

Ship-to-Shore

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March Meeting: Vancouver Island Circumnavigation

Have you thought about circumnavigating Vancouver Island, but you were intimidated by the gauntlet of rapids, frightened off by fears of "Fog-gust", awed at the prospect of braving the open ocean, or unnerved by Nahwitti Bar?

Fear no more! With two circumnavigations behind her, Mary Campbell can attest that timing is the key to safely dealing with the various challenges presented. In this presentation, you'll get more than a few tips for planning and executing a successful circuit of this gem of the BC coast.

Mary, who is a veteran Member, has been cruising the Pacific Northwest for almost 30 years from Olympia to Prince William Sound in Alaska. But some of her favorite anchorages are on the west coast of Vancouver Island, not that far from home.

In addition to Mary, we will share information about upcoming cruises, races, the Sailboat Maintenance 101 course, and sailing education opportunities, including the course sponsored by the Tacoma Women's Sailing Association that will have boats sailing in Olympia.

The Meeting will begin at 19:00, with "doors" opening at 18:45. At the time this is being written, we hope we will be able to meet at the Olympia Yacht Club, 201 Simmons St. NW, and have a Zoom option for Members who are not vaccinated or would prefer to attend remotely. The link to register for the Zoom option and an announcement as to whether we will meet in-person will be emailed to members in late-February.

We hope you will join us in person or via Zoom. Whether you have dreams of sailing around Vancouver or not, we think you will find the presentation informative and enjoyable. .

Bob Butts, Emma Lee



Ready to round, Eld Inlet Race photo by Dave Knowlton

SSSS Presents the Andrew Kerr Seminar

an evening improving boat handling, boat speed, and strategy

Where: the View Point Room, Westbay, for vaccinated folks, and Zoom simulcast for non-vaccinated and those uncomfortable with groups.

Who: All Members and their crew.

Admission: \$10, an amazing value. Pay at Eventbrite, see links below, or cash at the door.

When: Wednesday March 16, 18:00 to 21:00

Food and beverages: available by ordering upstairs for delivery downstairs. *Arrive early to order and socialize.*

Links: An e-mail will be sent all Members one week before the seminar containing links to the payment link and any changes. Invite your crew!!

Who is Andrew Kerr?

Andrew Kerr was born in Plymouth, England and graduated from the London School of Economics with a Bachelors degree in Government and Politics. He is resident of Olympia,

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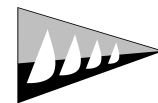
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Washington and his wife Stephanie is a former America's Cup Sailor with the all woman's team America 3 in the 1995 America's Cup. Andrew has won 28 National and North American Championships in a wide variety of classes ranging from the J24 to the J80, J27, Santana 20, and many more. A full time coach for the past 35 years with North U and Kerrsailing, his goal is to maximize every teams performance and help them accomplish all of their goals. Teams he has coached have won numerous Major regattas as well as Regional, National, North American and World Championships in classes ranging from the J80, Farr 40, Benetau 40.7, J120, J80, ID 35, T10, S2 7.9, Ensign, J22, J24, Melges 24, J27, J35, J105, J109, Mumm / Farr 30 and countless more.

Eric Egge

New Members

Welcome New or Returning Members! Welcome to these new Members who joined SSSS in January:

Clarissa Metzler Cross sails a 41' Jeanneau Sun Legende named *Dancin' Bare*. Clarissa is a cruiser and has participated in several Women's Sailing Seminars in years past. She is active with the Tacoma Women's Sailing Association.

Eric Harting is a PHRF racer, a dinghy racer, and a cruiser. He has been a Member off and on for years. He doesn't have his own boat at the moment and is looking for crew opportunities.

Tim Koontz sails a Tanzer 22 named *Double Grand* as well as a 14' Sunfish. He's a small boat guy you're likely to find out racing on Thursday evenings. Tim is back in the Club after a few years away.

Margaret Paterson just joined SSSS online. She hails from Tacoma, and is active with the Tacoma Women's Sailing Association and sailing education opportunities.

Thom Salzer knows his friend Jim Larsen won't steer him wrong and so he joined SSSS and the world of cruising, racing, learning opportunities, and sailing camaraderie the Club offers.

Remember that you can find contact information for these and all the other Members in your online member directory at ssssclub.com. There you can also update your own contact and boat information.

Thera Black

Cruise News

Island Home March 18-20 OYC/SSSS Joint Cruise

We are the invited guests for a joint cruise with the Olympia Yacht Club. They are opening their beautiful Island Home outstation to share with us for the weekend. The activities will include an appetizer potluck on Friday evening, a prepared meal on Saturday evening, and a grab-and-go snack for Sunday breakfast. As guests, we will be on kitchen duty for the Saturday meal.



Duwamish Head Race photo by Bob Butts

Advance registration is required to help us plan for food. Please visit the event listing on the South Sound Sailing Society Facebook page and indicate if you plan to attend. (Note: If you select that you are "Interested", we will not interpret that as firm plans to attend.) If you do not have access to Facebook, please e-mail cruises@ssssclub.com and tell the Cruise Chair you will be attending.

On previous joint cruises we have been asked to pay a small amount of the food cost. It has not yet been determined if there will be a charge for this event.

Attendance at the indoor events is not required. If your personal Covid protocols restrict you from socializing indoors, you are welcome to come enjoy the docks and the grounds for this special weekend.

Contact our OYC Liaison Alex Broman for more information about this event.

Salty Sailor Cruise Gig Harbor March 25-27

There are two Cruises in March! Come celebrate the dawning of spring as we sail to beautiful Gig Harbor.

Gig Harbor provides ample space for anchoring for those who prefer to stay off the dock. The Jerisich Park Public Dock provides moorage on a first come first served basis. There is a self-pay kiosk at the head of the dock. Power is available on the dock. There are two mooring buoys at the park.

Come enjoy the fun shops and restaurants within walking distance of the Gig Harbor waterfront. Find a good selection of boating supplies at Ship to Shore Marine. Our Saturday evening gathering will be at the head of the public dock or inside a local

restaurant, depending on weather and the current health guidelines for social gatherings.

The date for this event was picked because of favorable tides in the Tacoma Narrows. The current under the bridge flows north on Friday from 11:00 to 18:30. It flows north on Saturday from noon until 19:30. The southbound current on Sunday is from 09:00 to 13:00.

Jim Larsen

S-t-S Request

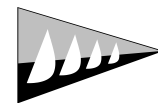
Looking at my garden I see some things green just poking out of the soil. Time to start thinking of cruises future and past, where you have been and where you want to go. As you remember the good spots and the good stories, share them with us.

Garage "Sail" for *Mako*

Mako is having a garage "sail" on Sunday March 13th 09:00-15:00 hosted by Aloft Marine.

Time to clean out the stockpile of new/used electronics, hardware, line, even some sails. **Proceeds go toward *Mako's* campaign for Pacific Cup 2022.**

Rognlin Marine will also have their consignment shop open with a grill going. Olympia Marine Center 700 Marine Dr. NE



RC Report

Oh Joy! Daylight hours are increasing, bringing the longer races of the Inlet Series. Due to no wind on Henderson Inlet Race day there was no start. The result is that 67% of the Series remains. Yes, you can still win the Series with good finishes in Skookum and McAllister Races coming up March 12 and April 2. If you enjoy the longer races, be sure to sail these before buoy racing starts. Check the web site for sailing instructions addenda at [Racing>PHRF>Sailing Instructions](#). Come out and sail!

Our annual Andrew Kerr Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday March 16th. This seminar will tune up your boat handling and tactics for the upcoming season of racing. Andrew promotes communication within the team on board, so bring your crew! Andrew is a world class sailor with an amazing skill of explaining sailing concepts in simple terms. More details in this issue. If you have specific areas or subjects you'd like Andrew to address at the seminar, email him at Kerrsailing@aol.com

Eric Egge, Fjord, rcchair@ssssclub.com

Sailboat Maintenance 101

South Sound Sailing Society is offering a series of Zoom sessions on basic sailboat maintenance. They are designed for new boat owners and for those of us who have owned sailboats for years but want to learn more about keeping our boat afloat and the systems working.

The first session covered Electrical Systems Installation, Replacement, and Troubleshooting presented by Mike Beemer, Chair of the Skagit Valley Marine Technology Program in Anacortes

On February 7, Meredith Anderson presented on Diesel Engine Maintenance, Troubleshooting, and Repowering.

Jason Vannice, owner of Aloft Marine, will share his expertise in the fundamentals of sailboat electronics, such as wiring, chart plotters, AIS, and autopilots.

Additional sessions are scheduled for March 7 and 14 that will cover sail selection and repair, and hull maintenance, including gel coat repair, waxing, and bottom painting.

There will not be a fee to participate in these Zoom Sessions, but you must be a SSSS, TWSA, or OYC member to participate. If you are not a Member, or if your dues are not up to date, go to ssssclub.com and spend \$55.

In addition, Meredith Anderson will be conducting a two day, hands-on diesel maintenance course on April 9-10 at a location to be determined. There will be a fee of \$150 for the class.

An e-mail will be sent to Members prior to each of these sessions with information on how to register for the Zoom or class.

If you think these sessions would be beneficial to you, we hope you will join us.

Bob Butts

Toliva: Best/Worst?

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Why the best? The participation of 45 boats was a joyous occasion, especially after last year's mega snowstorm shut everything down. Racers mooring at Percival Landing were greeted by a live band, adding to a sense of celebration. There was wind! And a favorable tide. Those watching from the docks at Boston Harbor were treated to a steady line of full sails and colorful spinnakers flying around the point. Several participants proclaimed this year's Toliva Shoal the Perfect Race.

Why the worst? No social events...no dinner...no breakfast gathering...no hot soup and beer to reward weary racers at the end.

According to comments at the clubhouse, these traditional activities were greatly missed. One participant said that he was really looking forward to the baron of beef dinner he had heard so much about. Others asked for T-shirts. It was a necessary, but sad, decision to postpone the social activities for another year. The number of comments about the missing social components suggests their importance; the dinner and post-race get-together help raise the visibility of the Toliva Shoal Race, and the South Sound Sailing Society and Olympia Yacht Club.

In the end, Race Officer Bill Sheldon was pleased with this year's results. "We went the full distance and all finishers were done in daylight," he reported. "That's not a first in my experience, but it's rare." A few knockdowns and twisted spinnakers revealed the challenges on the water. First across the line was *Pax the Spacespider*. Full results on the Sereies site, ssseries.org.

After the race, the irrepressible enthusiasm and camaraderie of the sailors came through at the clubhouse. Even without soup and beer, stories were shared and plans for next

year were formed. Everyone agreed: 2023 would be a good year to organize the mother of all race parties to celebrate the 50+ years of this annual event.

Even without the social activities, the Toliva Shoal Race requires a great deal of effort. Huge thanks go to Susan McCrae, who handled registration; Thera Black, who rose in the wee hours of the morning to prepare lunch for the committee boats; Bob Butts, who deftly arranged Zoom meetings for planning; and Debra Glasser, who assisted in many ways at the clubhouse on race morning. OYC Caretaker Robert Ludlow was a gem, providing coffee for the racers, key cards for reciprocal moorage, and other assistance. The City of Olympia provided free moorage and the OYC provided reciprocal moorage on a space-available basis. The committee boats and their crews also deserve much appreciation. They included Rick Panowicz, *Jean Marie*; Bob Ruecker, *Andalan*; Jerry Budelmam, *Kiss Intell II*; and PRO Bill Sheldon, *Transition*.

Here's hoping that next year's race is one for the record books, in a good way!

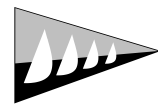
Frank and Lisa Mighetto

Photos in next month's S-t-S, or on line now: [newsletter/current issue/S-t-S Photos](#)

SSSS boats at our Toliva Shoal Race

Third Southern Sound Series Race

Trickster	1 PHRF1	
Pax	2 PHRF1	
Angel Eyes	2 PHRF4	9 OA
Lightly Salted	2 PHRF5	17 OA
Bodacious	3 PHRF2	4 OA
Mako	4 PHRF2	19 OA
Folie `a Deux	5 PHRF7	27 OA
Rock paper sc...	6 PHRF4	15 OA
Korina Korina	7 PHRF4	21 OA
Flying Circus	8 PHRF4	22 OA
Zig Zag	9 PHRF4	24 OA
Willie Tipit?	10 PHRF4	26 OA
Aurora	DNS PHRF7	
Koosah	1 NFS	
Jolly Rumbalow	2 NFS	
Blown Away	6 NFS	
Echo	2 Commodore	
Emma Lee	4 Commodore	



September in the San Juan Islands

Our busy summer and a death in the family interrupted our cruising plans this year, so we made a commitment to ourselves that we would cruise north in September and hope for some of that fabled warm fall weather. We have gone up to the islands before the summer rush in previous years and visited the islands in June. This would be our first attempt at a late season visit.

We left Olympia on September 3, which meant we were making our transit north during the Labor Day holiday weekend. We took our time heading north, hoping that the crowds would disperse and go home about the time we arrived in the islands. We had

heard stories about large crowds of boaters over the summer, and we wanted to avoid the chaos that can happen in a crowded anchorage. The number of boats was far less than what we had heard about from boaters who visited in August, but there were still more people there than we expected. It turns out there is a whole new crowd of people who come up for the shoulder season to take advantage of the last warm days of summer.

Many shops and restaurants begin to close for the season or operate with short hours after Labor Day. One of our traditional hangouts has always been Friday's Crab House. Sitting on the roof and watching the ferries come and go while sipping beer and eating fish and chips has been a summer tradition for us for many years. When we got to Friday Harbor the sign at the Crab House said they were closed for three days to give their employees a well deserved break after the busy holiday weekend. We wandered up the hill to The Bait Shop and discovered our new favorite fish place. I give their fish tacos two thumbs up!

September is a transition month for weather, and the short days present new challenges for those who like to travel with the tide. We started the trip with a few opportunities to lounge in shorts and a T-shirt, and we ended the month wearing

three layers of clothing. One of my weather apps indicated that September was the month with the least amount of wind in that area, and we believe it. We sailed two days out of the three weeks that we were in the islands. There were some other times when there was a breeze, but it would usually happen on a day we had decided to layover in an anchorage to enjoy a hike.

Local marinas extended their summer rates through September 30, so there were not real discounts to be had. However, the smaller crowds meant we were able to use our reciprocal mooring privileges several times. The first one was at the resort in

Fisherman Bay, which was an \$80 stay for free!

We used an approaching gale as our excuse to rent dock space in Roche Harbor in mid-September. It was a



entrance to Fisherman Bay



photos by Jim Larsen

popular idea, and the place was packed with boats. I learned that when the weather gets cold and stormy, that famous Roche Harbor dock crew of young college students are all hiding in the office!

The weather reports and the rain forecasts were constantly changing. We had to check weather several times a day. As the month wore on it became obvious that we were going to see some more storms, perhaps a series of gales. Since my favorite route home is across the Strait, I started looking at the calendar for some favorable tides. There was a period of four or five days near the end of September when there was no incoming tide at Point Wilson during daylight hours. There was a slack tide each day, but no incoming current. We elected to turn south after three weeks and enjoy a week in Puget Sound on our way home. It was a wise

choice. The series of storm fronts arrived as promised, and Puget Sound was not hit as hard as the straits and the islands. Port Townsend had a gust of 61 mph.

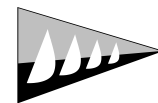
The biggest challenge was the weather. We had a lot more rain and a lot less sunshine than a typical summer cruise. The sun is low in the sky in fall, so when it did shine it never fully energized the solar panels. We ran the motor about 40 minutes a day to keep the batteries charged. We had several rainy day layovers for reading books and playing games. We still did a lot of hiking, but had to schedule our days on the trail between rain showers. I can tell you that hiking in 64 degrees is much more pleasant than hiking in 94 degrees! And thanks to Noreen Light, we now know where the "other" secret trail to the Turn Point Lighthouse is.

We had the best whale watching experience that we will probably ever experience. There is a new half mile standoff regulation for the J pod because they have three pregnant females. But that doesn't apply when you are watching from the beach! We arrived at the Turn Point lighthouse just as the J pod was starting to arrive. They paraded by us in small groups less than 100 feet from shore as they headed north into Canada. They turned back near the border and repeated the shore side parade for us again. We saw baby whales beaching, adult whales spy hopping, rolling, and fishing behaviors. They entertained us for over an hour.

Our PVC inflatable dinghy blew out a seam, and the patch kit was little help. We were docked next to a dinghy repair specialist from Monkey Fist Marine and he seemed to think that repairing old PVC inflatables was difficult and not cost effective. I never thought before what my plan B would be for when the dinghy experiences a catastrophic failure. A local island resident offered us a loaner. We limped along on a temporary patch that eventually failed and finished the cruise with a flat dinghy and three flat fenders. Will we do it again? Probably. The cold weather was challenging later in the month, but once again it was the trip of a lifetime!

Jim Larsen

Did you enjoy hearing about Jim's cruise? It's your turn. Every sailor must have at least one good story. Ed.



TWSA Sailing Class

The Tacoma Women's Sailing Association is pleased to invite women associated with the South Sound Sailing Society to participate in this year's sailing classes. This is the perfect class for women who own, or want to own sailboats, and wives or partners of sailors to gain basic knowledge and experience so you can serve as a better crew member.

Any woman who wants to learn to sail is invited. We are working to organize three boats of students out of Olympia. Classes are held Tuesday evenings from 18:00 to 21:00, **April 12th - May 24th**. Instruction will be provided by qualified instructors,

and the ASA Basic Keelboat manual will serve as a textbook.

Those who are interested should visit our web site, www.twsa.org, and read the information under Sailing Classes for more details. The cost for **the class is \$195.00** which includes a \$35 membership fee required by our insurance. All participants must upload proof of vaccine plus booster.

If you are interested please e-mail us at twsa76@gmail.com and we will get back to you with Olympia details or you may register directly on our web site, www.twsa.org.

TWSA

Eld Inlet Race January 22

Transition was RC boat. Koosah was the mark boat. Thank you.

Points	Sail No.	Yacht Name	Yacht Type	Rating	Finish Time	Corrected Time
Div. Green Start Time: 10:00 Distance: 12.2 nm						
0.75	79089	LIGHTLY SALTED	BENE 10R	90	12:45:05	12:26:47
2.00	69051	SPIRIT	BENE 36.7	81	12:44:09	12:27:41
3.00	69399	FLYING CIRCUS	EXPR 37	72	12:43:17	12:28:39
4.00	18324	ROCK PAPER SCI	EXPR 37	72	12:44:21	12:29:43
5.00	12	PAX		10	12:31:54	12:29:52
6.00	10115	ZIG ZAG	TART 101	75	12:45:22	12:30:07
7.00	175	TRICKSTER		46	12:39:33	12:30:12
8.00	38044	MAKO	SYD 38	30	12:40:37	12:34:31
9.00	35	ANGEL EYES	J99	78	12:51:41	12:35:49
10.00	69432	SUNNISU	HOB33	96	12:56:32	12:37:01
11.00	007	007	J 99	81	12:59:05	12:42:37
12.00	64996	WILLIE TIPIT?	C&C SR33	78	13:04:00	12:48:08
Div. Pink Start Time: 09:30 Distance: 12.2 nm						
0.75	29718	AURORA	RANC 33-1	156	12:56:14	12:24:31
2.00	63337	DASH	BEN 345	135	12:54:35	12:27:08
3.00	394	MAGIC	CAP 25	186	13:09:48	12:31:59
4.00	69804	REIFF	J35C	123	12:59:27	12:34:26
5.00	5421	EMMA LEE	CATA 30	207	13:17:21	12:35:16
6.00	50105	JOLLY RUMBALOW	C&C 34	135	13:08:19	12:40:52
7.00	59924	ECHO	CATA 38	156	13:21:31	12:49:48
8.00	69825	GRENDDEL	CASC 36	195	13:30:08	12:50:29
9.00	51496	PANDORA	CAL 36	188	13:30:49	12:52:35

Henderson Inlet Race Canceled No Wind / No Race

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Second Southern Sound Series Race

Rock Paper Scissors	6 PHRF4	26 OA
Korina Korina	7 PHRF4	27 OA
Koosah	1 NFS	
Emma Lee	4 Commodore	
Strider	DNC PHRF7	

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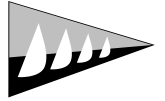
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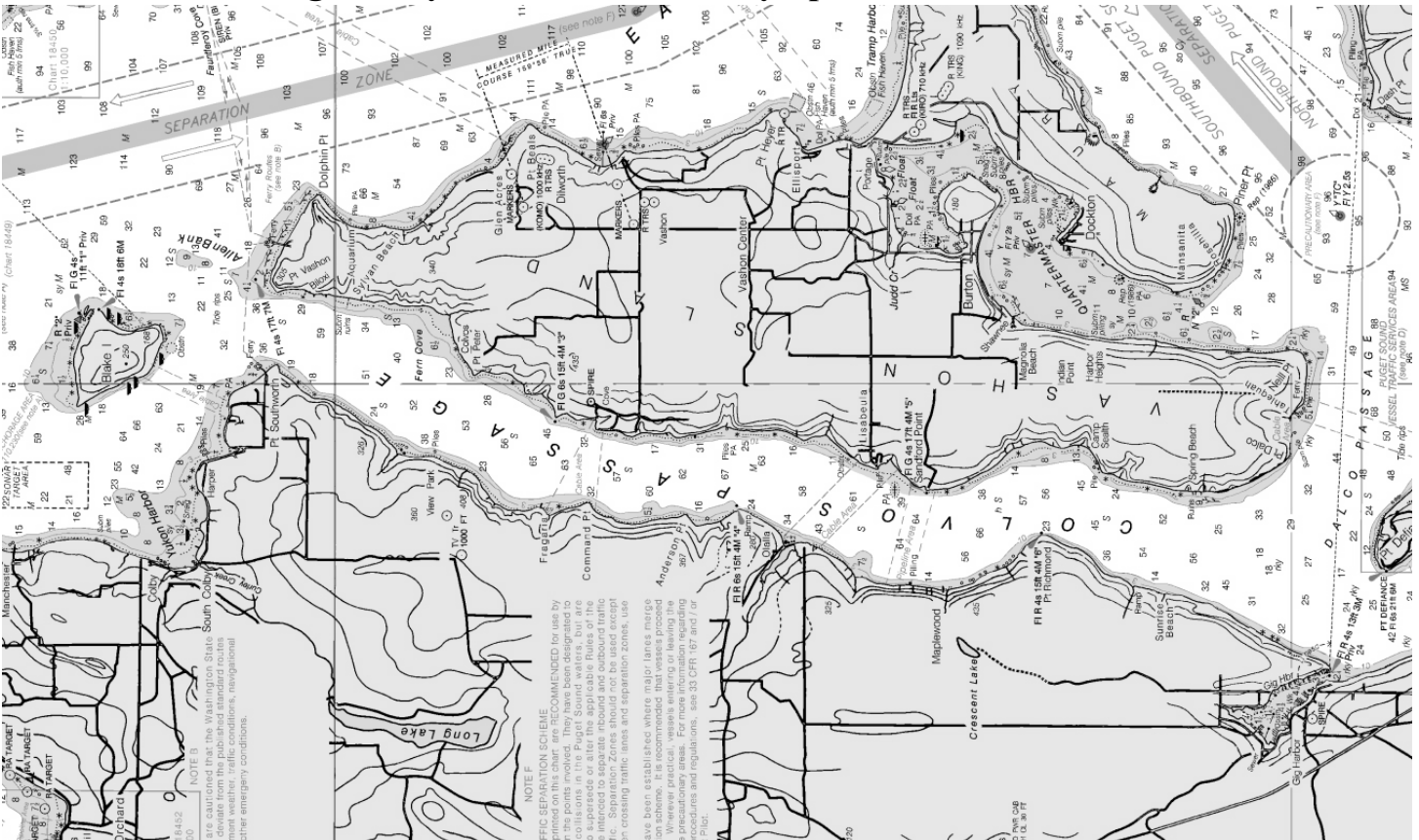


TWSA class undocking above



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