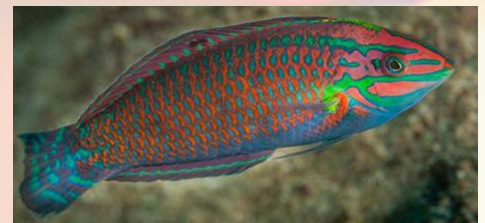
Candy cane shrimp: *Alpheus Randallii*.

The candy cane shrimp shares its space with the goby fish. They dig burrows for the fish to rest in and the fish protects and guides the mostly blind shrimp.



Jingle Shells: *Anomiidae*.

Jingle shells are closely related to scallops and oysters. They are also known as mermaid's toenails.



Christmas Wrasse: *Thalassoma Trilobatum*.

The Christmas wrasse is also known as the ornamented wrasse. They can grow up to 11 inches long.

Peppermint Angelfish: *Centropyge Boylei*.

The peppermint angelfish is one of the rarest creatures in the ocean. They only grow to about 7 centimeters long but live up to 120 meters below the surface of the ocean.



Marine Snow:

Marine snow is a continuous shower of organic material falling from the upper levels of the ocean. It is made up of many things such as sand, parts of dead plants, soot, and even fish poop!



Can you find the matching sea animals in the snow globe?

MAGICAL MANATEES

**LAST
MONTH'S
ANSWERS!**

M	E	R	E	T	A	W	H	S	E	R	F	V	C	A
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This page contains four sets of matching cards for a game. Each set consists of two cards: one with a sea creature illustration and the word "From:" below it, and another with a girl reading a book illustration and the word "To:" above it. The cards are arranged in two columns, with the "From:" cards on the left and the "To:" cards on the right. Each card has a small circle at its top or bottom edge, indicating where to punch a hole for string.

Set 1 (Top):

- Left card: Illustration of a crab, with the word **From:** below it.
- Right card: Illustration of a girl reading a book, with the word **To:** above it.

Set 2 (Second from top):

- Left card: Illustration of an octopus, with the word **From:** below it.
- Right card: Illustration of a girl reading a book, with the word **To:** above it.

Set 3 (Third from top):

- Left card: Illustration of a fish, with the word **From:** below it.
- Right card: Illustration of a girl reading a book, with the word **To:** above it.

Set 4 (Bottom):

- Left card: Illustration of a jellyfish, with the word **From:** below it.
- Right card: Illustration of a girl reading a book, with the word **To:** above it.

Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page? Have mom and dad put them on Social Media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured in next months FeatherFinFlyer!



Fin Funnies!

Who gives sharks their presents at Christmas?
Santa Jaws

How do fish celebrate Christmas?
They hang reefs on their doors

What do you get if you cross a snowman with a shark?
Frost bite

Guppy Goodies

Santa's Sea Snack Mix

Ingredients:

6 cups popped popcorn

8 ounces white candy coating

1 ½ cups Goldfish pretzels

5 ounces M&Ms

5 ounces miniature marshmallows

¼ cup sprinkles

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper

Place popcorn on the baking sheet

Melt the candy coating according to the package directions

Pour the candy coating over the popcorn and begin tossing with tongs to evenly coat

Continue tossing and add the remaining ingredients, starting with the Goldfish and M&Ms

Spread the snack mix evenly on the baking sheet and let sit for 30 minutes

Break apart and serve

Store the leftovers in an airtight container



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BE SURE TO VISIT
FROSTBITFINS.COM AND
SIGN UP FOR OUR

12/12 Sophie G

12/20 Peter D

12/28 Allana S

12/31 Isadora D

Birthday Club!