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Commodore's Comments

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I have had a lot of thoughts since the AGM. It certainly feels a privilege to have the opportunity to contribute to the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club as Commodore. At the same time it also feels somewhat daunting, to follow on with the great work carried out by so many people over 160 years to provide members with what we have at the Club at this point in time. I hope to enhance the GRYC, building on that wonderful foundation. There are lots of very willing members in GRYC, and that gives me great confidence in our ability to achieve many worthwhile things in the foreseeable future.

You can expect to see some additions to the Clubhouse in the foreseeable future, but it will take some time. You should read the update on this project elsewhere in this *Regatta*. Many of you will know the complexities of building, so it will be no surprise when I say we have a journey ahead of us which we need to travel astutely. It is important to enhance our reputation in the community in the process of approvals, construction and use of the facilities.

In the meantime, there is lots of enjoyment to be had at the Club. We have requested a fine day for Opening Day on Saturday 11th October, so I hope to see you all there, with your families and friends, to enjoy what is always a fun day with a little bit of pomp and ceremony to make it special and recall our roots. Try and join

us at new members' night to welcome new members and reacquaint yourself with some you may not have caught up with for a while.

The Club Program for 2014/15 has now been finalised. More than 60 yacht races, lots of social functions, the Sailability State Championships, four Discover Sailing courses, regular Radio-controlled Yacht racing, the Club Bistro every Friday night and more. I hope you are all geared up!

You should also be planning for The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2015 Goolwa Regatta Week between 17th and 25th of January. I know it is a few months away, but I also know there has already been considerable work done to ensure that the Week, and the iconic TMHI 2015 Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic, on Sunday 25th January, is memorable, and free of controversy!

To keep up-to-date, make sure you go to www.gryc.com.au on a regular basis. There is an amazing amount of information there for you. Also get connected to the GRYC Facebook page and don't miss Ben's Club News emails.

I encourage you to enjoy it all.

Lucky McLaren



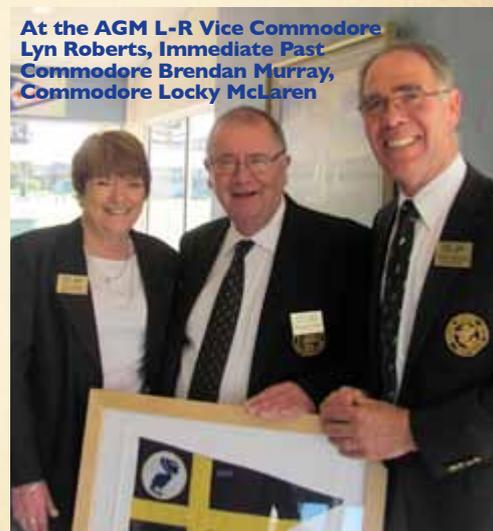
Rear Commodore Chris Reiffel and Commodore Lucky McLaren

CHRISTMAS DINNER & WINTER SERIES PRESENTATIONS 

Saturday 13th December
Catered dinner to be held at GRYC with great band Blues Brothers and Soul Sister

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S LUNCH

Saturday 13th December
More details to follow.



At the AGM L-R Vice Commodore Lyn Roberts, Immediate Past Commodore Brendan Murray, Commodore Lucky McLaren

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Vice Commodore's Report

It has been two months since the AGM and in my acceptance to the position of Vice Commodore you may wonder 'what has changed?' For the main part not a lot, because I have maintained the Portfolios of Social and House & Grounds which, when said quite quickly, doesn't sound too onerous. In many respects it is correct, and all because of the wonderful members of GRYC who are always willing to lend their hands and expertise to each task as it arises.

The Social Committee works tirelessly preparing and orchestrating events for all to enjoy, as well as contributing to Club events that require extra help. Then there is House and Grounds, and whilst there are areas I work specifically with, our Club wouldn't be maintained quite so well if we didn't have the Tuesday Boys. What a great job they do!

Winter time at GRYC can sometimes seem to be a quiet time of the year. However, if you come to the Club on a Friday night you will find a cosy fire, lots of people to chat to, and beautiful food. The Bistro, with the very talented Chef Lachy Kelly, is providing a wider choice of courses, and cuisine that patrons are coming back for. We are very fortunate that Lachy is with us and his friendly, amenable nature means nothing is ever too difficult.

Our manager Ben is always welcoming and friendly, and determined to meet the needs of all those present. This is quite a juggling trick sometimes, but Ben manages to find a solution. He has even had to deal with no gas, blocked toilets and no water. However none of these issues interfered with members having a great time.

So you can see that the roles I take on are very well supported by you all, and I thank you.

Which reminds me, TMHI Goolwa Regatta Week is just around the corner, and yes, we will be looking for volunteers to ensure that once again GRYC is successful in what it promotes and does.

I look forward to working with you

Lyn Roberts

Rear Commodore's Report

Winter Series

It has been a real mixed bag of conditions for the Winter series which has meant that we have seen different yachts winning each month and making the last couple of races of the series very interesting. Competitors have experienced winds of 5 knots to 50 knots with temperatures getting down to 2 degrees in the hail showers. Luckily, some of us were wearing our warm shorts.

New Sailing Program

With the 2014-15 season just around the corner, the racing program for the season has now been finalised and is promising to be bigger than ever, so it is time to dust off the sails and start getting excited.

As always, to support this fantastic list of events the club requires volunteers to provide support both on and off the water. If you would like to contribute to the club by being a volunteer, in rescue boats, on the bridge or around the club, please contact Ben Westmoreland on 08 8555 2617 or gryc@gryc.com.au. Any help you can give, regularly or from time to time, will be appreciated.

Review of the Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions have been reviewed by the Race Committee, and a number of changes have been made to update and clarify the Instructions. There will be a pre-season briefing held on Sunday 21st September that will run through the changes to sailing instructions and also includes a rules session. The updated Sailing Instructions will be posted on the GRYC Notice Board and can also be downloaded from the GRYC website - <http://www.gryc.com.au/rules/>.

CBH

Last year the Race Committee decided to undertake a review of the class handicaps used to determine corrected times for races at the Club. The Race Committee proposed to prepare a 'policy' paper confirming the continued use of the modified CBH system and outlining the processes by which a CBH would be determined for a new entrant or an existing CBH being adjusted in response to a modification to a boat or on the basis of consistently anomalous race results.

It was proposed that once the 'policy' paper has been endorsed by the General Committee, a limited review of the existing handicaps would be undertaken in line with these endorsed processes during the 2014-15 season. This review would consist of two components.

Firstly it was proposed that the Race Committee ask all skippers to identify if their boat has been modified in any way from the class rules for their boat or has been modified since their initial CBH was set by GRYC.

Secondly it was proposed that the Race Committee will review the past season's race results to identify any gross inconsistencies which may indicate that a review of the CBH for a class, a modified boat or a one-of-a-kind boat should be undertaken.

The draft paper outlining the CBH review process has now been completed and once this paper has been adopted by the General Committee, it is proposed that an article will be prepared for inclusion in the next Club newsletter explaining the process of the review of CBH and asking skippers to identify any modifications to their boats.



Chris Reiffel

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Christmas Twilight Series

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Winter Series

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Doser Dash for Cash

Dominant Cook Off



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Redoubtable Dauntlus

Twenty nine sail boats in five divisions turned up for the prestigious Dauntlus Cup, the fifth race in the Bremerton Wines Winter Series, at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club on Saturday 30th August, 2014.

The history of the Dauntlus Cup dates back to the 1800s and starts with the Baker family who have a long boating history and is renowned within the Goolwa area. Roy Baker, after whom the RS Baker was named, had a grandfather, Henry Woodard who was the Hindmarsh Island Ferryman for 27 years.

In 1894 Henry sailed his yacht, *Dauntlus*, from Goolwa to Murray Bridge to compete in the inaugural Regatta held by the Murray Bridge Boat and Yacht Club. He won the race and received a large trophy along with £15 prize money.

In 1993, descendants of Henry Woodard presented the GRYC with the trophy, a silver plated mulled wine container, inscribed with the words, 'H Woodard's Dauntlus'. The family heirloom takes pride of place at GRYC and is presented as the winning trophy for the annual yacht race aptly named the, 'Dauntlus Cup'.

Light conditions were forecast predominantly from the North, however, as skippers and crew arrived to prepare for the race, there was a lot more East in the breeze.

The traditional course for the Dauntlus Cup is upstream from the **continued page 7 >>**

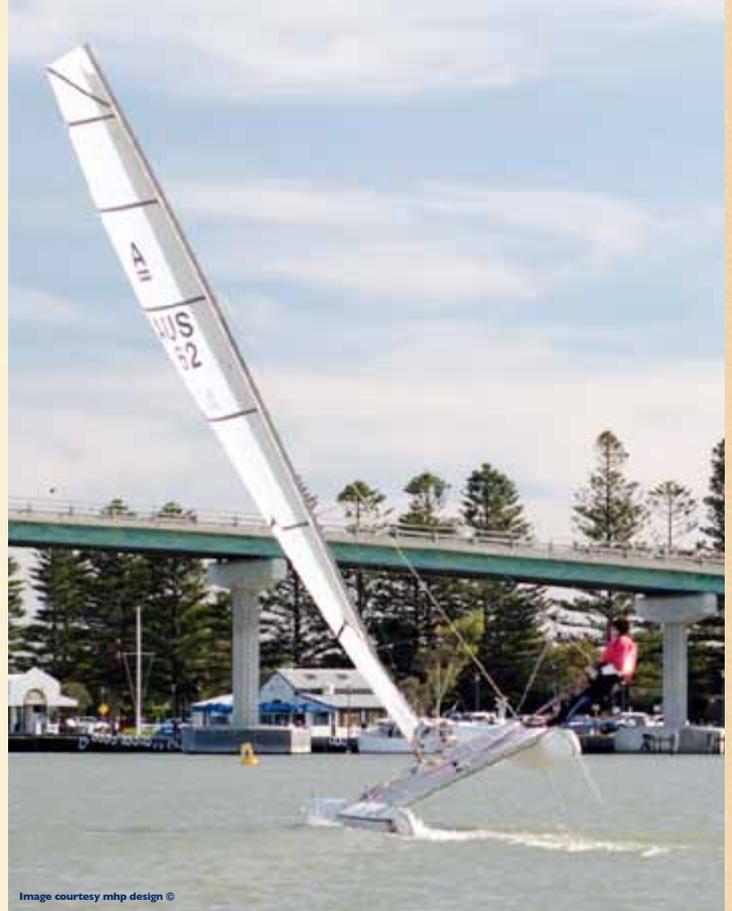


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L-R Bram Portas, Randal Cooper, Andrew Seedsman



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A Long Way to go for the Clubhouse Additions

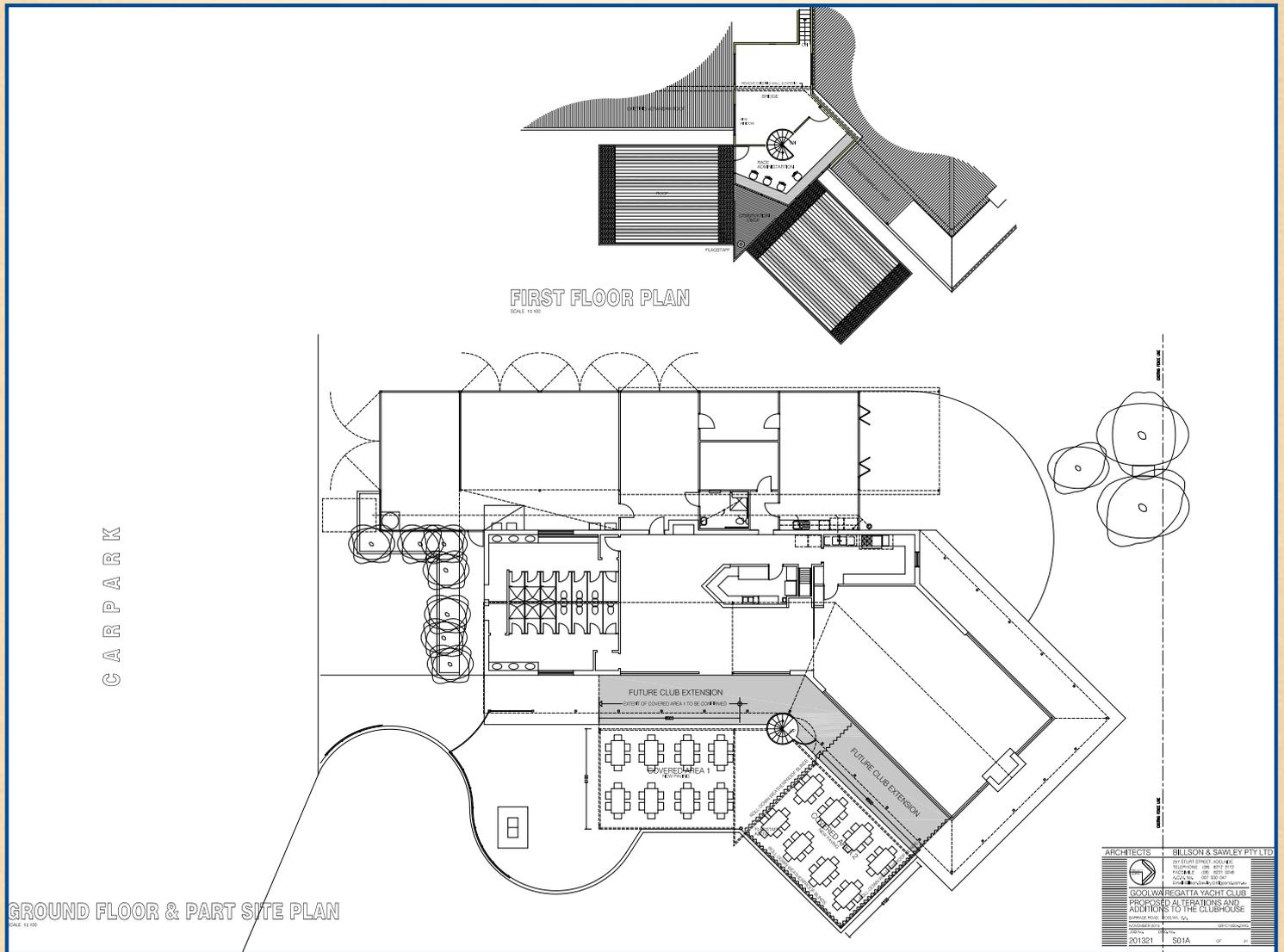
Our development application is still under consideration for planning approval. There were six community representations, four favourable and two negative and we have lodged a response to these representations. Alexandrina Council has also sought responses from SA Government agencies which are supportive. However, before the proposal is considered by the Development Assessment Panel of Alexandrina Council, we have been asked to address some cultural heritage issues. We are currently making enquiries to clarify what is required to address these issues.

Subject to planning approval, we will then need to commission detailed drawings, engineering specifications and costings, and seek building approval.

In the meantime, important considerations for us will be funding options, construction options and project management.

In relation to funding, most members would be aware that fundraising has already commenced. We will certainly be seeking donations and pursuing grant opportunities to raise funds for this project.

So, there is much to do, and we look forward to support from all GRYC members in the process.



Past Commodore Keith Parkes to stand for Mayor in Alexandrina Council elections

Following the decision of Mayor Kym McHugh not to nominate in the coming council elections, our past Commodore Keith Parkes has decided to stand for the position. Keith and Tracy have both been strong supporters of our club over many years and have worked to gain better outcomes for our community over Keith's term as Councillor. If elected, Keith will become the first past Commodore of the GRYC to hold the office of Mayor of Alexandrina Council.



A GRYC History Group Being Formed

The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club has a rich history, dating back to 1854, and we want to consolidate and enhance that as much as we can by forming a GRYC History Group. You will notice a few historic artefacts on the Notice Board and more generally around the Club.

Initially, all 25 year club members will be specifically invited to become part of the History Group. In addition, any other GRYC member with an interest in this aspect of the Club is welcome to join the Group. If you are interested, please advise Ben Westmoreland, and he will consolidate a list for the organisers.

The intention is to form a network of interested people that would essentially self-manage, seeking out and sourcing any articles or items of historical relevance to the GRYC, consolidate these and make them available in a presentable way. Some print articles etc. could be electronically stored and used for *Regatta* articles, and some of the objects might be displayed around the club in some way and on some occasions.

It is important to note that Rob Carless has already provided valuable information in *The First 150 Years - A history of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club* by R.G.S. Carless. Here is an extract:

'In 1854, Australia was made up of five colonies, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Van Diemen's Land and South Australia. It was the 17th year of the reign of Queen Victoria and on the night of the 16th August, eight gentlemen sat around a table at the Goolwa Hotel to plan a celebration to mark the first anniversary of the launching of the first cargo vessel built in a local shipyard. Unbeknown to them they were creating an entity that would, in 150 years time, be one of Australia's most successful and acclaimed freshwater yacht clubs, the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.'

The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club was formed as the, 'Goolwa Regatta Club,' some time prior to August 1854, and less than 18 years after European settlement of the then Province of South Australia. Its original object was to organise an annual regatta featuring various types of water sports between members of the fishing fleet based at Goolwa and those of the whaling fleet at nearby Victor Harbor. It is believed to be Australia's oldest such club. The Goolwa Regatta grew into a leading event on the South Australian sporting and social calendar. At its peak it included sailing, power boat racing, paddle steamer races, rowing, swimming and novelty events, and attracted thousands of spectators from other parts of South Australia.

The Goolwa Regatta Club fell into steady decline in the years following the Second World War, but the Club was revived and renamed the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club in 1969 in order to cater for the booming interest in sailing in the area. The GRYC is now South Australia's leading club for trailer-sailers and other shallow-draft yachts.

Incident Reporting Retirements, Contact and Collisions (For Club Members)

Some of the more interesting aspects of a race can, unfortunately, come from the incidents that result in damage. These incidents usually come to the attention of the race committee when a boat retires after finishing, submits a request for redress or a protest which involves damage.

Incidents that result in damage can range from the relatively insignificant such as cuts, bruises and broken hardware, through to loss of a keel, collision with a commercial vessel or at worst a fatality. Besides fatalities, most of these incidents go unreported and the sport has no knowledge of the incidents that occur.

Whilst all information is useful, what we really need to know about are the serious incidents. By serious incidents we mean those that result in hospitalisation of a crew member, or significant damage to a boat. With this information we can make informed decisions about how to make the sport as safe as practicable.

If you submit a request for redress, protest or voluntarily retire due to a serious incident, please let the State and YA know via the online reporting tool at <http://www.yachting.org.au/sport-services/safety/reporting-major-incidents/>.

NB All incidents must also be reported to GRYC Bridge on Race Day

Social Corner

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Saturday 25th October Hostesses required. Please see Liz Cooper if you would like to be a hostess or would like to know more about the event. Make bookings with Ben on 8555 2617,



Christmas Dinner
Saturday 13th December to be held at GRYC. Blues Brothers and Soul Sister booked for the event and Lachy Kelly is catering.



Christmas Children's Lunch
Watch for more details to follow.

Twilight BBQs on Fridays After Racing
See Trish Rees if you can help on the roster.

Working Bee

Because there are no weekends free for a working bee, it has been set for

Thursday 2nd October 10am - 1pm.



Optimist Weekend
27th & 28th September

Catering assistance required for both days. Please contact Lyn Roberts 0438 275 576 if you can help out.

Sail through the Trees

Members of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club enjoyed a recent weekend outdoors, revegetating a picturesque rise along the Tookayerta Creek, which flows into the River Finniss. A range of 3000 natives were planted as part of the Goolwa to Wellington Local Action Plan which has been coordinating extensive revegetation all along the Lower Lakes and their tributaries.

GRYC members regularly visit the River Finniss with a race, BBQ and camp at Wally's Landing each year and were delighted to find they would be replanting an area with which they have a connection.

The weather was perfect, with sunny, mild and calm conditions. Smoko and lunch were taken in the shade of a large pink gum, the same type of Eucalyptus that was amongst the variety of trees being planted.

It took over 125 person hours to plant all the trees, shrubs, creepers, grasses and ground covers and was an important fundraiser for the club. Everyone involved enjoyed themselves; especially making a positive contribution to the local community and environment.



Membership Corner

The GRYC's General Committee on behalf of all the GRYC members would like to warmly welcome the following new members (April-July) to the GRYC.

Phil Burns (associate)

Alan Colton (associate)

Mike Connell (senior) and **Jane Homburg** (associate) sail an Austral called *Beachcomber*

Annie Harris (senior) partner of Chris Harris

Sheila Hunt (associate) partner of Jim Hunt

Reimars Kambuts (associate)

Angelo Kathigitis (associate)

Ros McLennan (associate)

Membership continues to grow at a steady pace and we currently have a total of 435 members made up of 4 life members, 169 seniors, 38 veterans, 173 associates, 20 sailability, 2 students and 29 juniors.

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GRYC, past Clayton, around Rat Island and then back to the finish line in front of the Yacht Club.

With the height of the River up, many skippers were tempted to test the boundaries of the channel resulting in some sudden groundings that had a material impact on the outcome of the race.

Dramatic wind shifts which are a feature of racing in the River and abrupt changes in wind speed once again tested boat handling and trimming skills. With the light breeze the course was shortened. Vintage River Boats and the non spinnaker division turned back at a buoy set at Clayton while the spinnaker division and the Off The Beach (OTB) division turned at a buoy near the Western end of Rat Island.

At the turning buoy for the spinnaker division there was near heartbreak as five boats rounded together in some very still waters and found themselves slowly drifting backwards as they watched other boats who managed to round the buoy just before them gradually sail away back towards Clayton.

By the time yachts turned for home the wind had shifted towards the West resulting in another long windward leg.

In the spinnaker division, Nerana was first across the finish line with an elapsed time of 3 hours 45 minutes and 37 seconds. In the non spinnaker division Chandler's Breeze was quickest taking 3 hours 13 minutes and 3 seconds. Nimue was the fastest of the Vintage River Boats with an elapsed time of 2 hours 56 minutes and 2 seconds. Aquaholic led the OTB fleet home finishing in 2 hours 55 minutes and 14 seconds.

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