

Welcome to UltraMarine



Greetings to you,
UltraMarine reader!

I have an unashamedly technology-heavy issue for you this time as, in line with our promise last issue, early May saw Kumar and I head out to Nuremberg, Germany for Interzoo 2018.

It was my first time at this major International pet trade event and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute, even though I only had a single day to get around the 30+ 'reef relevant' providers I had targeted in advance! This made it pretty exhausting and the social media efforts and write-up process in the weeks after were equally challenging.

Highlights of the trip for me were meeting various contacts and friends in the trade, getting to see (and fiddle with) the latest gadgets, and beyond this, being allowed to use my flash gun on the De Jong display tank was a real honour (this month's cover shot is a product of the 45 minutes I had to play with). Kumar was great company too and we had fun brandishing the mag as we tried to find our way through the vast maze of halls and stalls, racing against the clock. On a separate note the German hospitality was also fantastic. I even discovered I have something of a taste for German Wheat Beer, a penchant I have indulged in numerous times since my return!

I'm already looking forward to the next event in 2020 and I hope you'll tag along all the way to see just how on Earth these companies will continue to innovate and make reef-keeping the fantastic hobby that it is today.

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