

# VIRTUAL OPEN SHOW

## Tips & Tricks



### Q: How do I make a 'mute' video ?

If you haven't got an adjustable sound microphone level control on your camera/smartphone etc , the long-winded way is to edit the recorded audio-visual file afterwards in appropriate software – reduce the sound level to zero, and then re-save the file.

The quickest/simplest way is just plug a 3.5mm jack plug into the external microphone socket on your camcorder. This will disable the internal microphone. Remember to make sure there isn't a real external microphone on the end of the cable you use as the 'plug!'

**Q: My camera shoots in 16:9 aspect ratio but the Show Tank is square. This means if I want a fixed 'whole tank' picture (camera on tripod) the fish may well swim out of sight vertically if I line up the correct horizontal tank width. If I line up the tank's true physical height, then I risk getting a thick black bar on either side.**

Chasing a fish around with the camera is a pain!  
All you need to do is lower the Show Tank's 'ceiling' until the framed picture shows the tank width and height as a complete picture. Drain enough water out to achieve the height you require. This trick also works on 4:3 aspect ratio pictures too.