

# The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island's 47th Annual Aquarium Show and Auction

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, September 8, 2017

12:00 Noon-8:00 PM - Show Setup

### Saturday, September 9

9:00 AM-12 Noon - Show Setup & Viewing

### Sunday, September 10

9:00 AM Doors Open, Show Viewing

10:00 AM-11:45 AM Vendor Registration &  
Lot Viewing

11:45 AM Show Award Presentation

12:00 Auction Starts. Ends when last lot is  
sold.

3:00 PM Show fish may be removed.



## Triple Crown Fish Auction

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all the rest goes to the seller.**

**St. Joseph's Parish Center  
1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122)  
Cumberland, RI**



## Show classes:

Class A: *Betta splendens* (Male)

Class B: Guppies (Male)

Class C: Guppies (Female)

Class D: Killifish

Class E: Anabantoids (Other than *B. splendens*)

Class F: Catfish (*Corys*, *Brochis*, *Aspidoras*)

Class G: Catfish loricarids (Suckermouth Cats)

Class H: Catfish open (Other than those in F&G)

Class I: Cichlids (Old World)

Class J: Cichlids (New World)

Class K: Goldfish & Koi under 3!

Class L: Goldfish & Koi over 3!

Class M: Sharks, Botias & Loaches

Class N: Livebearers (wild)

Class O: Livebearers (domestic)

Class P: Open Single Invertebrate

Class Q: Native Fish

Class R: Open Over 2"

Class S: Open Under 2"

Class T: Open Pairs

Class U: Planted tank

Class V: Photography (Fish and Planted Tank)

Classes subject to change without notice. Any class with fewer than three entries may be combined in the open classes.

## Cash Prizes!

**1st Place - \$20, 2nd Place - \$10, 3rd Place - \$5**

## Special awards for:

Best of Show

Reserve of Show

Walter Indell Memorial Award for Best Killifish

Best Cichlid of Show Award

New England Goldfish Championship

## For questions please contact the show chairman:

George Goulart

Aqua-life Aquarium

Phone: (401) 331-5376

email: fishdoctor@aqualifecentral.com

Between 11 AM and 5 PM Tuesday through Saturday

Visit: [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net) for complete show & auction rules.

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are free and all are welcome.

Go to [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net) for meeting location.

# TROPICAL FISH SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

## ANNUAL SHOW ENTRY RULES

- 1). Membership of any society is not required to enter. An entry fee of \$2.00 for the first entry and \$1.00 for each subsequent entry must accompany a properly completed entry form. You may enter as many entries and classes as you like.
- 2). Junior Entries: A junior entry is anyone who is 15 years of age or younger and maintains their own tank.
- 3). All tanks are to be unmarked. TFSRI will provide stands and an air supply. Small plastic aquariums are available through TFSRI and are on a first come, first serve basis. It is highly encouraged that participants bring their own tanks. Try to use the smallest tank possible. Entrants using tanks of 20 gallons or larger must contact the show chairman before the show.
- 4). Entrants must supply their own water, five (5) feet of airline tubing, and one NEW airstone for each tank. Tanks need not be aerated, at entrant's discretion. A clear covering must be securely fashioned to each tank with tape or other reliable contrivance. Filters (corner or sponge) are allowed. Leaking tanks will be removed at the discretion of the show committee. Fully decorated tanks are allowed, but remember, your fish must be seen to be judged. No lights or gang valves allowed.
- 5). Heaters are not allowed except for discus tanks. There will be a 50-watt maximum for discus tank heaters. TFSRI will supply power. Contact show chairman if you believe your fish need a heater.
- 6). The exhibition area will be open as follows:

Friday	Noon to 8:00 pm for set-up and viewing of entries
Saturday	9:00 am to 12:00 am for set-up and viewing of entries
Sunday	9:00 am to 3:00 pm for viewing of entries
Sunday	3:00 pm to 5:00 pm show fish may be removed starting at 3 pm and must be removed by 5 pm
- No entries will be allowed to be set-up after 12 Noon on Saturday. There will be no exceptions, please arrive early, or set up on Friday night. Only judges, scribes and show personnel will be allowed in the show room during judging.
- 7). No hybrid or deformed fish will be judged.
- 8). Judging will begin promptly at 12:00 pm on Saturday. The judges' decisions are final. Judging sheets may be viewed on Sunday at the auction.
- 9). Cash Awards and Award certificates will be presented prior to the start of the auction on Sunday. Trophies and plaques will be awarded at the annual TFSRI holiday party in January. Out of town entrants will receive their trophies and plaques in the mail after the holiday party.

### ***DISCLAIMER***

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island, Inc. will not be liable for loss, injuries or breakage. However, the Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island, Inc. will make every effort to protect all entries and equipment.

### ***TANK IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION***

The show committee will attach to each tank, a tag containing an identifying number and class in which it is competing. This tag must remain fastened to the tank until the end of the show.

# The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents



## Triple Crown Fish Auction Sunday, September 10, 2017



**St. Joseph's Parish Center  
1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122)  
Cumberland, RI**

**Free Admission! All are welcome!**

**Doors will be open at 10:00 AM.**

**The auction starts promptly at 12:00 PM**

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE AUCTION:**

Route 295 to Route 122, (exit 10). Take a left off the ramp, proceed past the Burger King on your left and Route 116 on your right. Continue on route 122 for approximately one mile. St. Joseph's church will be on your left. Turn left into the driveway immediately before the church, and follow the driveway around the rear of the church and proceed to the top of the hill. The Parish center will be on your right.

**New: Join or renew your membership to TFSRI to receive 3 free bumps at this and the Spring auctions.**

**The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island**



meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Meetings are free and all are welcome to attend. Go to [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net) for meeting location.

### **BRING YOUR BEST FISH!**

For a \$1 fee you can put a reserve on any lot! YOU set the minimum bid, if the lot doesn't sell for your price or better, you get it back! **TFSRI's split is \$3 per bag sold, all the rest goes to the vendor.**

No limit on the number of lots submitted. All lots must be live fish, plants or aquarium-related items. See rules for complete details.

Preregister by Tuesday, September 5th and get a red dot sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auction.

All lots open at \$3. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of \$3 are returned to the seller. Lots selling for only \$3 are considered donations to TFSRI.

Vendor Fee: \$2

Bidder Card: \$2 (Waived for Vendors)

Bump any lot \$2

Rebagging fee: \$2

**Visit [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net) for complete rules and auction forms.**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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or visit us on the web at: [www.tfsri.net](http://www.tfsri.net)

## TFSRI Auction Rules

1. **Live fish, aquatic invertebrates, aquatic plants and aquarium related material only!**
2. Each participant may bring as many lots as they like. There is a limit of 3 lots per species.
3. No animals or plants restricted or deemed illegal by the Rhode Island or Federal Governments will be accepted. No deformed fish will be accepted including “Bloody Parrot Cichlids” and any “ballon” fish. No hybrids except for Flowerhorn Cichlids and domestic livebearer strains are accepted.
4. All fish lots must be properly double-bagged – **A fee of \$2.00 will be charged for lots not double-bagged, leaking or otherwise requiring rebagging.** Seller must mark each bag for lot #, species, pairs, male/females etc. Unidentifiable lots will be returned to the seller.
5. Dry goods must be in new or like-new condition. No used aquarium gravel. No light bulbs in any condition.
6. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of \$3 are returned to the seller. Seller’s proceeds may be collected after all of a seller’s lots have sold. If the seller leaves before all lots are sold, the seller’s proceeds will be mailed to the address provided by the seller.
7. The seller must pick up any lots that fail to sell. Any items left will become the property of **TFSRI.**
8. All bidders must register at the auction table for a bidder number. Bidder numbers are available for **\$2.00 each.** – Vendor registration includes a free bidder number.
9. Bidders must pay for all purchases before leaving the auction. Payment must be by cash or check with a valid driver’s license. Credit cards are NOT accepted.
10. The registrar and auctioneer have the right to refuse any lot due to size, defects, sickness, inadequate bagging or any other disqualifying reason.
11. To pre-register for the auction e-mail your name, address & phone number to Al Wagonblott: **mr\_wiggles\_sr@hotmail.com**  
**Pre-registration deadline is the Tuesday before the auction.** Pre-registrants will receive a “bump” sticker to place on one bag, which will be auctioned before all other lots.
12. After the initial “bump” items are sold, the 10 table system will be used. The order of the tables will be determined by random draw. Lots may be bumped to the start of the line any time after the pre-assigned bump lots are sold for a \$2 per lot fee.
13. All sellers must completely fill out a vendor form. Vendor forms are obtainable at our web site **www.tfsri.net**, at a meeting, by e-mail request, or at the auction.
14. All vendor forms and lots to be sold must be received at the registration table **before 12 Noon on the day of the auction.**
15. TFSRI and the auctioneer will do their best to assure that all items at the auction are what they claim to be, but it is the bidder’s responsibility to assure that the item is what you intend to bid on. Unless the item was misrepresented by the auctioneer, all purchases are final. You are responsible for assuring the lot is what you want **BEFORE** you bid.
16. Unless a reserve price is set by the seller, the minimum bid amount is \$3.00. The auctioneer may open at a higher price for at his/her discretion. If a lot sells for only \$3.00, it is considered to be a donation to TFSRI .
17. The auctioneer has the **FINAL WORD** on all bids.