



The  
Spooky  
Deep Ocean  
Edition!



"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

- L.M. Montgomery

## a Message from the Mermaid and the FrostbitFins Pod

Oooooooh! It's SPOOKY SEASON!

Happy October everyone! This is a special edition of our flyer - a SUPER SPOOKY, EXTRA CREEPY edition filled with some of the WEIRDEST fish found in the depths of the ocean! A special thanks to Randi, who is our Flyer Rockstar - she did a extra FINTastic job finding all these creepy critters for Halloween!

If you're squeamish, it's ok! Just skip to page 5 for a great coloring page. The crossword might be a little rough though - without all the FinFacts! Either way - we hope you enjoy this months Flyer!

As you know, September is the month of my anniversary - so we took a couple of weeks so I could spend extra time with my very handsome pirate! Spending time with him always makes me happy - and what happens when a Mermaid has an especially happy day? Ask a FeatherFin in the know - or join us at the Kenai Pumpkin Festival on October 7th to find out!

Be sure you are following us on Instagram and/or Facebook so you'll always know where to find us - this holiday season is going to be a SPLASH!

AnneMeridia & the FbF Pod



### Upcoming Shows and Appearances

October:

- 7 - Kenai Pumpkin Festival
- 14 & 15 - What Women Want Expo
- 21 & 22 - Sterling Fall Festival
- 31 - Trick or Treat Alley @ NPRSA

November:

- 17-19 Sports Center Holiday Bazaar
- 24-25 Black Friday @ Pen Center Mall

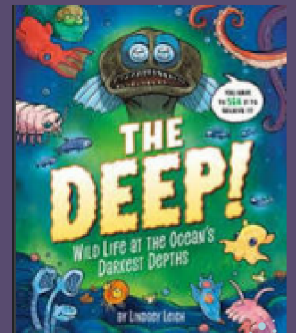
December:

- 2-3 Holly Jolly Bazaar
- 8-9 Holiday Cheer Christmas Bazaar
- 15-16 Holiday Cheer Christmas Bazaar

### The Deep! Wildlife at the Ocean's Darkest Depths by Lindsey Leigh

Did you know that there are animals that are completely transparent? That some tube worms live for 1,000 years? That the Pigbutt Worm is also known as the "Flying Buttocks"? Or that there is a type of sea cucumber that is nicknamed "the headless chicken monster"? These are just some of the scientific facts, presented comics-style, that kids will pore over again and again.

The Deep! is a rollicking survey of animals that live in the deepest part of the ocean created in an exciting graphic nonfiction format. The first-person commentary by the animals themselves cover a wealth of facts from the surface of the ocean to the darkest trenches. And the beautiful full-color illustrations bring them to life.



Want to learn more about The Deep? - Visit your local library today!



**LET'S READ!**

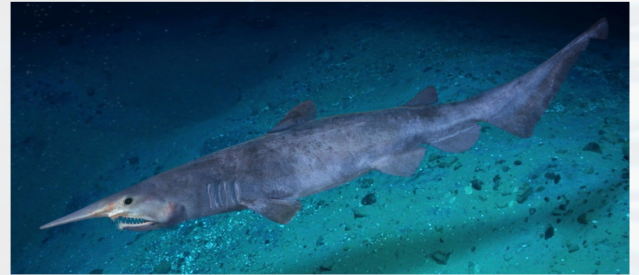


# OCTOBER FIN FACTS WITH *Frostbit Fins* SPOOKY DEEP SEA CREATURES!



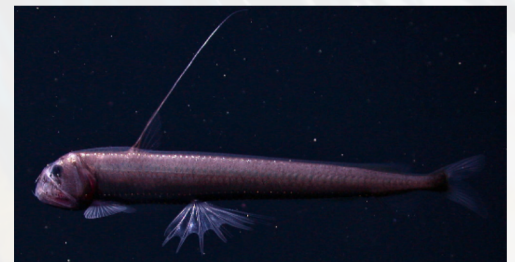
The **VAMPIRE SQUID** has huge, bright blue eyes- proportionally the largest in the animal kingdom, dark color, and a velvety, cloak-like webbing that connects its arms. These traits are what give the vampire squid its name.

Found mainly off the coast of Japan, the **GOBLIN SHARK** is easily recognizable by its pink color, long, narrow snout, and fang-like teeth that can be pulled back under their eyes or pushed out under its snout. Despite its scary looks, the goblin shark is not an aggressive species.



Female **ANGLERFISH** use a glowing appendage on their head like a fishing lure to hunt. They can also extend their jaw wide enough to eat a fish twice its size

**VIPERFISH** are one of the fiercest predators in the deep ocean. They have photophores, a light emitting organ, on their sides that help conceal it in the dark. The Sloanes viperfish is probably the scariest of all. Its fang- like teeth are more than half the size of its head, allowing them to impale prey by swimming at them head first with their mouths open.



**COFFINFISH** are very large and slow fish that “walk” along the sea floor using their pectoral fins. They are able to inflate their bodies to appear bigger and scare off predators.





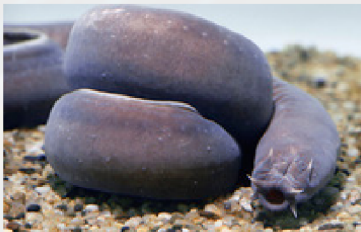
**LAMPREY** are tubular fish that do not have jaws. Instead, they have a suction-cup like mouth with circular rows of teeth. They use their mouths to grab onto other fish in order to feed on their blood.

**FANGTOOTH FISH** have the largest teeth compared to body size of any known fish. Their teeth are so big that they have to have special pouches on the roof of their mouth so they can close their mouths without their teeth going into their brains.



**ZOMBIE WORMS** don't eat brains... they eat bones! Without mouths or stomachs, zombie worms secrete acid to dissolve whale bones, then bacteria to break down collagen and fat. They absorb all of the nutrients that remain.

Are black **DRAGONFISH** able to become invisible?! No! They have transparent teeth and dark bodies which make them very hard to see in the deep, dark ocean. Like the viperfish they have photophores. The light is barely visible to the human eye, but is perfect for luring prey.



**HAGFISH** are eel-shaped, slime-producing fish that have a very scary way of eating. They eat their prey from the inside out.

The **GHOST SHRIMP** can survive without oxygen for as long as 6 days. The only thing spooky about ghost shrimp is their name. They share their burrows with other small invertebrates like pea crabs.



**WOLF EELS** are not truly eels but are long skinny fish. They lack a swim bladder, so cannot hover in the water- they have to swim to stay off the bottom.



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# HALLOWEEN



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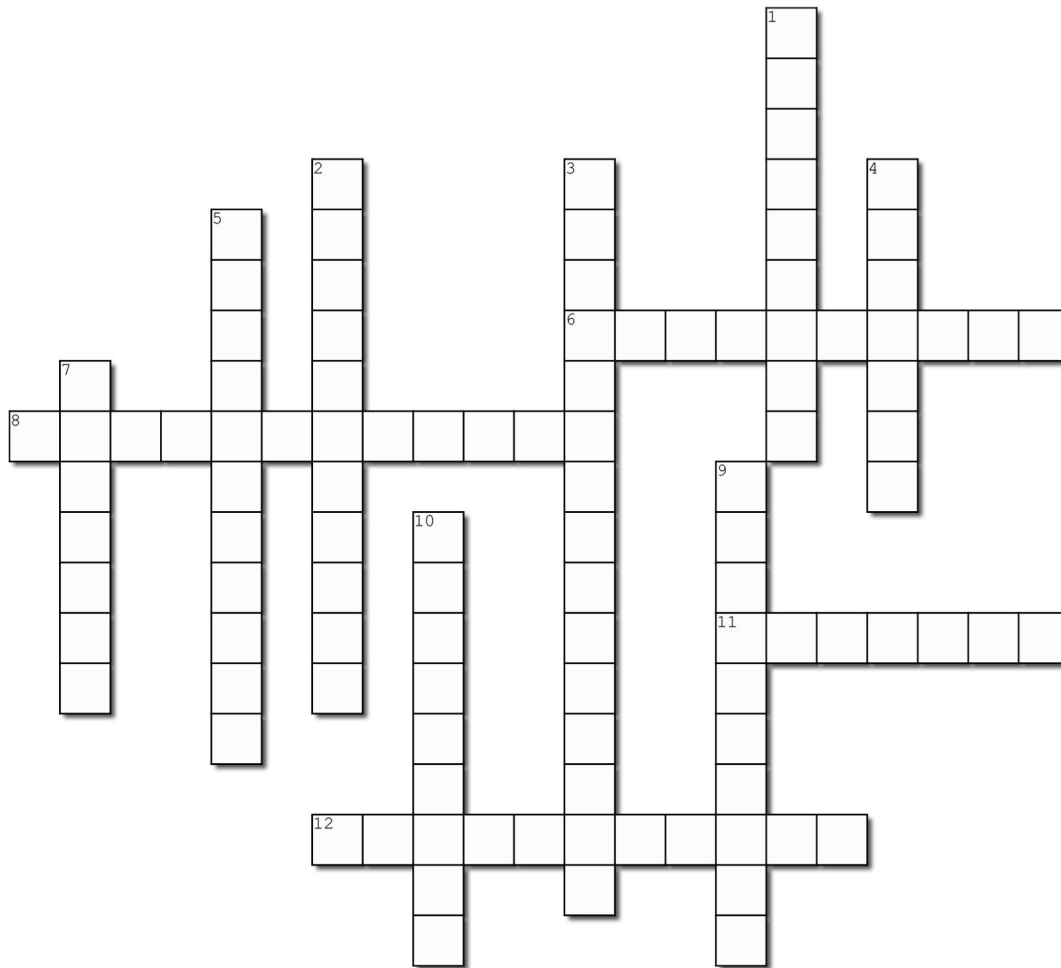
Did you make the Guppy Goodies? Are you all finished with the coloring page(s)? Have mom and dad put them on social media and tag us @frostbitfins on Facebook and Instagram for a chance to be featured on our page and in next month's FeatherFinFlyer!





# Spooky Sea Creatures

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

### Across

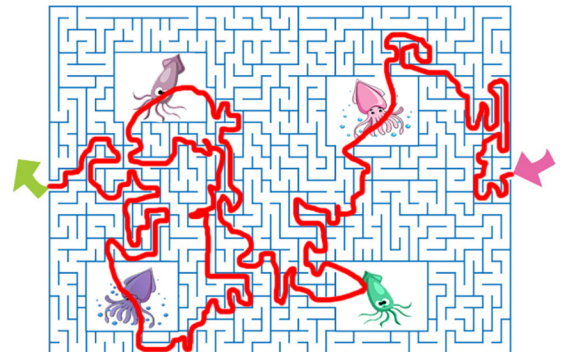
- 6. They use their pectoral fins to walk along the sea floor
- 8. It has a dark, velvety cloak- like webbing
- 11. It has a suction cup mouth and circular rows of teeth
- 12. They can go as long as 6 days without oxygen

### Down

- 1. They swim at their prey head first
- 2. They dissolve and absorb whale bones
- 3. Their transparent teeth and dark bodies make it difficult to see them
- 4. They cannot hover and must swim to stay off the bottom
- 5. It looks very scary, but is actually not aggressive
- 7. They are eel- shaped and produce slime
- 9. Females use a glowing appendage on their head as a fishing lure
- 10. They have pouches in their mouths



LAST MONTH'S  
Answers!







# OCTOBER Special Dates!

## Birthday Club!

Wishing a FIN-tastic Birthday to:

10/1 Dean B  
10/5 Annie S  
10/6 Jacob S  
10/6 Eleanor C  
10/11 Kiara L  
10/11 Cedar S  
10/12 Isabelle S  
10/15 Kamryn B  
10/15 Eliza D  
10/16 Kelly H  
10/16 Carolyn H  
10/17 Holland F  
10/18 Kamea G  
10/18 Malia T  
10/20 M-Kay  
10/20 Matthew S  
10/23 Lily A  
10/24 Miley M  
10/24 Julia G  
10/25 Charlotte S  
10/25 Nicole T  
10/27 Shelby D  
10/27 Briley M  
10/29 Iris K  
10/31 Willow B

*Happy  
Birthday!*

## Dates of Interest

10/3 World Farm Animals Day  
10/5 Do Something Nice Day  
10/8 National Salmon Day  
10/10 National Angel Food Cake Day  
10/13 National M&M Day  
10/15 National Grouch Day  
10/18 Hagfish Day  
10/21 National Reptile Day  
10/25 World Pasta Day  
10/30 National Candy Corn Day  
10/31 Halloween



**TIME TO  
CELEBRATE**

Join the Frostbit Fins Birthday Club on our website at [FrostbitFins.com](http://FrostbitFins.com)





# Guppy Goodies



## Monster Apple Teeth for Halloween

### Ingredients

- Red apple
- Green apple
- Mini marshmallows
- Nutella
- Strawberry jelly
- Mini candy eyeballs

### Directions

1. Cut the mini marshmallows into smaller pieces
2. Slice apples into 8 wedges each
3. Cut the mouth out of each wedge, creating a mini wedge
4. Remove the skin from the mini wedges and cut the mini wedge in half to create tongues
5. Pipe the Nutella into the apple mouths
6. Add a tongue to the apple mouth
7. Place 4 mini marshmallow pieces inside the apple mouth to create funky monster teeth
8. Stick a candy eyeball onto the wedge using a drop of strawberry jelly

# Fin Funnies!

Did you hear about the shark ghost?  
It vanished into fin air!

Where did the mummy go on vacation?  
The Dead Sea!

What do zombie pirates eat?  
Arrrrrrms!

# Fintastic Deals!

## Frostbit Fins Merch

Marvelous Mermaid  
Munchies, Stationary, Stickers  
and more - all at our online  
store - with free local pickup!  
<https://frostbit-fins.square.site/>



## Our New Apparel Shop!

Have you checked it out yet?  
T-shirts, Hoodies, and more!  
We even have tote bags and  
water bottles, all sporting our  
new mermaid mascot! Check  
it out here:  
<https://frostbit-fins.printify.me/>



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A TIME!