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FROM YOUR COMMODORE



Opening Day is fast approaching. Jim Phillips is using his exceptional organizing skills to assure that things are in place for Work Day. There are still some jobs on the sign-up sheet that need volunteers. If you have not already signed up, please feel free to just show up February 26th and offer your services. It is never too late to pitch-in and help. The club will provide lunch (if that is any motivation!)

Once again, I feel compelled to let the membership know that there are so many members who work hard and effectively to maintain our club. In the days BBC (Before Becoming Commodore), I was not aware of how many people frequent the club on a regular basis to offer their services and expertise. I know I am missing loads of folks who are donating their time and it would be wonderful to be able to publicly thank them.

Even though we have faced some challenges with the renovation of our heads, things are once again moving along in an optimistic direction. Jim Phillips continues to be a major factor in the positive way with which this huge job is going. John Bodine has graciously offered to help Jim with the construction and synchronization of the work progress. Sadly, the restrooms will not be ready for Opening Day but I have confidence in our membership that they will make the best of it and go forward with the dignity and fortitude that is ever present!

The Membership Committee gave an informative presentation to the Board of Directors at the monthly meeting. Their diligent efforts will make the process of inducting new members much more effectual. We are all looking forward to the addition of new members to our club.

The pump out station is working and has even been put to the test by a couple of members and their boats! Thank you Doug and Bob and all the many people who helped get this project completed. Doug very proudly and ceremoniously handed me the original grant that is worth about \$18,000 to our club.

Lastly, I have to get on my soapbox and once again **extend a plea for help**. Our Summer Sailing program is an important part of our club and fulfills a piece of the lease agreement with the City of Morro Bay. I still do not have a volunteer to answer phone calls and schedule people for Summer Sailing Classes. I will start making calls to personally ask for help. Please be ready to "jump on the wagon" and give this important job a try!

Finally thank you for your patience and support. This job is a big responsibility and one that I do not take lightly.

— Glenda Boatman



Thanks for the great photos! — Glenda Boatman, pg. 6 top; Sharon Brooks, pg. 6 Bottom, pg. 7, 8, 10; Lynn Meissen, pg. 9.



Editor's Note: Submissions to the *Masthead* are due by the third Friday of each month. You may e-mail your written material or digital photos to mbyc@mbyc.net or leave submissions in the *Masthead* box in the club's office. All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

We love your articles and photos! Thanks to all who contribute!

HAPPY HOUR HOSTS

REMEMBER! In order for us to keep our liquor license, non-members are NOT ALLOWED behind the bar and all guests must sign the guest book located at the end of the bar.

If you have questions about the operation of the bar, contact our Bar Steward, Jay Simonson. If this is your first HOST ASSIGNMENT, contact the couple assigned with you and they will show you the ropes.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement. Perhaps you could trade with someone else on the Host List.

Just a REMINDER: you need to supply your own paper products for hosting night.
Hosts serve snacks AND tend bar from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM.

If you make a change, please let Polly know:

MARCH 2005

- 4 Victor and Françoise Nigro
Bud and Jan Moore
- 11 G. and K. Ashenbrenner
John Bodine and Brooke Townsend
- 18 Brian and Kathy Jones
John Duffy / Liz Bissell
- 25 Don and Kit Lockwood
Dana and Teresa McClish

APRIL 2005

- 1 Charles Watson
Karol Vogt
Duncan and Marlene McQueen
- 8 Shields and Leslie Abernathy
Peter and Jayne Behman
- 15 Dennis and Rosemarie Boertje
Lex and Lolo Budge
- 22 Brian Crow and Gayle Bruce
John and Joyel Kunkle
- 29 Bob and Laurie Neuman
Jean-Pierre Makeyev
Carolyn Pye

MAY 2005

- 6 Michael and Vicki O'Brien
Larry and Liz Salas
- 13 Lee and Sue Drocco
Chris and Lynn Helenius
- 20 Alan and Cleo Holz
Jorgens Family
- 27 Brian and Mary Monroe
Julie and Mal Towery

— Polly Schneider

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Greetings Fellow Boaters,

Life continues to be exciting and busy in the membership corner. We are mailing membership cards on a weekly basis as we receive annual dues. Nia and Helen Sicher have been putting in countless hours getting the 2005 roster ready for print. The Membership Committee has been working diligently on updating the application process. We presented a rough draft to the board at the February Board Meeting so that they could review it over the next month and make any necessary changes. I would like to highlight the most significant changes in the process so everyone is aware of the direction we are heading:

Sponsors should have known the applicant personally for a minimum of 6 months prior to applying.

Potential applicants must participate in 4 club activities, *two of which shall be boating related, prior to applying.*

The membership committee shall meet with both the sponsors and applicant prior to submitting application.

It will be the responsibility of the Membership Committee to make a recommendation to the board based upon the candidate meeting the minimum requirements.

This process is not set in stone yet, so if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please send them our way. If you would like to see a copy of our rough draft, please e-mail me and I will be happy to zap you a copy.

John Schmidt, Membership Chairman

People News

For all those who have been asking about Larry Stayton. He is living in Los Osos now. He would love to hear from all his friends and you can visit him by calling the home director, Edwin, at 459-2275 and making an appointment. He is getting his appetite back and loves mint candy and cookies and needs some interesting magazines to look at. For more info. call Marlene or Duncan.

FUN FLOAT

MARCH 17TH, 2005 @ 10:30

At first on our February Float, the weather looked threatening but after appropriate prayer and sacrifices (an old Barbie doll) to Neptune things turned out just fine.

Break out your green paddles and whatever for our St. Patrick's float. On Thursday, March 17th at 10:30 we are going to the mouth of the Bay. Since there will be a low and out going tide it should be interesting. Bring the usual survival equipment, food, drink, leaf clover and Irish brogue.



— G.P.P.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE



Well, the notion of having the heads fully functioning by Opening Day has turned into wishful thinking, I think. The city of Morro Bay, for whatever reason, took over seven weeks to approve our remodel plans (the permit was issued on Valentine's Day) and, consequently we lost valuable time waiting for approval to start the project. Oh well!

The "demo team" I wrote about last month cleared out over six tons of old sinks, sheetrock and tile. No wonder they were sore. While waiting for a permit we were able to do a little on the construction side of things. Roy "the plumber" Gammill was back to move a couple pipes and John "the spark" Bodine added a light to the new storage room while his able assistant, Brooke, tore away the ceiling looking for the head's source of power. I will always regret not having recruited her for the "demo" team. Rosemary Jorgens helped the VC off load 14 bags of cement so the tile guys could reset the shower drains. It is good to have muscle when and where you need it. Meanwhile, Gary Raine helped replace some insulation in preparation for sheet rocking the shower areas. Early the next morning Jim "the rock" Orth arrived from Lemoore to give direction to the sheet rock team comprised of Kerry McCants and Jeff Davidson. I want to extend a special thanks to Manny Fimbres for his help and expertise with the sheet rocking of the showers. Manny is a guest and prospective member of our club and devoted an entire day of skilled labor to our club project. Manny also crews for Jean-Pierre on "Kyte". The head remodel project should speed up now that we have a permit. John Bodine has volunteered to oversee the construction project and for that I am grateful. The heads, however, are not all that is out there to be re-

ported on. John "the spark" Bodine also gave us a new security light over the gangway and corrected some of the VC's electrical short comings in the heads (short comings is all that I will ever admit to).

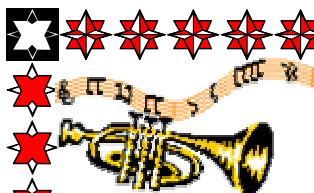
I want to thank Mike and Sharon Brooks for donating an extension ladder to the club. It will find many uses and may even save lives. Next time you look out over the dock please notice the beautiful new flags and then thank John and Diane Mason for their work in creating them. John Schmidt, once again, was in the wrong place at the right time (for us) and was cajoled by John Mason into climbing up the new extension ladder to do the installation.

You may also notice that the front door now opens with much less difficulty and that several other doors have had their yearly planing so they close as intended. The pump-out station is fully functional now that Don Boatman has replaced a worn breaker that kept tripping. Staff Commodore Gould is waiting the delivery of a sign that will direct all in the proper use of the new pump. The pump-out station does still need a dedicated water source for rinsing out the pump after use. Yet another project.

I have one last thank you to offer before closing for this issue of the Masthead. Yesterday, without being asked, Gary and Helena Raine showed up at the club and insisted on working, so they did. Gary painted some new trim work on the back of the building while Helena trimmed bushes along the storage yard fence and cleaned up a mess left the day before by yours truly. Thanks to all who help make the club such a special place.

See you when the "Sun is over the Yardarm"

— Jim



SOUND THE TRUMPETS ----BEAT THE DRUMS It's that time again -

Opening Day! Long time members know what that means; we are going to ask the new members to join in our wonderful tradition of signing the Signature Tablecloth as they enter the club on the 13th of March. To bring everyone up to date about the Signature Tablecloth, it is used only once each year, on Opening Day at the "welcoming table". New members are asked to "sign in" on the cloth. Visitors will sign the guest book. We ask that members sign the cloth only once. If you cannot remember if you have signed before please check the list that will be on the table that has all the signatures from the cloth. If your name is on the list then you are already on the cloth. Lorraine Miranda made the tablecloth and began this tradition in 1979 and Charm Delancey then embroidered the signatures to make them everlasting. Many others have come forward through the years to take on this task. Evelyn Wessel was our volunteer embroiderer for 2004. Volunteers are needed to embroider the new signatures each year so if you can help out please give me a call or e-mail me Helen Sicher

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE



This year, MBYC will be hosting the North American Championship Regatta for Day Sailers along with Fresno Yacht Club. Two years ago, they were held in Shreveport, LA and MBYC entered 4 boats. Last year, they were held in Richmond, VA, and Michael and Brooks Measures and Kevin and I entered. It's wonderful meeting and sailing with other like-minded people from different parts of the country, and we're excited about seeing some of

these sailors and showing off our beautiful area at Huntington Lake. Michael is Executive Vice President of the Day Sailer Assoc. and he and Brooks are very busy coordinating this event. There have been several meetings, and plans are starting to take shape. I'll be reporting on this as time goes on.

Thanks to Ron May for getting 7 boats on the line for the Ocean Fleet Winter II and again for Winter III.

The Bay Fleet raced their Winter III and a good time was had by all except for equipment problems that Pat and Dot had. Lopez Lake was its usual interesting place when 6 boats went down for the Lopez Cup I. This time it was pretty windless and a lot of just floating went on (but some float faster than others).

Ron Giddings did a bang up job of explaining the rules of racing at the Rules Clinic. It was heartening to see so many Jrs. and members of the Cal Poly Sailing Team in attendance. Lex Budge and Bruce Masterson did a great job of getting the word out, and I'm sure they all came away with better understanding of the rules.

Bruce and Lex are enthusiastic about the Jrs. program, and I'm excited to see so many young people on the water learning first hand about boating. Bruce, Lex, John Neiswanger, and Ron Giddings have formed an advisory committee for the Jrs., and have some fun and interesting ideas for this coming year.

Long live the latest MBYC buoy that was set in the ocean on Sat. Feb. 12, and was used as a race mark for the first time on the 13th. It was set thanks to Ron May, Jim Bruzenak, and Lynn Meissen.

Wanted: Interested club members to be a part of the race committee. It's a nice way to spend a day outside and watch the dinghies race in the bay. There is always a Principal Race Officer on the deck to make all the decisions, so it's just a matter of hoisting the flags, sounding the horn, or taking sail numbers down as the boats finish. This is all directed by the PRO and is as easy as it sounds. Anyone interested, please contact me.

Fair sailing to all,
Gail

Lido Fleet 59

Lido Alert!

Too much sun, too much fun, too little time to drink beer (until after the races). Oxnard: (no, not the La Colonia district where some of my swarthy cousins might be seen sharpening their switch-blades) the newest Lido fleet in the area hosted a regatta at the Anacapa YC with 14 Lidos attending.

I had gone down there at Tom Jenkin's request in order to help him improve his racing skills. Unfortunately, they were using a communistic start system (collegiate) with whistles that I usually couldn't hear (stay close to the committee boat I finally figured out) so that I wasn't of much help to Tom and Christina. However, since they won the regatta I guess he didn't really need my help after all.

Channel Islands harbor is nice but a little narrow so the courses were short and the action fast and furious. There were 9 races, each starting almost immediately after the last boat finished. It was great practice for starts and setting the whisker pole in a hurry at the windward mark. A fun place to sail, good company and worth the trip. Y'all come now, hear?

Lawrence of Lidodom

DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE

The year has just started and it is already time to look for a new treasurer. We are going to do some software changes to streamline the bookkeeping and reporting. It would be great for the new treasurer to work along-side during this process

to get familiar with the various accounts. It will make for a smoother transition. This is a two year position and we are developing back-up and bookkeeping assistance. The treasurer works closely with the membership chair and the port captain as well as other officers and board members. Please contact Glenda or me if you are interested in the position for 2006 & 2007.

There will be a new copier for the office very soon and a new printer later in the year. It's easy to forget that our "little" club is really a busy hub with lots of demands on our office equipment from all the various committees.

Just a reminder on your monthly bills...the date shown for ship's store or bar purchases is the date the billings are entered on your account not the purchase date.

— Stephanie

FROM THE PORT CAPTAIN'S DOCK**NAUTICAL SWAP MEET**

**MARCH 5TH
10:00 AM
AT THE CLUB**

March 5 is an AUCTION and NAUTICAL SWAP MEET. THE SWAP MEET WILL START AT 10:00 CLEAN OUT YOUR LAZARETTE, GARAGE, OR STORAGE LOCKER FOR GEMS USEFUL TO ANOTHER BOAT OWNER.

Please call me if you are going to participate so space can be appropriately allocated. If you have something substantial, you can have the Auctioneer auction it. Our certified, verified, and experienced auctioneer wants more work.

Lynn

**AUCTION
3:00 PM**



Recently our club lost two very wonderful members.

In Memoriam - Dick Wimer - Don Srack

On February 7, 2005 we lost Dick Wimer, whom we haven't seen for awhile because of his illness. He was a member of the club since 1990. He was a great asset to the club and was always so willing to help out with anything that he could. We'll never forget his acting debut in the Oktoberfest Submarine skit in which he was the "cook-ee" on the Good Ship Sauerkraut. We'll always remember his smiling face and some of his happiest moments, when he was sailing "Puffin" in the bay. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Cynthia and their family.



On February 19, 2005 we lost Don Srack. He had been a member of the Morro Bay Yacht Club for about 20 years. Don loved to get together with all of his friends for Happy Hour on Friday nights. He enjoyed going kayaking in the bay whenever he could. Together with his wife Kathy, they worked hard on the Wednesday night hamburger feeds for many years. Don was often seen servicing the cook stove and BBQ so we could all enjoy a fun meal. We'll all miss his smiling face. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to Kathy and their family.

Ocean Fleet News



RACE RESULTS

WINTER II

1st - Bruce Masterson
2nd - Wayne Ratliff
3rd - Ron May

WINTER III

POSEIDON FLEET

1st - VOYAGER
2nd - ICEMAN
3rd - WHIZBANG

NEPTUNE FLEET

1st - GUAYACAN
2nd - LIDA ROSE



GUAYACAN - 1st
Lynn Meissen, Skipper
Crew: Tim Harmon

VOYAGER - 1st
Wayne Ratliff, Skipper
Crew: Candy Botich
Mark Beem
Paul Irving
Drew Wise
Gustavo Prieto
Rod White



ICEMAN - 2nd
Tom Jenkins, Skipper
Crew: Christina Campolmi
David Melish



WHIZBANG - 3rd
Ron May, Skipper
Crew: John Michener
Tom Hale
Phil Langston



LIDA ROSE - 2nd
Norm Anton, Skipper
Crew: Harold Hartsell





Day Sailer Fleet 128

Another fine month has come and gone. Here is a small accounting of what has come to pass, and coming attractions. First, the Winter series is completed. From third to first it is, Victor Nigro, Peter Rothenbuecher, and Student Driver. The final of the three-day series was held in light winds (0-4) building to ok winds (5-7). The tide was not a big issue, neither was the rain. Everyone had a good time, and those that did not did not talk to me.

Second, the first of the Lopez Lake series has transpired. This is an arbitrary race, however, since fleet 128 is usually the largest class of boat, I will discuss those results here. Anita Rothenbuecher, in an all time good decision, brought out her Lido and took a first place. With her was an elated man, also last name Rothenbuecher. John Neiswanger took a relatively close second with Kenton Hendricks, Dan McDonald and John Rothrock took third, and finally Victor Nigro and Bob Walker tied for fourth with Student Driver. There are three more days of racing left in this series. The next will be held at Lake Margarita; which is currently tempting the spillway. The series will finally conclude again at Lopez for a two-day camp over. I strongly recommend this to all of you who would love to come, the San Luis Yacht Club really do a good job at feeding us and making merriment.

Finally the Nationals committee has been meeting on a regular basis and is looking for people to help out with some of fleet 128s duties at Huntington Lake this summer. We will need additional people to sign up for things like measuring sails, spars, and boats. We will also need additional help with signing people out at the registration table. If you are interested in helping with these duties at Huntington Lake please send me an email.



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Ocean Cruising Fleet News

Hello sailors and power boaters. Well, it has been a month full of rain. Not too many outside boating projects completed, except finding leaks.

This next month hopefully will be dryer. We are planning our first anchor out of the year the weekend of March 26 and 27. Time, tides and weather permitting it would be nice to set the hook in the federal anchorage Friday afternoon. Check your chart for this location inside Morro Bay harbor. After making sure we are secure, some may want to head over to the club for happy hour, so bring your dink. Saturday we might want have a pot luck gathering on the sand spit or a dinghy raft up and drift through the bay. We will plan as weather permits. Questions and suggestions contact me. Our only definite plan is to have fun and we're sticking to it. Until then keep your keel in the water and your bridge in the air.

—John T. Bodine
Cruising Fleet Captain



Super Bowl Party

Everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. A special thank you for the generous members who brought the very delicious dips and snacks.



Lucky lottery winners were:

- 1st quarter - Dot Ryghs
- 2nd quarter - Jim Brose
- 3rd quarter - Toby Leithe
- 4th quarter - Rachelle Phillips



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Junior Yacht Club

I just want to take a moment to thank those members who have expressed encouragement and support for our Junior Program. Recently we have formed an Advisory Board to assist with our goals: John Neiswanger, Ron Giddings, Lex Budge, Chris Branch, and myself. We welcome input from any club member – feel free to express any ideas or concerns.

We've started something I hope will offer a connection between Junior and adult members. We're calling it the Junior Mentor Program, which is designed for adult members to share experiences that would apply to sailing, seamanship, and/or our marine environment that would be both educational and fun. We would even be willing to hear a good sea story! Time will be set aside at the beginning of our program for a guest speaker. So if you have a little time on a Sunday morning and would like to join us, please give me a call.

The juniors will have 24 meetings this year with eight sanctioned races. Juniors will accumulate race scores and attendance points towards a system that will crown our 2005 Junior sailor.

If you've noticed, our fleet of boats – FJs, Lasers, and Daysailers – after years of sailing and service, are pretty tired. The Advisory Board feels that, through a program of repair and the purchase of one to two good boats a year, both pride and a competitive level could be re-established for the club. If you have any boat repair skills or ideas, please give me a call.

The Cal Poly students, I would like to report, have been putting a lot of effort into repairing the FJs and getting them up to speed. I see this team as an asset to our club. If you see them around the club, please introduce yourself and ask about their program.

Bruce Masterson

MBYC BUOY

As the sun crossed over the yardarm, Commodore Glenda Boatman threw the bowline to one of the crew; Lynn Meissen, Skipper of the S/V "Guayacon", increased fuel and powered away from the MBYC pier. Precious cargo was on board, the recalcitrant "MBYC" buoy. Also on board were Staff Commodore Jim Bruzenak, John Michener, Wayne Ratliff and myself.

I'm really, really happy to report that when we departed the buoy's home at 1330, it was standing tall on location.

Ron May



Wings On and Over Morro Bay

Hope you did not miss this presentation, it was very interesting as we saw Morro Bay and the estuary in a whole new light. The pictures of the birds were breath taking and some birds really seemed to be moving.

It was also fun to wear those funky 3-D glasses of yesteryear. Thanks to the Gammills and Goulds.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(watch for details)

SOUP CONTEST - Saturday, April 16th
Art & Craft Display
 (If interested call Donna 528-5468)

MOTHERS DAY - Sunday, May 8th
 @ Atascadero Lake

HAMBURGER NITES! - June 1st

Valentine Celebration



We had a good crowd and as always a great selection of hors d'oeuvres from hosts Daily and Piper. We added a little sweet table and sold chances to win some great gifts for the lucky person who picked the right Valentine card.

Our usual heart of See's candy raffle was won by Doug Gould - enjoy!

EVENTS



OPENING DAY - Sunday, March 13th

Dust off your red, white and blue and help start the new season.

PRE EASTER - Friday, March 25th **HAPPY HOUR**

Great surprises, maybe even the Easter Bunny!



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MARCH 2005



Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON
Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM



Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM
Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM



Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Hbts: Bud and Jane Moore / Victor and Francoise Negro	5 Nautical Swap Meet 10:00 AM Boat Auction 3:00 PM
12:00 PM Ocean Race: Founder's Cup 	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 7:00 PM 	11 Hbts: G. and K. Ashenbrenner John Bodine and Brooke Townsend	12
Opening Day 	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 10:30 AM Fun Float From the Dock	18 Hbts: Brian and Kathy Jones / John Duffy / Liz Bissell Masthead Deadline	19 Lopez Cup 2
12:00 PM Ocean Race: Winter Make-up 	21	22	23	24	25 Hbts: Don and Kit Lockwood / Dana and Teresa McClish	26 11:00 AM Bay Race: Spring 1
Easter 	28	29	30	31		









Tidelands Volunteers — April

1: Larry and Liz Salas; 4: John and Frances Budlong; 8: Mal and Julie Towery; 11: Freddie Fernandez and Karen Clinton; 15: Dick and Charlene Evans, and Carol Walker; 18: Robert Pyeatt; 22: Jim and Rachelle Phillips; 25: Tom Haynie and Ad Smulders; 29: Rosemary Jorgans and Carolyn Pye; Alternates Jim and Karen Clinton, Bud and Janis Moore (Fri. only)

April 2005

	Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.				
	Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM	 Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM			

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Hosts: Charles Watson Carol Vogt Duncan and Marlene McQueen  April Fools Day	2 General Meeting 	3 Daylight Saving Time Begins 	4	5	6	7	8 Hosts: Shields and Leslie Peter and Jane Behman Apmathy	9 Lopez Cup III @ Lopez Lake 	10 12:00 pm Ocean Race Spring I Bermuda Start 	11	12	13 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Hosts: Dennis and Rosemarie Boerje Lex and Lolo Budge Masthead Deadline	15 Spring II 11:00 am Bay Race 	16	17	18	19	20	21 Hosts: Brian Crow and Gayle Bruce John and Joyel Kunkle	22 12:00 pm Ocean San Simeon Run 	23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Hosts: Bob and Laurie Neuman Jean-Pierre Makeyev Carolyn Fye Boat-In 	30
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