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From the Commodore

News on the Building Enhancements

The building project is continuing to be a funding challenge. Our strategy is being actively reviewed by the General Committee, so you can expect more news about this in the next few weeks. In the meantime, I thought GRYC members would appreciate a status report.

Peter Nielsen has amended the plans for us, so you might notice some changes in the plan over the page.

We have Development Plan Consent until 25 November 2016, and this will need to be renegotiated if we are unable to get underway soon. Documentation will be needed for building approval prior to commencement of the build. The documentation will allow staged development, so we can cost each stage, receive quotes and develop specific financing strategies for each stage.

It might be that Stage One is the two undercover areas with a temporary triangular shade for the central part. This might include paving, plastic roll up blinds, tables, heating and lighting. Stage Two might then include the office, bridge and observation deck. But we could also stage it differently – there is flexibility.

The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$275,000. Our aim is to build

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without loan financing as preferred by the members.

Currently, we have \$58,000 in the building fund, with a further \$6,500 pledged for payment in the next few months. It is important to note that the majority of these funds have been received as donations towards tables, structure and observation deck. We have received \$3000 from the Alexandrina Council Community Donations Program, with the balance coming from raffles and a number of fundraising activities over the last couple of years, such as the Black Tie Dinners, Wine Appreciation, Tree Planting and the Open Mike Day.

In addition to the building fund money, GRYC also has other funds in term deposits, up to \$80,000, that may be utilised to meet part of the cost. We have the option of using these funds to implement the first stages of the project, whilst we pursue funds for

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later stages. These term deposits can be replenished over the next few years with a specific financial strategy.

You might recall from earlier issues of *Regatta* that we were unsuccessful with our bid for a SA Government community recreation and sports facilities grant. I see little prospect of major grants from the Federal or State Government for this type of project. There are however, opportunities for local government and corporate grants which we will explore. Significantly, GRYC recently registered

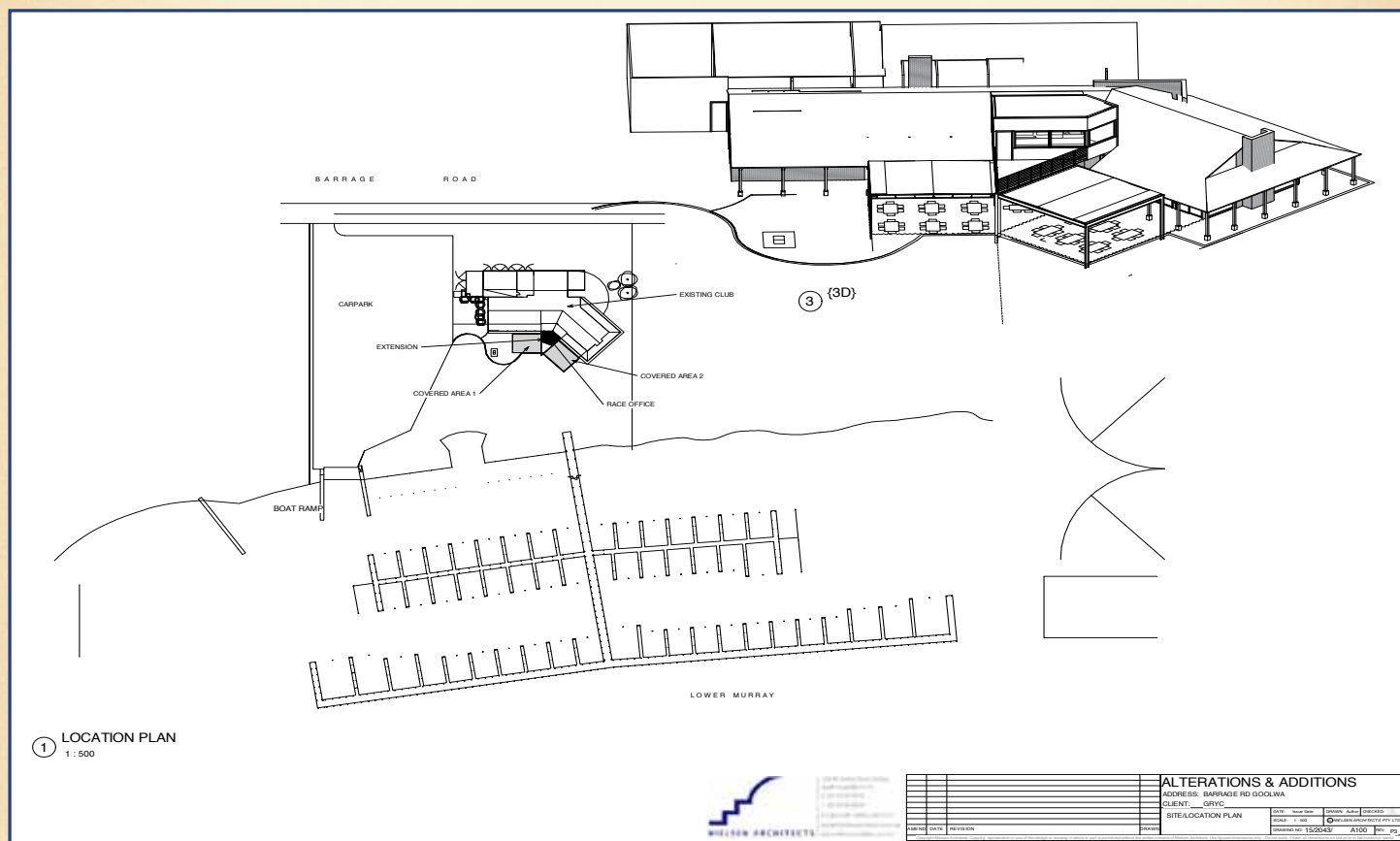
with the Australian Sports Foundation, which will allow us to conduct tax deductible fundraising for this project. We believe this will be an attractive incentive for people to contribute to the clubhouse building project. Yachting Australia uses the Australian Sports Foundation to facilitate tax deductible donations for the Sailability program, which has benefited the GRYC Sailability program in recent times.

Overall, we are confident and keen to progress the project in a responsible way, with a well-planned staged approach

for the building and a comprehensive fundraising strategy. The enhanced facilities will benefit club members and the community for decades to come.

Any thoughts you have at this stage about fundraising options for the building project would be appreciated. They will help the General Committee in its deliberations and the development of a refreshed strategy for funding and staged building. Put your ideas forward now, through email: gryc@gryc.com.au

Locky McLaren, Commodore



Changes to smoking at the GRYC

From 1st July 2016, smoking will be banned in outdoor dining areas in South Australia under section 52 of the Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997.

For the GRYC this means that the paved area with picnic benches will be smoke free for the duration of meal service, regardless of whether anyone is eating there or not. On a Friday night this will be between 6:00pm and 10:00pm.

When food is being prepared and served outdoors at other times, e.g. Open Mike Day, Gala Day and race days this area will also be smoke free.

Members are also reminded that a 5 metre smoke free clearance around doorways already applies. This includes the Kinnear Room doorways when in use.

As a Good Sports Club, the GRYC has a Smoke Free Policy, you can view in Members' Area toward the bottom of the left hand menu on our website: www.gryc.com.au. The username and password are the same: GRYC1854.

Our Smoke Free Policy has recently been updated to include banning e-cigarettes/vaporisers wherever smoking is banned.

GRYC General Committee



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Vice Commodore's Report

As we near the end of the Summer Twilight season I have noticed members commenting on how quickly this time has passed. We have continued to have great numbers on Friday nights and it is especially pleasing to see so many members, visitors and their families coming to GRYC to witness the racing and to enjoy the ambiance of a wonderful venue.

We have been extremely fortunate to have had the expertise of Lachy Kelly as our chef but sadly for us he has moved on to further his career. However, he left our kitchen in good hands and had trained his staff well so they could continue to provide the ongoing support needed for the Bistro. Thank you Lachy for all you did at GRYC, over and above the call of duty, and we sincerely wish you great success for your future.

The Marina Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week was again a very busy time which saw many events fine tuned and expanded to embrace the concept of this community event. The numbers of people seemed to be greater this year especially for the 'Dash for Cash' and the Milang Goolwa 'After Race Party'. This year we outsourced some of the food requirements and we were extremely grateful for their support as we were stretched to provide enough volunteers ourselves. Of course our volunteers did an amazing job and thanks go to each and every person who contributed to ensure success.

The Sailability State Championships were held at Port Adelaide on 5th and 6th March and despite it being 'Mad March' in Adelaide, six boats from GRYC attended with excellent results. Laurence Byrne with his dad Tom took out the prize for the 303 Access Dinghies and GRYC were the Club Winners. More trophies for our Trophy cabinet! Check out the Sailability news in this Regatta for further details.

I look forward to the next few months as we prepare for the Annual Dinner and AGM on Saturday 19th June, 11:00 hours at the GRYC, as well as some more Social events and regular Friday Night Bistros.

There is always plenty to do and GRYC is a place to do it!

Lyn Roberts, Vice Commodore

GRYC Annual General Meeting

**Notice is hereby given that
The Annual General Meeting
of the
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc
will be held at the GRYC
Clubhouse, Barrage Rd,
Goolwa**

on

**Sunday
19th June, 2016 at 1100 hours**



Marina Matters

On behalf of the Marina Committee we extend a big thank you to everyone who paid their annual marina charges so promptly.

By the time you read this, DSM will have completed work on the skirt (the outside vertical boards) which involved installing a girt board. The girt board is connected into the underlying structure of the marina and is designed to ensure the vertical boards do not break away and drift off.

Other work undertaken on the marina includes general maintenance by our wonderful Tuesday Working Group and priority works to stabilise a section of the attenuator frame on B Finger return.

During January the Marina Committee arranged a second inspection of the marina by independent engineers Wallbridge and Gilbert. The outcome of this inspection will soon be available and communicated to berth licence holders in due course.

If you notice any items requiring maintenance within the marina, please remember to complete the maintenance request form which can be found in a folder next to the members' name tags.

Louise Edwards, Chair Marina Committee

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Lake Alexandrina Classic Goolwa to Milang

It's Back!

Halted in 2007 due to low water levels during the most recent drought, the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club and the Milang Regatta Club joined forces to bring this classic yacht race back.

Sponsored by DSM Landscape and Building Supplies as an open race in the DSM Summer Series, the race was open to vintage river boats, trailable yachts (with and without spinnakers), off the beach catamarans and large multi-hulls.

Organisers were thrilled with the response from the local community and sailors with 58 entries and nearly 150 sailors. Members from the GRYC joined members from the Meningie Sailing Club, The Clayton Bay Boat Club, the Milang Regatta Club and the Goolwa Regatta Club to volunteer their time and 11 vessels to provide a network of support boats to ensure the safety of competitors. The largest division was the off the beach catamarans with 24 entries representing a large array of classes.

Conditions were perfect with a fresh south westerly of 12-16 knots, ensuring a fast race for all competitors. Those with spinnakers put them to work for most of the race and provided spectators at Goolwa, Clayton, Port Sturt and Milang with a colourful spectacle.

Taking out the King of the Lake perpetual trophy for the yacht with the shortest elapsed time was Michael Crouch on his Taipan 5.7 *Too Easy* with crew Brad Spencer, taking just 1 hour 23 minutes and 30 seconds.



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Results on Corrected Time

Non Spinnaker Division

1st: *See Change* (A Coleman) 2nd: *Misty Dawn* (M South)
3rd: *Predator* (J Stanbridge)

Spinnaker Division

1st: *Elanora* (L Edwards) 2nd: *Equinox* (M Symonds)
3rd: *The Farr Side* (G Price)

Off the Beach Catamaran Division

1st: *The Black Pearl* (A Blacker) 2nd: *Soberphobia* (S Kroon)
3rd: *Too Easy* (M Crouch)

Multihull Division

1st: *Hopscotch* (S Edgar) 2nd: *Soul Patterson Chemist* (G Smith)



Come and Try!

Are you interested in getting out on the water, but don't want to go racing?

We have the perfect opportunity for you!

Join our team of support boat operators and take the opportunity to get out on the water, watch the race up close and personal and lend a hand if needed (under guidance).

The GRYC is accredited to deliver Yachting Australia's Power Boat Handling and Safety Boat Operators course. Each involves a day of training, after which you will also receive a Boat Operator's Licence (if you don't already have one).

Women are especially encouraged to come and give this a try.

If you are interested, contact Garry Coombes on 0428 634 188 or glcjm05@bigpond.net.au and he will arrange a time for you to come and give it a try.



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The Marina Hindmarsh Island 2016 Milang - Goolwa

It was a busy morning at Milang as around 1000 sailors prepared themselves for the 2016 The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic on Sunday 24th January. The fleet of 170 trailable yachts, large multi-hulls and off the beach catamarans and dinghies made for a majestic sight for the thousands of spectators who lined the course, both on land and on water, from Pt Sturt all the way to Goolwa.

The course took entrants across Lake Alexandrina, passing through a gate midway between Milang and Pt Sturt, then another gate between Beacon 88 and Point Sturt, along the River Murray, past Clayton and under the Hindmarsh Island Bridge to the finish line in front of the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

The forecast in the week leading up to the race had firstly predicted around 10-15 knots from the South and that is exactly what eventuated.

The origin of the Milang-Goolwa dates back to 1966 when *Edith* and *Esther*, wooden river boats, raced from Goolwa to Milang to establish whose boat was fastest. 50 years later, *Edith* was amongst the fleet of 11 Vintage Wooden Boats to enter the The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic and continue the tradition of being the first division to start the race.

As boats pulled out of the reeds and off the beach at Milang to set their sails, many opted for their largest headsails. With the wind from the south at the start, the fleet split as some headed off on a port tack and others on a starboard tack. The fleet came together again at the first gate and then again at the Pt Sturt gate. From there, yachts settled into a close hauled leg before nearing Rat Island where sheets could finally be cracked.

The approach to Clayton saw a few spinnaker division yachts hoist their kites, but it was a short run and quite shy. A large fleet of spectator boats was moored opposite Clayton and their cheers and encouragement boosted the sailors as they entered the final section of the race.

There was a large contingent of off the beach boats and many were grateful for the



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Freshwater Classic Yacht Race



reassurance, support and assistance of the Victor Harbor and Goolwa Sea Rescue who provided a professional and superb effort on the day.

The race formally concluded back at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club, where the Official Presentations took place. Locky McLaren, Commodore of the GRYC, in welcoming competitors and guests thanked the sponsors for their continuing support and noted that, "No other freshwater yacht race brings competitors and spectators together the way this classic yacht race does. I want to thank the hardworking team of volunteers who have made this event such a success."

The W.R. Appleby Trophy for the first boat on corrected time in Division 1 went to *Nimue*, owned by Michael Jolly and helmed by Ray Brown. *Nimue* is a Herresoff, built in the last few years but whose design dates back 102 years. Many agree that she is the prettiest and most graceful yacht on the water in Goolwa, and certainly one of the fastest.

Meanwhile, the Patrons Trophy for the fastest elapsed time of an unplaced yacht went to *Mambo Queen*, skippered by Graeme Foristal.

In a long held tradition, the Keith Veenstra Memorial Trophy for the first Restricted 21 to cross the finishing line was awarded to *Nerana*, owned by Randal Cooper and skippered by Nigel Kies.

The Commodore's Trophy for the first yacht on corrected time in either Division 4, 5 or 6 went to *Maniac*, a Boatspeed 23, owned by Daniel Fidock which also took out the Blue Darling Trophy for the fastest trailable yacht in Divisions 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

The Crowhurst Trophy for the first yacht in Division 2 around Point Sturt was *Alternative Therapy* a Clubman 8 owned and skippered by T Butcher.

Two Dogs, a Taipan 5.7 skippered by Tim Wright, took out the Cock of the Lake trophy for the fastest elapsed time across all divisions. *Two Dogs* completed the race in 2 hours, 24 minutes and 42 seconds.

For full results, visit www.goolwaregattaweek.com.au or www.gryc.com.au

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Social News

One of the great things about working with the Social Committee is that there are always willing helpers and good ideas. Our 'Friends of the Social Committee' is also expanding and it is encouraging to know that there are others who will contribute their thoughts and their help.

Past Events

The **Christmas Children's Lunch** was appreciated by the families that attended and all the children enjoyed the fun and, of course, Father Christmas. Thanks to Liz Cooper and her band of helpers who organised this event.

Our **Christmas Dinner and Presentation** night was well attended with great food and music. Although Lachy could not be there, he prepared all the food for the evening and our young kitchen staff, with the help of some friends, provided a sumptuous meal without a hitch. What an amazing achievement!

Twilights -

Sunday 27th to Wednesday 30th December

A big thank you to all those who helped provide food each night for the hungry sailors and their friends and families and cleaned up.

Goolwa Regatta Week continues to grow in success as a lead up to the The Marina Hindmarsh Island Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic. See photos here of the wide range of Regatta Week activities that embrace our members and the wider community.



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Coming Events

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Following the huge success of previous dinners, the Social Committee is planning another one! So keep Saturday 16th April free and, should you be interested in hosting a dinner, you can contact Liz Cooper on 041 472 2197.

More information will follow about booking to attend.

Annual Dinner

Mark 18th June in your diary.

Details available in April

Post AGM lunch

You've also just got to mark

19th June in your diary.

Details available soon,

Open Mike Days

Watch out for more Open Mike Days coming up. Spread the word. All budding musicians welcome.

Talent Abounds at GRYC Open Mike Day

As part of an initiative from the Fundraising Group and driven (pardon the pun) by Frank Kolozsi (Maughan Thiem sponsor) and Anthea Broad, we conducted the inaugural GRYC Open Mike Day on 21st February and what a fabulous afternoon it was.

It was another beautiful day in Goolwa and attracted a great crowd and musicians who provided entertainment for five hours. There was a variety of music and entertainment that showcased local talent and provided an opportunity for the audience to appreciate the talent in our community. The setting was perfect and, thanks to the Tuesday Boys, we were able to use the yellow tent as the staging area. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped set up tables and umbrellas, helped on the bar and cooked and served food. Well done.

Overall \$920 was raised which is a great result for a first time. The next Open Mike day is planned for 20th March and as well as those musicians who attended declaring that they will be back, there are more who are keen to be involved.

We are hopeful that this will become a regular feature during the year and you are invited to come and join in, relax, listen to the music and enjoy refreshments as you do. If you would like to be involved in some way please do not hesitate to let us know and keep reading Ben's emails for more events.

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GRYC Members Adventures Further Afield

The weekend and week following 19th February were very busy for GRYC members who headed west to Port Lincoln and Port Vincent.

GRYC boats that made the trek to Port Lincoln included *Steeplejack*, *Quandong*, *The Calm*, *Boystoys* and *Destiny* and their crews. Other members seen included Harry Cooper on *Concubine* and Derek Morrison on *Asylum*.

The first day's racing was in very hot conditions, followed by a warm but cloudy second day which produced a becalmed section at the top mark. The third day provided solid rain with all crews wet through especially Steve who went overboard briefly from *Quandong*.

The beach party was moved to the beach at Port Lincoln Yacht Club due to inclement weather, where a game of Bocce was strongly contended by teams from every yacht, and a BBQ lunch was put on to satisfy all.

The last day's sailing was heavy going with strong winds and choppy seas resulting in *Boystoys* losing her mast at the start line and *Quandong* pulling out half way through as she was taking on too much water. Much to Dan Haynes's dismay, the Girl powered crew over ruled him!!

A big night was held at the presentation with Goolwa sailors taking out two trophies and Randal Cooper was able to give his normal thank you speech.

Meanwhile, GRYC members were popping up on various boats in the King of the Gulf organised by the Multihull Yacht Association of South Australia. In its second year, the format for the King of the Gulf was a passage race from Outer Harbour to Port Vincent; three days of racing (for which the King of the Gulf was awarded) and then a passage race back to Outer Harbour. The event was open to multihulls and monohulls in both racing and cruising divisions.

Winner of the King of the Gulf in the multihull division was MadMax featuring Todd Bartlett and Tom Foristal as crew.

Well done to all our members!



GRYC Training Centre

GRYC is a Yachting Australia accredited sail training centre under the leadership of John Turner. John and his team have given three or four Discover Sailing courses each year for the past five years with each course consisting of five x three hour sessions, using the club Pacer Dinghies.

In addition to the Discover Sailing courses we are now also accredited to deliver the introductory keel boat courses Start Crewing and Start Helming. We are the only Club that has been accredited in Australia for this, using Trailer Sailors.

We have just finished delivering our first Keel Boat course and have five very capable keen sailors.

One of the sailing exercises was to sail training boats to come alongside the outer jetty to within 300mm, come to a stop, tie off and then release and sail backwards from the jetty. Our budding sailors did a great job, obviously a reflection of the sail training which they found both engaging and instructive.

The Keel Boat course, made up of two components, was delivered in four full days over two weekends, using five different GRYC instructors. The Volunteers that have given up their time to deliver this new course include Billy Mateer (rescue Boat) Chris Reiffel, John Turner, John Brice, Peter Britton Jones, Anthea Broad, and Trevor Baldock.

We expect to be starting another Keel boat course shortly, so keep a watch and share the news. If you know anyone who might be interested they should talk to the Club Manager, Ben.

Brendan Murray

Sailability a Winner

Every month, GRYC has a band of members and friends who join together to provide sailing and social activities for sailors with a disability. This group is



continuing to grow and most months at least 50 people sit down to have lunch together. The day begins early as boats are prepared for the sailors to enjoy during the morning. This is followed by lunch and then opportunities for racing in the afternoon. This year the results from the races will be used to present a perpetual trophy to the winner at the Annual Dinner. The Corinthian Lodge has provided us with a perpetual trophy and we thank them for their ongoing contribution.

The generous donation we received from Dr Malcom Bean has been put to good use. Two new boats have been ordered and should be ready for collection in a few weeks, a defibrillator has been purchased, and the Tuesday Boys, under the direction of Billy Mateer and Brian Southcott have been at work constructing a mechanical handling device to allow for easier moving of boats and their storage.

The State Titles were held recently and the results from our group in the 303 Access Dinghies.

1st Laurence Byrne with crew Tom Byrne
4th Yvonne Schramm with crew Deirdre Schahinger
8th Patricia Faulkner with crew Brian Southcott
10th Tricia Puckeridge with crew Tony Mills
13th Paul Sweetman with crew Cyril Tooze
14th Carly Puckeridge with crew Ian Barker

Well done to all concerned.

Many thanks go also to our volunteers who prepare and transport the boats as well as crewing and helping out on the day. A fantastic result.

Our Sailability program is always looking for extra helpers and we would welcome any one who has some spare time once a month. Please let us know if you are interested as we really make a difference in the lives of our sailors with a disability.

*When I sit in a sailboat I'm no longer wheelchair bound.
I use my knowledge and skill to deflect the wind to propel me to where I want to go.*

There is a rhythm to the winds and waves that stays with me for hours after I return my boat to it's berth and my body to the wheelchair.

Anonymous

Members' Corner

On behalf of the GRYC General Committee, we warmly welcome the following new members to the GRYC:

Senior

Phil Bennett
Peter Bernich

Associate

Heather Belton
Bryn Davis
Wayne Forbes
Peter Herriot
Andy Keach
Nigel Kies
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