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VIEW FROM THE HELM

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Your Commodore (that's me) has been traveling since the last issue of the Privateer, and a few observations have come to mind.

My first trip was to **Brielle, NJ**, over the weekend of the last of February and the first of March where I attended an Advanced Race Management Seminar taught by **Mark Murphy** and **Sandy Grosvenor**, a married couple who are nationally highly respected race officers. Sandy, in addition, is the creator of the **JavaScore** sailboat race scoring computer program. And something they both emphasized during the seminar was the importance of ALL members of the race committee team, not just the PRO of an event.

Reflecting on this I came to realize that, while all the team members on the water are highly visible, the individual who scores the regatta is just as important and is often overlooked since the job of scoring is "behind the scenes."

All of the above leads up to this: our club received many plaudits last fall for our handling of the **Optimist Southeasterns**. Our "behind the scenes" man for the Opti Southeasterns was **Bill Robertson**, and Bill's approach to scoring that regatta was that of a professional. In the weeks prior to the regatta he downloaded the scoring program for the Optis from the internet and went to the trouble to create fictional regattas on paper and then practice scoring them, all of this to make sure he wouldn't be surprised by anything that happened during the event.

In this Bill displayed the same attention to detail he does in preparing his boats to race, so we shouldn't be surprised. But we also should not overlook his dedication to a task that helped bring credit to Pri-

vateer.

For the last two weeks (and, yes, I missed the March Board Meeting) I have been serving on race committees in **Clearwater** and **Miami** as the official **Snipe Class Representative** to the race officers. The regattas attracted sailors from 6 countries in addition to the US, and race management was generally excellent. We had a near-disaster in Miami, though, that I wouldn't wish on anyone, one that points up the necessity of always maintaining an aggressive look-out whenever one is on the water.

The **RC boat** was a 47-foot sailboat, very heavily built. The wind was between 10 and 12 knots from the southeast, and we were anchored in the middle of **Biscayne Bay** and had sent the fleet off on a 1.1 mile first leg at 12:05 PM.

Twenty minutes or so later, as the race officer and I were on the bow discussing a potential course shift for the next windward leg, one of the ladies on the committee remarked that "someone is coming to see us." We looked over our left shoulders to see a sailboat about a quarter of a mile away on port tack heading in our direction from slightly behind dead abeam.

The PRO and I resumed our discussion and a few seconds later those in the cockpit started to shout. We looked again, and now the boat was about 100 yards from us, course unchanged. The boat didn't respond to the increasingly agitated shouts from all of us (notice that I am now shouting as well) on the committee boat. One of the ladies had the presence of mind to pick up an air horn and start blowing it.

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Seconds later a head appeared above the cabin top and disappeared once again.

Perhaps two seconds later the boat started to turn to its right (starboard), very slowly and far too late. **They struck us a mighty blow** in the port quarter, heeling us far over to starboard and knocking two of the ladies in the cockpit from one side of the boat to the other. I was holding on to the baby stay on the bow and able to maintain my balance.

We were holed above the waterline, the stern pulpit was crushed, and the skipper's new stainless barbeque grill went into the water. Fortunately for us, our back stay, though now off the center line because of the damage done the stern pulpit, held and the mast stayed up. Everyone on our boat was shouting at the offending boat to stop. The offending skipper did call out to us as they passed behind us after glancing off our stern that he didn't see us (we weren't surprised) and was sorry, but they sailed on for at least a quarter of a mile before rounding up and taking down their sails.

Thinking at first that they weren't stopping, I reached for my VHF radio, called **Miami Coast Guard** to report the incident, and gave them our position. In short order the Coast Guard, Miami Air-Sea Rescue, Miami Fire and Police, and Florida Waterways and Wildlife Patrol were on the scene.

Our skipper's wife had sustained head and neck injuries and was taken off by the Fire and Police rescue boat. She suffered a near cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital. After numerous tests and an overnight stay in the hospital, she was released the next day. Needless to say, we cancelled racing for the day.

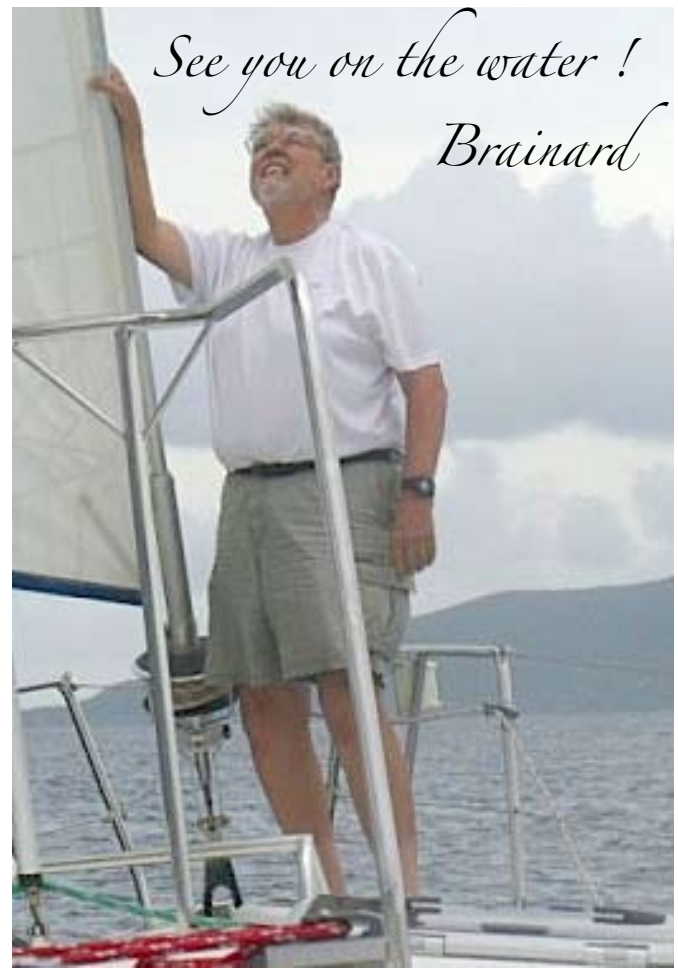
The boat that hit us was a **40-foot Beneteau** with a man and his wife and two young daughters out for a Saturday afternoon sail. Their auto-pilot was engaged. Had they hit us amidships (where they were aimed before starting their belated attempt at avoidance) all of those on the boat that hit us could have been severely injured as they would surely have stopped cold. And there might have been more injury on our boat as well.

I was impressed that all of the responders were

prompt and highly professional. One could only wish that the ones in Hamilton County were as professional as those guys and gals on Biscayne Bay.

And I can't escape the feeling that the PRO and I were perhaps a little too involved in race management to pay sufficient attention to our own safety until it was too late.

Let's all go sailing, and soon! And for heaven's sake, *stay alert!*



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE DOCK MASTER

Dieter Kuberg dwkuberg@comcast.net

I have 60 to 70 percent of your insurance letters or certificates. If you have not provided that information to me, you will not be kicked out of your space or slip unless someone that has complied with the PYC Policy wants your slip or space. Then I will ask you to move to a different space or slip, most likely not as desirable as what you might have. *The choice is up to you.*



photo by
Mike Rasbury

PAST COMMODORE WALT JENISON
inscribing his moniker on the commode door
at his "Burning In" Party, February 21, 2009
Thanks again, Walt, for all you do!

OPTI - LASER SUMMER CAMPS

The following weeks are open for registration. We're adding a Laser program this year to reach older sailors.

May 25-29

June 8-12

June 29-July 3

Application forms are available at the PYC clubhouse
and on the PYC website.



photo by Katie Landers

We had three boats, *Jeremiah*, *Obesity* and Kent Kindervarter's boat. The weather was great—80 degrees, 55 in the AM. Almost a full moon. With a Southeast wind, we had a great sail all the way to our destination at Harrison Bay.

Two of us had new BBQ grills and tried them out for the first time. Josh and Katie had upscale hotdogs and I grilled pork tenderloin steaks for Kent K. and me. Add the stir fried veggies and a big loaf of hot garlic bread and we were doing all right. The next morning, Katie served awesome bagels with Cream cheese, smoked salmon and capers.

Kent K. was the bird watcher. He saw four big woodpeckers hammering away at one time. Josh and Katie took a hint from Jane and bought a kayak to ferry their dog to shore for business that didn't need to be done on the boat. It worked great and I'm sure that they and the dog appreciated it. The weather forecast was for strong winds from the SSE so we decided to return to PYC instead of exploring. No one wanted a repeat of last year, returning with winds of 20 and waves right on the nose.



Mark your calendars...***April 18th***
PYC will be traveling to Italy.

Our social this month will be *Italian Pot Luck*.
Please bring your favorite Italian dish to share with the PYC family.
The clubhouse will be turned into a quaint little Italian bistro.
Wine will definitely be served! (American beer too!)

We are looking for: Antipasto, Breads, Salads, Pastas, and Desserts.

As we sit out on the deck overlooking the lake, we will pretend we are in Venice, the sounds of the gondoliers going by, couples exchanging longing glances, and us...sipping wine and savoring fine quisine...

Does it get any better than that?



COMING EVENTS

Check the PYC website for more info. All PYC members invited to all CSC functions.

APRIL

Apr 4	WORK PARTY	8:30 am Saturday
Apr 4	Race - Cruisers & C22	1 pm Saturday
Apr 4-5	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
Apr 8	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
Apr 11	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
Apr 12	Easter	Sunday
Apr 13	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
Apr 14	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
Apr 15	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
Apr 18	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
Apr 18	Italian Pot Luck - Door Prize	6 pm Saturday
Apr 19	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
Apr 21	For Women Only - to be announced	6 pm Tuesday
Apr 22	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
Apr 25	Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot)	TBD Saturday
Apr 26	Choo Choo Regatta (Flying Scot)	TBD Sunday
Apr 29	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday

MAY

May 2	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22)	TBD Saturday
May 3	Chattanooga Challenge (Catalina 22)	TBD Sunday
May 5	For Women Only - to be announced	6 pm Tuesday
May 6	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 9	PYC Spring Regatta - Shrimp Boil - Door Prize!!	TBD Saturday
May 10	PYC Spring Regatta	TBD Sunday
May 11	Board Meeting	7 pm Monday
May 12	CSC Covered Dish Dinner	7 pm Tuesday
May 13	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 16	MC Scows Scowabunga	TBD Saturday
May 16-17	Full Moon Raft Up	Saturday - Sunday
May 17	MC Scows Scowabunga	TBD Sunday
May 19	For Women Only - to be announced	6 pm Tuesday
May 20	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 23	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
May 24	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday
May 27	CSC JAM Race	7 pm Wednesday
May 30	Race - Cruiser & C22	1 pm Saturday
May 31	Dinghy Race	2:30 pm Sunday

BIG EVENTS FOR CATALINA 22 SAILORS! OUT OF TOWN, BUT NOT TOO FAR...

May 15-22	Catalina 22 Northern Gulf Coast Cruise	Ft. Walton Beach, FL
May 23-28	Catalina 22 Nationals	Ft. Walton Beach, FL

RACE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

David Varnell — Race Committee Chairman

DATE	TIME	DAY	BOAT	PRO	ASSISTANT
APRIL					
04/01/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Fowler, Rob	Godwin, Tim
04/04/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Green, Herman	Graves, Mike
04/05/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Hearn, John	Lynn Olson
04/08/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Holmquist, Ken	Healy, Paul
04/11/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Humphreys, Bill	Irwin, Scott
04/12/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Cruisers	Sherman, Steve	Jones, Bruce
04/15/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Varnell, David	Morgan, Chuck
04/18/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Spohn, Doug	Campbell, Curtiss
04/19/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Snyder, Pete	Halley, Mike
04/22/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Ford, Ed	Penrose, Stuart
04/25/09	TBD	Saturday	Flying Scot	Choo-Choo Regatta	Stewart Cofield
04/26/09	TBD	Sunday	Flying Scot	Choo-Choo Regatta	Stewart Cofield
04/29/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Kuberg, Dieter	Prettyman, Jim
MAY					
05/02/09	TBD	Saturday	Catalina22	Chattanooga Challenge	Bill Robertson
05/03/09	TBD	Sunday	Catalina22	Chattanooga Challenge	Bill Robertson
05/06/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	McPhee, Bruce	Schmitt, Garrett
05/09/09	TBD	Saturday	Cruisers	PYC Spring Regatta	TBD
05/10/09	TBD	Sunday	Cruisers	PYC Spring Regatta	TBD
05/13/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	McLeod, Ian	Seeber, Mike
05/16/09	TBD	Saturday	MC Scow	Scowabunga	Steve Sherman
05/17/09	TBD	Sunday	MC Scow	Scowabunga	Steve Sherman
05/20/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Myers, Terry/Joyce	Stewart, Gary
05/23/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	Lee, Scott	Prevost, Tom
05/24/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Eddie Graham	Rodgers, John
05/27/09	7:00 PM	Wednesday	Cruisers	Overbeck, Kent	Sweatt, Kirby
05/30/09	1:00 PM	Saturday	Cruisers	King, Peter	Vanden Branden, Sandy
05/31/09	2:30 PM	Sunday	Dinghies	Ralston, Richard	Wiberly, Spencer

NOTE: IF YOU DISCOVER A PROBLEM WITH ANY OF THE COMMITTEE OR CHASE BOATS, PLEASE NOTIFY GUY CAMPBELL **ASAP**.
(423-421-2329)

IN CASE YOU CANNOT DO YOUR RC DUTY,
BE SURE TO GET
A DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE.

CURMUDGEON'S OBSERVATION

Heaven is where the Police are British, the Chefs are Italian, the Mechanics are German, the Lovers are French, and it's all organized by the Swiss.

Hell is where the Police are German, the Chefs are British, the Mechanics are French, the Lovers are Swiss, and it's all organized by the Italians.

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<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/>

CATALINA 22 MIDWINTERS REGATTA

COCOA BEACH, INDIAN RIVER YACHT CLUB

February 21-22, 2009

by Bill Robertson

The Midwinters Regatta in Cocoa Beach, FL, hosted by the **Indian River Yacht Club** was a lot of fun and a great regatta. The weather could not have been better. When we arrived Thursday night, it was pretty cool, but a warming trend was in place.

We set the boat up Friday and went out for a practice sail Friday afternoon before coming back in for a race seminar by the current national champion, **Justin Chambers and Joe Waters**. It was very interesting, especially the question about anchoring that was asked by one of the local vagrants hanging



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around looking for some free booze.

The racing Saturday and Sunday was very competitive. Winds were about 10 to 15 on Saturday and around 10 on Sunday. We got in a total of 6 races. There were 3 fleet 95 members in attendance. They were **Stewart Cofield** with **Bob Ives** as crew, **Barry Klein** with **Chris** and **Christian Cyrul** as crew, and me with **John Rodgers** as crew.

When we left, after the awards ceremony Sunday afternoon, the weather was perfect. The temperature was near 80 and the sun was out. We left wearing shorts and T-shirts. By the time we got home, the temperature here was 28. That was hard to take.

For more pictures by Dick Messeroll (including how to order prints) and race results, go to:

<http://iryc.club.officelive.com/cat22midwinters.aspx>



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Pictures on this page by Gene Harm - see:
<http://www.eharm.net/photography/personal/sailing/2009midwinter/index.htm>



CHOO CHOO REGATTA COMING TO PYC APRIL 25-26, 2009



CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE CATALINA 22'S AT PYC MAY 2-3, 2009



MC SCOW FLEET ON THE *MOVE* *by Barry Klein*

The MC Scow is one of the fastest growing fleets in the U.S., and things are happening here at Privateer as well. We would like to welcome **Garrett Schmitt**, the newest owner of an MC at PYC. Garrett is a new sailor and after a couple of rides in an MC he was hooked. He jumped in and purchased

one. There has been a lot of buzz about the new Scow design that comes out this year and PYC is getting 2 of them. Keep an eye out for them!

On March 22nd we had a tune-up day with 7 scows on the water. Everyone had fun, cleared the dust off their boats and had a few practice races. **Sandy Vanden Branden** came out, gave the MC a try and got baptized (ended up in the lake). But, she still had a great time. After the races, we all went up to the grills for some dinner (thanks to **Chris Cyril** for the bratwurst).

There are many MC regattas within close driving distance of PYC, and our club will be traveling to at least 4 out of town races just in the month of April alone — not to mention PYC's own **Scowabunga Regatta** in May. With all the excitement surrounding our fleet lately, if you haven't had a ride on an MC yet, now's the time. There are boats available at our club to try out. And who knows, you might be the next one purchasing one like Garrett — or ending up in the water like Sandy!

SCOWABUNGA REGATTA COMING SOON!

May 16-17 here at PYC — NOR @ www.MCScow.org

PYC BOARD MEETING

Minutes — March 9, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice Commodore Varnell.

Members present: D. Bergevin G. Campbell
C. Cofield S. Irwin
W. Jenison D. Kuberg
B. Lesley P. Snyder
D. Varnell

Observers present: S. Adams S. Cline
S. Cofield P. Crowe
D. Mullen

- Minutes of February 2009 Board Meeting were approved. Kuberg moved. Bergevin seconded.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Pete Snyder, Secretary-Editor, *The Private Ear*:

- No Report.

Carol Cofield, Treasurer:

- **Fred Koch** will be going over the books with Carol to close out 2008.
- Carol brought up several members changing classification and/or needing to catch up on dues. The board reviewed each one and made recommendations.

David Varnell, Vice Commodore – Race Committee Chairman:

- David announced that the racing program will begin with the St. Patrick's Day Race for Cruisers, and April 19th will start the dinghy races.
- David purchased four **VHF radios** through the discounted offer that Pete found. Good radios and good deal.
- **DIYRA** will have their **Quarter Finals** (Mallory Cup) for Flying Scots here on **June 20th**. We will need to provide up to five Flying Scots. They will be insured by US Sailing and have a damage deposit made for each one.

Rear Commodore Dieter Kuberg, Dock Master & Dry Slip Director:

- Dieter has received about half the Certificates of

Insurance. Everyone with a boat at the club needs to provide a copy of his proof of insurance. If a skipper does not have his copy in to Dieter, his dry storage space and/or his wet slip may be up for use by a skipper who has submitted his. Dieter will send a letter to every individual member who has not submitted his proof of insurance. The registration issue will not be enforced by PYC. Dieter will submit a revision to the policies for the board to vote upon.

Guy Campbell, Club Boat Director:

- The large committee boat has been pulled out on the trailer borrowed from **Adam Rosenthal** for inspection, cleaning and repairs. Guy drained 6 gallons of water out of the starboard pontoon, and only about a cup from the port pontoon. The bow of each pontoon has been split open due to rough docking. This will be repaired. Walt will also be cleaning the old paint off the pontoons which appears to be corroding the aluminum. Guy will replace the carpet on the borrowed trailer bunks to better protect the pontoons.

- **Bryson and Walt** will check on the small committee boat to use for the St. Patrick's Day Race.

- **David Varnell** commented that the plaque racks at the rear of the large committee boat need to be modified so as to not lose the course marker plaques overboard.

- Discussion led to a recommendation that **different slips be used for the committee boats**. They have been run into the rip rap too often.

- David Varnell stated that it would be good to have one of the **chase boats** in the water **for every dinghy race**, especially when the wind is up.

- **Guy** asked that he be given a budget for maintaining the club boats. Several items need immediate attention. David Varnell made a motion to allot \$500 for club boat maintenance to be used at Guy's discretion. Motion seconded and passed.

David Bergevin, Rear Commodore — Membership:

- **Scott Adams** is an Associate Member, ready to be voted upon for **Family Membership**. Bergevin moved, and Kuberg seconded. Motion passed.

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- **Brandy and Shay Mayo** have been changed to Out of Town Members.
- **Francis Parker** was dropped from Associate Membership due to lack of a sponsor.
- **David Barrow** has dropped his Associate Membership.
- We still have 119 Family Memberships – no bottom line change since last month.

Scott Irwin, Social Committee Chairman:

- Scott announced that **Bo Cline** would like to use the clubhouse for his grand daughter’s wedding reception on August 29th. Motion made, seconded and passed.
- Scott asked if there were a written policy for those who borrow the clubhouse, listing things like clean up procedures, etc. Nobody knew of one, so Scott will develop one.
- St. Patrick’s Day Race and Social will be this weekend, March 14th.
- The April social event will be on April 18th, and a **Work Party will be held on April 4th.**

Bryson Lesley, Director of Building, Grounds and Docks:

- **Linda Lesley** would like to remove the old maps behind the serving counter and put up new ones. She would also mount a bulletin board for each fleet. Snyder made the motion, Varnell seconded, and the motion carried.
- **The number pad** at the front gate has been malfunctioning. Bryson will replace it soon if it cannot be fixed. He will also remove the chain link fence to the left of the front gate (approach side) and install a small, white fence that looks better.
- Bryson reported that he needs \$3500 to refloat the old wooden Opti Docks with sealed foam floats. Kuberg moved and Jenison seconded. Motion passed.
- Bryson will have the piles of rip rap moved by the time of the Work Party.

- Ten lasers have been offered as loaners for the intermediate sailing program. Bryson is waiting on student registration to know how many radial rigs to order.

Walt Jenison, Past Commodore:

- Walt thanked everyone for the Burning In Party. He also announced that the Planning Committee will meet before the next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pat Crowe is still researching prices for aluminum poles. He will cut the old pole down, saw it up and remove it – with help.

NO NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to adjourn by Kuberg, second by Jenison – passed. Meeting adjourned 8:13 PM.

**Respectfully submitted
Peter Snyder, Secretary**

Job 28:25-27— “When he established the force of the wind and measured out the waters, when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunderstorm, then he looked at wisdom and appraised it; he confirmed it and tested it.”

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Privateer Yacht Club

was organized on July 25, 1940, in order to promote sailing in the Chickamauga Lake area and particularly in Chattanooga; to teach its members to talk the language of the sea and build up a marine tradition for "The Great Lakes of The South"; to help promote water safety and a code of ethics for the waterways; to form a social and activity nucleus for people in the area interested in sailing; and to develop an active relationship with other sailing and boating organizations to promote racing and other boating activities.



photo by Mike Rasbury

PIRATES OF PRIVATEER OPTI REGATTA COMING OCT. 3-4, 2009

2008 CHATTANOOGA CHALLENGE - JUST AFTER THE START - photo (below) by Mike Rasbury

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