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CRITTER(S) OF THE WEEK!

Harlequin Shrimp & Redbarred Hawkfish ("pili-ko'a")— We have posted the Harlequin Shrimp before but this shot shows just how brave they are! This little guy has a starfish arm he has stowed under the coral. He stood his ground against this curious Hawkfish who is 20 times his size! The Hawkfish spends most of their time perched motionless on the coral; they are territorial and considered predators; their Hawaiian name actually means "coral clinging".

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AIRTEMPERATURE: 84 degrees

WATER TEMPERATURE: 79.5 degrees

VIZIBILITY: 150' +

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