Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Hi all,

Welcome all back to the second half of our sailing season. What an extraordinary break we have had over the Xmas/New Year period! I don't know about you but I have checked the calendar a number of times to make sure we are in March, as I can't really remember where January and February disappeared to. Although we weren't sailing here a lot of sailing was done across the country in both big and small boats as National titles and major ocean events were fiercely competed for on the water with the competitors and families then enjoying each others company socially after hours. Please see our local sailors' reports throughout the last, present and future Straphangers.

Congratulations to all PCSC competitors who travelled and performed to their best ability. And speaking of travelling I think the Impulses topped off the greatest distance travelled for the break with 3 PCSC sailors travelling to Adelaide for their Titles. I can vouch for the Prado and its roof racks as I had a 6 boat trailer and one Impulse on the roof and none of them moved an inch all the way. Thank heavens we are in Keppel Bay next year.

Peter and Chris Mann and their support crew travelled to Manly for the 125's and from all reports Improved throughout the competition. If anyone else travelled please send in your stories for the Straphanger as we are all interested in who is travelling where and how they went.

What a day we all had last Saturday in the unveiling of the memorial on the front lawn next to the flagpole! For those who were unable to make it I'm sure you have been told already of the success of the day inspired by Barry. The marquee certainly made the day also, good call Brian, and the timing of the rain and wind through the microphone as Captain Jeff from the Salvation Army was reciting a sailing poem about storms was perfect and uncanny and made me shiver me timbers! Our heartfelt thanks to Jack for unveiling the memorial. At least this time he knew about it and had time to prepare his speech!

A successful club is like a family and I believe we have the core of that in our club now and are slowly producing a larger family. I would like to throw an idea out there for an "Old Salts" Club to meet on a regular basis to catch up, keep the lies flowing, keep an eye on the progress of the institution they have started and helped grow over the years but basically to enjoy each other's companionship regularly as was hugely evident on Saturday. Please contact me if you're interested and in what forums you would like to see it and I will start organising something if it gains momentum. Remember it's all for you so please help me make it happen.

The club traded just over forecast budget this period with a majority of bookings being groups for break ups and end of year celebrations. These trading results were an improvement on last year as we were blindsided by the weather. The change from Mexican to Seafood is still working well. Minor changes to the main menu are also continuing. I have had an increased number of visitors from our company dine at the club and the first advice they give any newcomers to town is to dine at the Yachties.

The roof has been repaired so we can now go ahead with repairing the internals that were damaged from the leaking roof. We have had our fair share of equipment breakdowns over the past couple of months also which is good and bad. It means we are working everything to the limit but it also means extra cost of repairs. Brian is doing a great job in ensuring replacements and repairs are done for the best bang for our buck.

Something else I would like to put out there is our lease. Currently we have signed for another 10 years with the GPC. I would like to start a developmental plan in conjunction with our strategy plan to present to the GPC for an extension to our lease. I would like to have a draft in place by the AGM for members review and comments and then a formal proposal to be discussed with the GPC in December. I am after a few people to assist with this plan to ensure we have a mix of ideas. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- Thanks to all volunteers that have been involved in activities around the club. Special thanks to Kenny for making the cradle for Gedrick, Slim for modifying the trolley admirably donated by Johno to mount the cradle on and all members involved in the extraction of Gedrick from the water. I was late for the event but watched from the pontoon as the team went about getting the old girl safely onto her now resting place. We have a few other working bees coming up so please keep your eyes open for them.

- Maintenance scouring around our pontoon is ongoing at the moment so please obey any requests from Lex for the pontoon to be cleared as the workers can only give us an estimate on when they will be in the area. If you have time come down and watch them in action, their manoeuvring ability of the vessels is quite amazing.

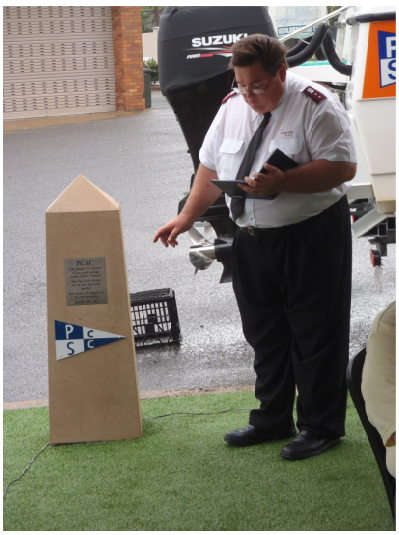
Ok, picture time. Please send me a caption for the photo and/or try and guess what song I was singing while I was being towed in. Prize is the pleasure of having a drink with me!

Continue to enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that have shown back up after the break to assist with all facets of the club. It is truly appreciated!

Yours in sailing,
Young Dinga.

MEMORIAL DAY

This Plaque is in Honour of our Great Sailing Mates Men and Women
May the wind always be in your favoured quarter
Fair Winds and Thank you for the memories
Bless you all



MEMORIAL DAY

STRAPHANGER'S COLUMN

BY BRAD BARKER

What an afternoon it was..... the unveiling and blessing of the memorial for past sailors of PCSC.

It brought old salts out of the woodwork and from as far afield as Gosford. As the afternoon wore on and the rum and beer chasers handed around so too did the yarns, tall and true, became more audible. Most probably shouldn't be put in print.

Our patron Barry should be very proud of his efforts and he is to be commended.

Talk got around to Easter and this year's Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. So too did many memories of this event over the years. Talk about developments in design & building of yachts, sails, and communications.

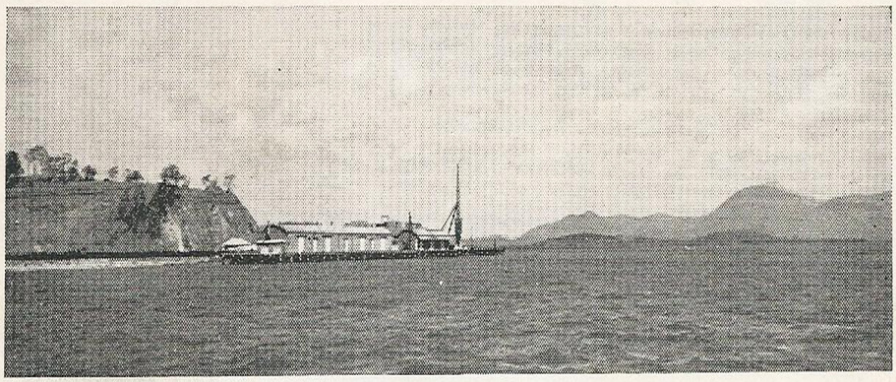
The yacht tracker and satellite phone are a long way from the carrier pigeons used in the first race. Though not all birds, it seems, were allowed to do their duty, but ended up on the dinner table of hungry sailors. Radios then took over using ship to ship and ship to shore transmissions. A radio vessel followed the fleet but not always successfully maintaining contact with all the fleet all of the time. Casual discussion with an RAAF member in 1978 led to the involvement of the RAAF with communications for the race. So in 1979, the RAAF established bases at Bribie Island, Double Island Point and Auckland Creek. Because of the tyranny of distance this was not quite successful, and in the future years the bases were established at Double Is Point and Waddy Point, on Fraser Island, and in the garage of yours truly, at the top of Auckland Hill. The gear and personnel were flown in by 'Chinook' transport helicopters. This was great for the race communications and apparently viewed as a very successful exercise for the RAAF and continued some 20 years.

This year's race sees three monohulls from Gladstone, Wistari, Restless, TFC, and one multihull, No Problem, lining up for starter's gun on Good Friday morning. This year is the 66th race for Monohulls while the Multihull reach a milestone of 50 years.

We wish skippers and crews all the best and safe passage.

And from the archive..... view of the harbour and finishing line in 1950....a little different to today

About the 320 miles Ocean Yacht Race...



Finishing Line, Gladstone.

The Race will start at 11.00 hours on Easter Friday, April 7th, 1950, commencing across an imaginary line drawn from Woody Point (at the Southern end of the Redcliffe Peninsula, Moreton Bay) to a flag buoy bearing 208 degrees placed 300 yards from the Pier.

After crossing the line Yachts will proceed to a buoy moored 50 yards S.E. of the nearest (Red) beacon to Woody Point, passing it to Port and to a bouy placed the same distance E. of the Redcliffe Pier—passing it to Starboard.

Yachts will then continue across Moreton Bay by the main steamship channel towards Cowan Cowan Lighthouse and thence via the N. West Steamer Channel to Caloundra, passing all Channel buoys on their correct sides. From Caloundra Yachts will carry on likewise observing all Navigation Marks via the ocean side of Fraser Island to Port Curtis and thence to the finishing line off the main Pier at Gladstone Harbour.

The race will be sailed in accordance with Q. Y. R. A. Rules under R. O. R. C. Ocean Racing Rules and Regulations.

NOTICE OF RACE

KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB INC.
2014 MAY "ALL BOATS" REGATTA

SATURDAY & SUNDAY – 3 & 4 MAY 2014

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

2.1 The regatta is open to all off the beach dinghies and catamarans and all trailer-sailors and yacht classes. VYC yardsticks will apply to all divisions.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter on the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with the Keppel Bay Sailing Club by 11:00 am on Saturday 3 May 2014, accompanied by the required fee (see item 4). The one Entry Form enters boats into both the KBSC May Day Regatta and the Marathon. Any change of details for the Marathon will need to be advised in writing to the Regatta Office prior to the start of the Marathon.

2.3 Heats 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be sailed in the following Divisions:

Division	Category	Fees
1	Open Monohulls including Moths	$66
2	Open Catamarans	$66
3	Intermediate Monohulls and Catamarans	$66
4	Juniors (Sabot, Optimist, Bic)	$33
6	Novice Juniors	$33
7	Trailer Sailors and Yachts	$66

2.4 The Marathon will be sailed in the following Divisions:

Division	Category
1	Open Monohulls and Intermediates
2	Open Catamarans
4	All Junior Classes
7	Trailer Sailors and Yachts

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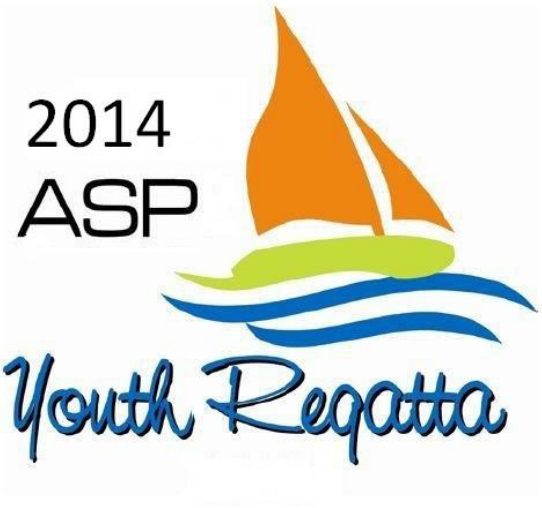
ASP Youth Regatta

On the weekend of 8th and 9th March

It's expected to be a fun and exciting weekend for sailors and families alike.
ASP Ship Management have kindly sponsored the youth Regatta again this year making it possible to host the event at no cost for the junior sailors, and minimum cost to parents and families. KBSC are coming with a Laser, couple of Sabots and 29er, PCSC let's mount some competition. Weather permitting we will be sailing in the Quoin Basin area.

Divisions
Junior Sabot/Optimist (2 in a boat) & u13 BIC
Senior Sabot/Optimist (1 in a boat) & u16 BIC
Open Mono (u18 Individual)
Open Mono (u18 with companion crew)

Age Group
Under 18 years
With the exception of the Open Mono (u18 with companion crew) Division where the crew companion sailor can be 18 or over.



Club BICs, Sabots (good ones) and Pacers are available to sail

Val Sisley

Reminder two heats of the Val Sisley will be sailed on Sunday 9th March in conjunction with the ASP Youth Regatta. Open to all senior dinghy sailors.

Help Needed on Support Boats

For the remainder of the season we will be really shorthanded supporting the club racing as our regular volunteers Max and Margie Lubke enjoy an adventure in their camper trailer, and Ken Watson recovers from knee surgery.

HERC – Driver and crew
HERC duties include buoy laying and rescue

Red Rib – Driver
Red Rib duties include rescue and support for the dinghy fleet.
Escort vessel when dinghy sailing in the Quoin Basin.
AND
Photo central for our talented photographer, Marina Hobbs

O'pen BIC news

Introducing our two new BICs which arrived this month. The O'pen BICs were purchased through the Get Going funding from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. Arrived in boxes, Colleen and Sue had fun unpacking and rigging them on Memorial Day.

Queensland Government

Adult Start Sailing

We have full enrolment (8 places) in the March Adult Start Sailing program.

Sunday 16th March	0800 – 1200
Sunday 23rd March	0800 – 1200
Sunday 30th March	0800 – 1200
Sunday 6th April	0800 – 1200

Buddy Sailors and helpers much appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Fairway/Tripod – Saturday 15th March 1100
Championship Heat 5 – 22nd March 1400
Head of Harbour series 2 heat 2 – 29th March 1400
Sprint Series 2 – 5th and 12th April 1400

Name the Boat Competition

Winners

Thank you to all Members who submitted name suggestions for our two new Pacers and BICs, there were some really good 'play on words' suggestions and it was difficult to choose.

For the Pacers – keeping with the 'pair' theme we have for our Pacers, these two sisters will be called Racer, and Chaser. Both rhyme with Pacer and maybe they'll tease each other to the win.

For the BICs – we began looking for 1 name and ended looking for 3. The BIC has a really small transome so short names were attractive. The BIC originated in France and will be used by our young members and junior start sailing participants. So introducing…. Rapide (pronounced rapeed, is French for fast), Biccolo (submitted by the January Junior Start Sailing kids, includes BIC in the name and rhymes with piccolo a small flute), and SOG (speed over ground).

Notice of Race

Learmonths FoodWorks

OPEN REGATTA
Hosted by Bundaberg Sailing Club
5th & 6th April 2014

1. Rules will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and regulations of Yachting Australia and Class measurement requirements of specific classes.

2. Entry is open to all OTB mono and Multihull sailing craft and Trailers Sailer/Yachts.

3. Fleets will be
Div. 1 - OTB cats and dinghies VYC>95
Div. 2 - OTB cats and dinghies VYC<95
Div. 3 - Trailer Sailers and Yachts
Div. 4 - Juniors

Other fleets will be considered if sufficient entries are received. Race committee reserves the right to change divisions, min. of three boats to form a division.

4. Regatta fees will be:
Seniors - $40.00 per boat or $25.00 for one day only.
Juniors - $15.00 per boat.

5. Registration from 10:00 A.M. Saturday 5th April 2014
Briefing 12:00 P.M.
Racing Saturday 5th April 2014
Sailing session 1 not before 13:00 P.M.
Racing Sunday 6th April 2014
Sailing session 2 not before 10:00 A.M.
Presentation 2.30 P.M.

6. Sailing instructions at registration and briefing before each days racing.

7. Courses - Courses shall be as per briefing.

8. Scoring: The low point scoring system will apply, lowest score being the winner. If 5 or more races are held there shall be one drop. Race committee reserves the right to apply YV yardsticks to boats in the regatta.

9. Saturday Night Entertainment: The clubhouse and bar will be open after racing. Dinner will be available. Sunday breakfast will be available.

10. Prizes: will be presented in accordance with the number of competitors in each fleet. Presentation - post race Sunday at the Bundaberg Sailing Club.

11. Disclaimer of Liability - Competitors participate in the event at their own risk. Rule 4 Decision to race states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to race and continue racing is hers alone".

12. No responsibility will be accepted by Bundaberg Sailing Club Inc. sponsors, members, volunteers or any other persons connected to the event for material damage or personal injury or death, during, prior to or after this event.

13. Fee free camping sites and full use of amenities available at the BSC.

14. For more information please contact Vice Commodore Bruce Potter on Mob. 0429491037 or Email robin.potter@bigpond.com.au or BSC at bscsailbundy@gmail.com

PLAIN SAILING

BY MARINA HOBBS

Sea, sand, sails and sausages!

Australia Day was celebrated in pioneering fashion when a crew of sailors from the Port Curtis Sailing Club landed at the Oaks on Facing Island to enjoy the holiday weekend. A mixed fleet of Lex Moran and team on Doctor's Orders, Anthony Constance and crew on Intriigue, and a small crowd on No Problem provided escorts for Martin and Jackson Cooper who took the adventure option sailing a laser class dinghy and windsurfer across the harbour.

The late afternoon high tide saw us arriving as the day drew to a close, providing a picturesque backdrop on the distant horizon of the sun setting behind the power station!

The forecast of rough seas to come did not daunt the sailors, though it may have kept the power boat owners at home as the area was quite deserted. Once safely moored, huge amounts of essential cooking gear were transferred to the beach via dinghies and runabouts, and the expected Australia Day bar-b-que was soon underway. It really was a very pleasant way to enjoy the end of the day with good friends, a beautiful beach, calm water and a traditional Aussie barbie!

The following morning was a different story as the wind came in at midnight, howling through the rigging; we woke to grey skies, strong winds and a choppy broadside wash. It seemed it was time to head for the safety of home and a comfortable berth in the marina. The skill of sailor Martin Cooper was never more evident, as he sailed the Laser home across the harbour with amazing speed, ducking and weaving through a one metre sea and 25 knots of wind arriving at Auckland Creek ahead of the fleet of yachts.

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14

Wk	Date	Start	Briefing	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides
						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Saturday 1-3-14	1400		Head of Harbour 2 - heat 1 *(count towards championship in the event of a postponed or re-sailed heat)*	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Martin Ten Bensel	Colleen		0912 4.65 1533 0.29
	Sunday 2-3-14			SRD						0954 4.58 1613 0.31
	Saturday 8-3-14			Youth Regatta	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin				0839 1.85 1445 2.87
	Sunday 9-3-14			Youth Regatta / Val Sisley	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin				1021 1.83 1627 2.86
	Friday 14-3-14	1800 2000		Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Saturday 15-3-14	1100		Fairway (Barker) / Tripod (Watson)	Barry Austin	Barry Austin				0832 4.11 1441 0.86
	Sunday 16-3-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 1	Colleen Sawatzki					0902 4.13 1512 0.78
	Saturday 22-3-14	1400		Championship heat 5	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Colleen		1241 3.27 1833 1.35
	Sunday 23-3-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 2	Colleen Sawatzki					0756 1.58 1354 3.10
	Saturday 29-3-14	1400		Head of Harbour 2 - heat 2	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Ken away *help needed*		1428 0.39 2032 4.27
	Sunday 30-3-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 3	Colleen Sawatzki					0850 4.37 1507 0.35
				Sea Safety Survival Course 29th and 30th March - see David Mann						

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						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
				Aquatic Permit						
	Start School Holidays Sat 5-4-14 to 21-4-14									
	Saturday 5-4-14	1400		Sprint Series 2 - heat 1 & 2	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Ken away *help needed*		1257 2.97 1826 1.64
	Sunday 6-4-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 4	Colleen Sawatzki					0749 1.76 1401 2.79
	Saturday 12-4-14	1400		Sprint Series 2 - heat 3 & 4	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Ken away *help needed*		0723 3.87 1333 0.93
	Sunday 13-4-14			SRD						0758 3.94 1406 0.79
				Easter Friday 18-4-14						
	Saturday 19-4-14			*Easter no sailing*						1035 3.89 1644 0.85
	Sunday 20-4-14			*Easter no sailing*						
	End School Holidays Sat 5-4-14 to 21-4-14									
	Saturday 26-4-14	1400		Head of Harbour 2 - heat 3		Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Ken away *help needed*		1319 0.56 1929 4.13
	Sunday 27-4-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 1						0746 4.06 1402 0.48
	Saturday 3-5-14			**Hervey Bay Sailing Club Bay to Bay weekend**						
	Saturday 3-5-14	1400		Championship heat 6		Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Ken away *help needed*		1143 3.13 1713 1.33
	Sunday 4-5-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 2						0618 1.42 1224 2.94
	Saturday 10-5-14	1400		championship heat 7		Barry Austin	Max away *help needed*	Ken away *help needed*		1209 1.09 1837 3.58

JANUARY 31ST KING HIGH TIDE

BY MARTIN WRIGHT

SALTY'S seafood MENU

	Member / Visitor
OYSTERS HALF DOZEN	
Natural	$17 / $18.5
Kilpatrick	$18 / $19.5
Thai Fusion	$18 / $19.5
PANKO CRUMBED CALAMARI	$17 / $18.5
Japanese style crumbed calamari served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.	
PRAWN TORPEDOES	$17 / $18.5
Crispy prawn torpedoes served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.	
CRISPY BATTERED FISH	$17 / $18.5
Crispy battered fish fillets served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.	
SALTY'S BASKET	$25 / $27
Crispy fish fillets, panko squid rings and prawn torpedoes serveed with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.	

SIDES

Chips & Sauce	$6.5 / $6.9
Chips & Gravy	$8.5 / $8.9
Wedges, Sour Cream & Chilli	$9.9 / $10.9

BURGERS

All burgers come on a fresh seeded bun with a side serve of chips.

CHICKEN $15 / $16.5
Chicken breast fillet, tomato, bacon and mayo.

STEAK $15 / $16.5
100g rib fillet, caramalised onion, lettuce, tomato and BBQ sauce.

FISH $15 / $16.5
Crispy battered fish, lettuce, tomato and tartare sauce.

GET OUR FAMOUS SALTY'S BASKET TODAY!

(07) 4972 2294

YACHTIES RESTAURANT

Lunch

Mon ~ Thurs	12pm till 2pm
Fri ~ Sun	11:30pm till 2.30pm

Dinner

Sun ~ Thurs	6pm till 8:30pm
Fri ~ Sat	5:30pm till 9pm

DUDLEY'S BAR & SALTY'S KITCHEN

Fri ~ Sat from 2pm
Sun from 10am

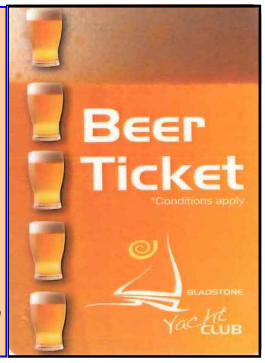
SUNDAY BREAKFAST

From 8am (Salty's kitchen)

Price Buster Beer Ticket $13.00 per ticket or $2.60 per drink, basic beer, house wine or soft drink.
The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.

Only available to Life, Ordinary Sailing Club Members and Pensioners from reception or bar.

Changes set to take place due to CPI price increase



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