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# Mainstation Becomes Halloween Town for Annual Bash

By Greg Bolin & Janet Atkins #234 Halloween Party Chairs & Blue-Faced Flying Monkeys

huge thank-you to everyone who turned off their porch lights and brought a frighteningly delicious spread to the Halloween Party! It meant a lot to Janet (a.k.a. the Blue-Faced Flying Monkey) and me to see so many new members learn how friendships grow from QCYC events!

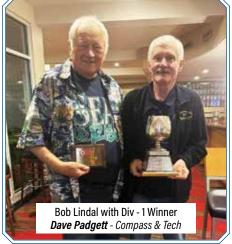
Major kudos and deep bows to DJ Chuck (Gould), who heroically endured both the heavenly and horrifying ends of karaoke—sometimes in the same verse—while hauling enough sound gear to power a small rock festival.

And cheers to Sherry, our ever-joyful bartender and spirit-raiser, who kept us courageously crooning and well-hydrated (with adult beverages, of course). You all made it a night to remember... or at least a night to try to remember.



Thanks to Halloween Town Chairs Janet Atkins & Greg Bolin in Costume





## QCYC Members Bring Home Hardware from Flag Officer's Rally

**By Bob Lindal** #153 QCYC Regatta Power Chair

he annual IPBA Grand 14 Flag Officer's Rally/Race was conducted in October among the 14 yacht clubs that comprise the Grand 14. The Predicted Navigation Rally is not a speed race but a precision navigation challenge. Participants must predict their time over a set course and then try to match it as closely as possible.

The rally is specifically designed for current Flag Officers—Commodores, Vice Commodores, and Rear Commodores—from each of the Grand 14 clubs. All Club members are welcome to participate.

### **Results from the Oct 17-19 race**

**Dave Padgett** won Div 1 Tach & Compass

Fran Farber won Div 2
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# Be an Elf for a Day!

## Volunteer at the Seafair Holiday Cruise

**By Vince & Karen Robel** (#491) Seafair Holiday Cruise Chairs
- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year! -

Join us on Sunday, December 7th, to volunteer for the QCYC Annual Seafair Holiday Cruise! During this heartwarming event, Bus and Dock Elves, Seafair clowns, and individual skippers

help board special guests with disabilities and their individual chaperones for a cruise around Lake Union.

The guests talk by telephone with Santa and tell them their wishes. The evening isn't complete until the guests have their picture taken with Santa himself! After the special guests leave, our volunteers gather on the 2nd deck for dinner and Willie's homemade soups.

Join us on December 7 to volunteer:

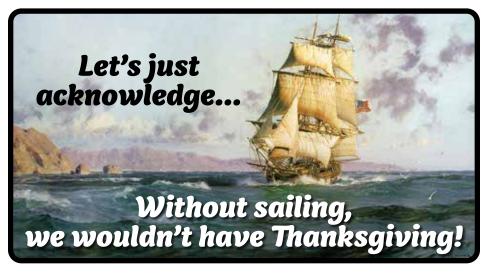
**DOCK ELVES:** Greet our guests when they arrive on

buses, give them their life jacket and snack bag, deliver them to their boat, and assist them when they return.

**MISCELLENEOUS NEEDS ARE:** Kitchen help, one or two people to assist us in a variety of ways throughout the event (We'll call it a 'Gofer' position).

Visit the website to volunteer or contact Karen & Vince Robel in the directory.





# Commodores REPORT

# Queen City Redesigns Its Website & More to Come

By Doug Wadden #236 Commodore

hange is difficult for some people to accept. Name changes, mission statements change, leadership changes, branding and associated applications appear unfamiliar and can provoke defensive reactions.

Central to our concerns is the need to upgrade our web presence and expand how we engage with our audiences, both internal and external, and our membership. Our new website that is being developed under the guidance of Gerald Fey, represents significant analysis and discussion over the last year and a half of what we need and what other clubs do .

This is also an opportunity to similarly upgrade our print materials, identity and messaging, both graphically, architecturally and digitally, so we are in alignment across media. As we consider our options, it is important to realize that none of it is irreversible and can be routinely modified. It's part of communications in the 21st century, and we can look back at the last century of Queen City history and recognize that change is a natural part of



## Welcome to Queen City Yacht Club



QCYC Website Redesign & Enhanced Functionality

how the Club has evolved from its modest origins to the enterprise it is today.

Some of that growth and evolution was deliberate and some was simply an accumulation of decisions made in isolation and with conflicting ambitions... less by design and more by opportunities seized. Our website, our newsletter, our outreach efforts and our graphic identity are all in need of review and updating and we are close to launching new versions of these essential elements.

The program will be more contemporary, more persuasive and more playful in places, more formal in others. Be prepared to

spread the word about Queen City wherever you go. Other changes that are underway will require some flexibility in how we accommodate moorage management, event planning and registration.

It's still in the development stages and will require the office staff, committee chairs and membership to adapt to new data collection and notification routines... it's all doable and evolving as we speak. Change is also necessary in a couple of critical support areas, namely Docks and Moorage, where Ed DiLuck and Ken Knoei will take over the chair duties for those two critically important committees. Please



DOUG WADDEN COMMODORE

& Margi Ride the Vespa to the Commodore's Ball

give them time to get their bearings as we see the impact of technology on how we track and administer needs and decisions.

Lastly, at the October 8th membership meeting I thanked those that made the Commodore's Ball such an exciting and enjoyable event. But that only reaches 70 or so members. So on behalf of Margi and myself let me now again thank all the volunteers for the food, music, decorations and planning that went into making it a success... and a special thanks to Gail Genord, Karleen Reed, Kitt Day and Vivian Johnson for a wonderful evening.

# Step In to Volunteer or Lead a QCYC Event or Activity Is It Time This Year for You to Volunteer?

By Pete DeLaunay #139 The Bilge Pump Editor

utting out the monthly newsletter for the past seven years has allowed a perch from which to view how members step in as volunteers for various things, making boating friendships along the way. Several members (you know who you are) take on tasks, activities & Club events year after year.

If you are new to the Club or want to get more involved introduce yourself to one of the bridge officers for directions about who is chair and how to connect. Take time to review the 'sign up' list of ways to volunteer for QCYC Leadership (3), Standing Committees (7), Special Committees (4), and Event Committees (17). Find something you enjoy doing to help the Club and step in...

Getting involved in Club events as a volunteer keeps our practical traditions alive and leads to lasting friendships. Review this list and corner a bridge officer to get hooked up or join a crew, it is up to you. See you at Friday lunch or Saturday breakfast.

### **QCYC Leadership**

- Interested in going through the chairs:
   Commodore, Vice, and Rear Commodore
- Want to become a Club Officer OR Trustee?
- Want to become a Fleet Captain?
- Want to join Planning & Finance Committee?
- Want to join the Navigators Women's Group?

### **Standing Committees**

- Club Manager support bar supply
- House support maintaining the Mainstation
- Grounds quarterly landscape days
- Docks join monthly 'docks fun day'
- Outstation want to be a summer host?
   Membership Development Committee
- Consist Committees

### **Special Committees**

- Eight bells Support eulogies & memorials
- Music Committee Join the house band
- Ship's Stores Staffing during Friday lunch & events.
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### **Event Committees**

- Bainbridge Fishing Derby
- Holiday Lighted Boat Parade
- Children's Christmas Party
- Children's Easter Party
- Closing Day Ceremonies
- Halloween Party
- July 4th Cruise at the Outstation
- Labor Day Cruise
- Low & Slow Barbecue
- Memorial Day Cruise
- Opening Day Week
- Opening Day Decorated Boat
- Old Timer's Cruise
- Pride of Queen City Mainstation spring cleaning
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- Organize a Friday Night Social

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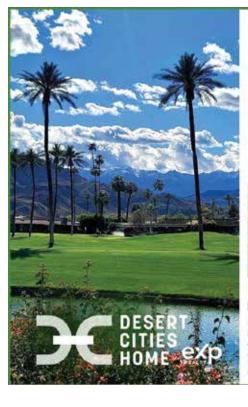
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# Vice Commodores REPORT

# **Prepare Your Boat for Winter** & Seafair Holiday Cruise

By Joyce Carlson #323 Vice Commodore

Ior those who are moored at the Mainstation, the lake is rising. The other day when walking down the dock there were some boats where their anchor extended over the dock itself. The extended anchors were enough to interfere with walking and could cause one to drip or bang a knee if one is not carefully watching when walking. With the winter weather approaching please ensure your lines are tied properly as well as consider the care of your boat overall as the winter weather is approaching. Several holidays are soon to be here in the upcoming weeks. The Seafair Holiday Cruise



Anchor Extending over Dock is a Trip Hazard

takes place the first Sunday in December as an opportunity for individuals with developmental / intellectual disabilities. Individual Skippers take adults and chaperones on their boats for a holiday cruise. Guests receive a treat bag, a visit with the Seafair clowns and a phone

call and photo with Santa. Approximately 200 light-festooned boats cruise through the Montlake Cut to Lake Washington during a two-hour cruise that is filled with cheer and hopefully a Santa sighting.

Robel. Dan and Diana Grimm are taking the support this heartwarming event. 4



VICE COMMODORE & Kevin

lead for dinner. There are currently ten boats Queen City arises to these occasions, has who have signed up to cruise our visitors. Two for years. The "Help Wanted" sign goes up more boats are needed as a backup to these as many volunteers are needed. Volunteers ten boats. Dock and bus elves are in need to receive a simple meal after the event. This year welcome and assist our special guests on and the event is led by Captains Vince and Karen off boats. Please contact the Robels to help

**Docks Committee Tackles Projects Before Winter** 



Steve Behen on Clean Up!

By Ed DiLuck #520 QCYC Docks Chair

The Docks Committee is off to a great start! In October we had eleven members turn out to help maintain our Mainstation docks. With several brand-new members coming out to help, it was a fantastic day and a way to meet new friends at the Club. We especially would like new members to attend so that they can get involved.

We completed quite a few tasks from cleaning, lighting, and finishing work for the reciprocal dock area. We are looking forward to having more members join us in November. All are invited to attend a Docks meeting at the Mainstation on the second Tuesday, November 4, 7 p.m., for discussions about projects for Saturday Docks Fun Day, Saturday November 8, 9 a.m., beginning with breakfast and assignments for the day's projects. Thank you all for coming out!  $\triangle$ 

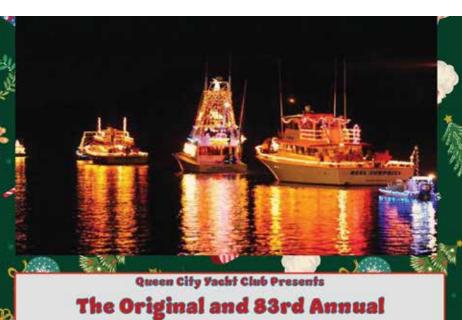


Sasha Alessi (R) & Mark Roberts on Docks Duty



Brand new member David Bobanick on Docks Fun Day





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Italian Themed Commodore's Ball in Ice

# Commodore's Ball: Viva

By Margi Wadden #236 Special Correspondent

The Mainstation was transformed into 'Viva Italia' for the annual Commodore's Ball . Guests enjoyed a superbly prepared Italian dinner before choosing to dance the night away on the third floor or enjoy the sounds of live jazz on the second floor. A Leaning Tower of Pisa ice sculpture added flair to an evening of elegance and camaraderie.

As in past years, the most recent Past Commodore and First Lady/Gentleman put on a glamorous ball for the new Commodore and First Lady/Gentleman of Queen City Yacht Club. A wonderful event was created by this year's planning team, chaired by Gail Genord and included Karleen Reed, Kitt Day, Vivian Johnson, and Joyce Carlson. The Commodore and First Lady enjoyed the evening and thanked everyone for their effort and creativity.



P/Cs Dave & Michelle Bedner at the Commodore's Ball



Members & Guests Dance the Night Away at the Commodore's Ball



Thanks to Commodore's Ball Bartenders Mark Vanderwall & Becky Garvie



Commodores and First Ladies of the Grand 14



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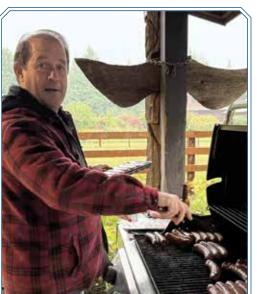
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By Margi Wadden #236



## Calling all QCYC Volunteers!

### **Seafair Holiday Cruise**

Sunday, December 7, 2025

This is a fun-filled event where individual skippers take adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their chaperones for a holiday cruise! Our guests receive a treat bag, a visit with the Seafair clowns, and a phone call and photo with Santa.

### WE NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EVENT:

- DOCK ELVES: greet our guests when they arrive on buses, give them their life jacket and snack bag, deliver them to their boat, and assist them when they return from their cruise
- BUS ELVES: Two people from QCYC need to be on each bus accompanying the special guests and the chaperones
- KITCHEN HELP: We provide a simple meal for all volunteers after the event, and need kitchen and clean-up help in the grand style of all QCYC
- · One or two people to assist us in a variety of ways throughout the event

SIGN-UP BY EMAILING us at vkrobel@comcast by November 7, 2025. Thank you! - Karen and Vince Robel







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# Rear Commodore's REPORT

# Membership Recruitment Ensures the Viability of QCYC

By Adam Rosellini #412 Rear Commodore

The Rear Commodore is entrusted with several key responsibilities, fortunately fewer than those assigned to the Vice Commodore. Among these duties, membership is paramount.

Prior to joining QCYC, my perception of yacht Club members was shaped by the character Thurston Howell III from Gilligan's Island—an image of someone seated atop a yacht, martini in hand, dressed in a blue blazer and ascot. However, experience has taught me that our members are much more akin to the professor: they work diligently in engine rooms, possess extensive knowledge of cruising from the South Sound to Alaska, and actively participate in the Club's events throughout the year.

In short, QCYC's membership is exemplary. Our Club's goal is to maintain full membership, just as any private organization would aspire to. While we are approaching this target, there is still progress to be made. I believe recruitment is essential for



achieving our desired membership levels. to invite a non-member boater to a QCYC Therefore, I encourage all current members

event—be it a meeting,



REAR COMMODORE & Lori

Friday lunch, bingo night, or Dock 1 terrace happy hour. Although not every guest will join, increasing outreach will help us move swiftly toward full membership.

One of my objectives as I serve on the Bridge is to ensure the long-term vitality of our Club. Welcoming new, active members is crucial to sustaining QCYC's health and spirit for many years ahead. The next time a boating acquaintance mentions they are not a Thurston Howell III, I urge you to invite them to QCYC so they can experience what truly defines our yacht club.

If you bring a guest interested in membership, please inform Delly Behen (membership chair) or me for introductions.

# Advertising Revenue Pays for QCYC Publications



ovember is that time of year when we renew and solicit new advertising to support Queen City Yacht Club's monthly newsletter, The Bilge Pump, and the Annual QCYC Member Directory — from business card size to a full page. Advertising in QCYC publications is a business expense and tax deductible. Most ads in the Annual and Bilge Pump come from member-businesses. We also solicit advertising from non-members who support our Club.

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# Friends, Fun Navigators & Philanthropy Navigators

# Ahoy, QCYC Members! Get Ready for Holiday Cheer

By Lisa Buchheit #507 Navigator Women's Club President

ith the temps dropping and the gorgeous fall foliage on display, Seattle is settling well into Autumn. Hopefully you're still getting out on the water and relishing all the natural beauty surrounding us, before the winter weather blows into the Pacific Northwest!

The Poulsbo WIC luncheon in October was well worth the trip across the Sound! Seven adventurous Navigators attended the

event, enjoyed a delicious salmon salad for lunch, and a presentation of the book, *The Library of Lost Dollhouses*, by the historical fiction author, Elise Hooper.

We hope you'll join us for the December Women's Interclub Council luncheon Friday, Dec. 19th at Day Island Yacht Club, 11am. The speaker is historian Patty Mannie, who will talk about the early marine history of Day Island. The raffle items will be porcelain teacups; each filled with cash from \$5-\$100! There'll be 8 lucky winners. Please RSVP by Dec. 12th and send your \$30 payment



Enjoy Seattle's Dickens Carolers at the Annual Captails Christmas Dinner December 4

# Save December 4<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Captains Christmas Dinner

60th Annual Navigators Captains Christmas Dinner, Thursday, December 4, with proceeds to support nearby Boyer Children's Clinic Connection to Mary's Place supporting children with autism. The evening begins with happy hour at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment by the Dickens Carolers. Enjoy Prime Rib/Salmon Buffet and fun times singing 'The 12 Days of Christmas.' Sign up QCYC website today at \$50 per person for Prime Rib/Salmon Dinner & plenty of holiday fun!

# Boyer Children's Clinic & Mary's Place Team Up for Autism Care

By Wendy DeLaunay #136 Navigators Past President

oyer Connection" is a partnership between Boyer Children's Clinic and Mary's Place. These funds help families who cannot afford autism care and provide essentials like food and shelter to those facing homelessness or severe hardship.

Donations from the Christmas Dinner will support Boyer Children's Clinic and

Mary's Place. Your dollar contribution helps ensure that no child is turned away due to financial hardship, and that families in crisis receive the support they deserve. Together, we can help—one child, one family at a time. This year's Christmas Dinner fundraiser gives us a chance to make a real impact—every donation brings hope and stability to families who need it most. In addition to monetary gifts, donations of grocery and basic-needs gift cards are also warmly welcomed.



Navigators Host Free Visit to Seattle Asian Art Museum

# Join Navigators November 6<sup>th</sup> for Free Admission to the Asian Art Museum

All are welcome to the Navigators 'Pop-Up' visit to the Asian Museum on Capitol Hill, to view their new Japanese Clay exhibit that "Illuminates the diverse forms, textures, and techniques of contemporary ceramics from Japan."

Join us on Thursday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. at the Mainstation to Carpool. Contact Navigators

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We hope you will join us on Bingo & Pizza night - Nov. 14th, 5:30pm. Sally Hands has been busy arranging the pizza dinner, bingo cards, and prizes! Bingo is always a crowd pleaser. Buy-in is \$25 cash at the door, which covers the pizza and bingo cards. There will be cash prizes for the winners! Please sign up on the QCYC web calendar.

Looking ahead to December, the Captains Dinner is Thursday evening, Dec. 4th! Becky Garvie is working hard and has procured the talented Dickens Carolers for our musical entertainment. This will be a lovely evening to ignite the holiday spirit in all of us! The proceeds from this evening will be donated to Boyer Children's Clinic. Boyer is the largest provider of Birth-To-Three (years old) Services in Seattle. They provide comprehensive evaluations and



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Navigators Holiday Party – we're taking a poll to see if members are interested in gathering for a holiday potluck. We tentatively have a Friday Night Holiday Social set for Friday, Dec. 19th, 6-9pm. Interested folks can send me an email at <a href="mailto:navigatorspresidentqcyc@gmail.com">navigatorspresidentqcyc@gmail.com</a> and we can put together a festive holiday gathering!

To Note: The income we earn through our various fundraisers is dedicated to financing various upgrades around Queen City Yacht Club and the Outstation, in addition to donations to support our neighborhood charities. The Navigators have worked hard for decades to be the philanthropic branch of Queen City; enhancing our Club's amenities and building community relations as we support those in need. A million thanks to all of you who attend our events and support our projects. We could \*not\* do this without you!



Join the Navigators annual 'Girl's Night Out' on Tuesday, January 27, to hear the sweet sounds of celebrated jazz vocalist, Stella Katherine, known for her interpretations of Great American Songbook standards. Pre-paid admission is \$49, plus the cost of dinner and cocktails. Stella Cole's show sells out quickly, so sign up today! Payment can be made using the Navigators QR code with Zelle, or Navigators Activities Chair, Sistee Lentgis <a href="mailto:kathleenl@comcast.net">kathleenl@comcast.net</a> for more information and/or to make your payment to reserve your place.



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# Michael Forrester 1951 - 2025 An Avid Boater Who Enjoyed Cruising

By Ken Klett #035 Fleet Chaplain

aptain Michael Forrester was an avid boater who started boating and fishing at an early age with his mom and dad while growing up around Eugene, Oregon. Michael (Member #331) crossed the bar on September 21st, 2025. He was 74 years old when he passed.

In 2015, Mike joined Queen City Yacht Club, extending their boating community and friendships. While a QCYC member he owned the "Alyeska," a 38' Chris Craft Commander, an early fiberglass model, that brought him much joy. Michael bought Alyeska through Dave Nelson, a boat broker and QCYC member. Dave promptly sponsored Michael into QCYC membership! Michael was a friendly member and made many friends at our Club.

Mike was born in Eugene, Oregon where he attended South Eugene Schools, where he made what would become lifelong friends. Weekends and vacations were usually spent with his parents on their classic wooden boat that was moored in the Siuslaw River in Florence, Oregon, or on adventures with his Aunt Margaret hiking and camping with Obsidians Hiking Group, or on a round-theworld cruise with her at age

Mike had a curious and enquiring mind, and he soaked up knowledge on many subjects that interested him. One



interest from a young age was in having a career on the radio. As a student at South Eugene, he enrolled in a program that allowed him to take broadcasting classes at Lane Community College, which had a college radio station. By his senior year, he spent his afternoons on air at KRVM, and he was off and running. In Oregon, he worked

In Oregon, he worked in Eugene at KZEL and KASH. From there he moved on to Pendleton, then to Astoria, followed by

a stint in Portland. California came calling with jobs in Chico and stations in San Jose/San Francisco.

He moved to Anchorage, Alaska, in the 1980s, where he worked at several stations. In 1994, he moved to Seattle where he worked at KBSG and KJR, both on-air and in production. He also worked at The Research Group, doing music scheduling and pre-recorded programming for stations all over the country.

Another interest Mike had was general aviation. In Anchorage, he earned his Private Pilot license with VFR, Instrument and Instructor ratings. He and Barbara and a number of their friends enjoyed day trips flying around South-Central Alaska, including fly-in fishing trips, sightseeing flights, expensive cheeseburgers, and tours over recently erupted volcanoes.

Mike had a life-long love of boating. One of the first things he wanted to do after moving to Seattle was to buy a boat. He had always admired Chris-Craft designs. In 1995, he settled on a classic wooden 1963 28' Sea Skiff, which he named Floating Bear, from a story in Winnie the Pooh, a favorite childhood book.

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Saturday Breakfast

# QCYC Yachtsmen and Yachtswomen, Join the **Desert Dwellers Luncheon**

By Roger & Susie Courson #069 Life Member, Desert Dwellers' Wranglers

Join us for the season inaugural QCYC **Desert Dwellers Lunch** on Thursday, November 13, at Casino Arizona for the Eagles Buffet. I am resuming



the QCYC luncheon after the summer is mostly complete here in the desert. We will congregate just outside of the Eagles Buffet just prior to 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to me rogerdoops@gmail.com so arrangements can be made to accommodate our group.

If you are planning ahead we will continue monthly November-April:

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> • Dec 11<sup>th</sup>
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> • Feb 19<sup>th</sup>
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I am eager to meet everyone and learn about the activities you participated in over the summer.

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