Saltwater Aquarium Species Profile: Beginner Fish

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When choosing fish for your saltwater aquarium there are many important issues to take into consideration. Besides personal preference, each fish's adult size, behavior, feeding habits, and compatibility with other inhabitants should be looked at carefully. This species profile will give you some quick facts about two popular reef safe fish.

> **What does "reef safe" mean?**
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> A. Reef Safe is a broad term given to marine fish that will not damage coral and do not readily consume small fish or invertebrates.

Always research any new additions you would like for your saltwater aquarium. In particular, know how and what to feed and any specific care requirements.

Be careful not to base your choices on color and appearance alone. If you really want a particular type of saltwater fish - do your homework. LiveAquaria.com is a great resource for stocking options and information on your new saltwater aquarium.

QUICK STATS	
Minimum Tank Size:	30 gallons
Care Level:	Easy
Temperament:	Peaceful
Reef Compatible:	Yes
Max. Size:	3"
Color:	Blue, Orange
Diet:	Carnivore

With its six distinct, horizontal blue lines overlaid against an orange body, the **Six Line Wrasse** brings a flash of color to any reef aquarium. The Six Line Wrasse requires a peaceful environment with a generous supply of hiding places and live rock on which they can forage for food. Its active darting amongst rock outcroppings and corals makes the Six Line Wrasse a favorite among aquarists.

The Six Line Wrasse is known to feed on unwanted pests on live rock, such as bristleworms. Though generally peaceful, the Six Line Wrasse may act aggressively towards easily-intimidated fish, especially if inadequately fed or if its habitat is void of places in which it can hide. The diet should consist of finely chopped meaty foods, and, occasionally, vitamin-enriched frozen preparations.

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QUICK STATS	
Minimum Tank Size:	10 gallons
Care Level:	Easy
Temperament:	Peaceful
Reef Compatible:	Yes
Max. Size:	1.5"
Color Form:	Yellow
Diet:	Carnivore

As the name implies, the **Yellow Clown Goby** is bright yellow in color with a whitish patch on each cheek, and its personality is just as bright as its coloration. It is very popular, with a reputation for being friendly and entertaining. This goby will find a favorite location to hang out around, and seems to do a dance where it wiggles back and forth in an undulating motion while waving its fins.

The Yellow Clown Goby will rarely demonstrate aggression towards other fish, but will fight with its own kind, especially in smaller aquarium systems. Therefore, it is best to keep the Yellow Clown Goby with other peacefultankmates. The Yellow Clown Goby's diet should consist of a variety of brine shrimp, frozen mysis shrimp, table shrimp, and frozen food preparations for carnivores.

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