

Presidents Report April 2010

The endless summer goes on! I hope everyone has been able to use their wooden boats, attend wooden boat rallies and festivals, work on their wooden boats and all the other joys of wooden boats in one of the best places for wooden boats in the world. The Guild has had a busy time and we look forward to more throughout the rest of autumn and into winter.



Thanks to those who made a special effort to get involved in our timbering working bees for the Terra Linna.

A few members who visited the project for the first time were mightily impressed. Noel and his team of Noelene, Robin, David, and helpers get a lot done between working bees.

Photo Cherelle gadge



Timbering at the previous working bee

The annual Bruny Island "big boat" weekend was great fun for those that went. We found the site much tidier this year, probably thanks to the Kingborough Council's rubbish collection bin that is cleared on a weekly basis.

Start making plans for the June long weekend WBGT trip to St Helens. Contrary to discussion at the meeting, members will need to make their own accommodation arrangements in or near St Helens. The rough plan is to travel on Saturday with a possible stop and launch in the Scamander River, a BBQ or Dinner on Saturday or Sunday night, and launch in the Bay for a row on Sunday. Contacts are being made with the locals so watch this space for further developments. There are a number of cabin/caravan parks, holiday units, bed and breakfasts and hotel/motels in St Helens.

Before that though, we can look forward to another great day at Roly and Kate's at Pipeclay Lagoon on the April Rowing Day on Anzac Day.

Have a happy and safe Easter everyone.

Graeme



Secretary's April report

The March meeting was a little different to our normal ones. We started early just to make sure that we got the job completed before dark. What job, I hear you ask? Well if you were there, you would have witnessed Peta Knot along with a volunteer from the Maritime Museum of Tasmania and Dougal Harris, a Naval Architect take the lines of the Guild's newly acquired Piners Punt (*Gordon*) that has been donated to the Guild by Laurie Harris. What an interesting spectacle.

I had already seen this procedure last year when Peta took the lines of my Piners Punt but the most interesting part of the procedure was the presentation inside the Mariners Cottage after the plotting outside in the car park was completed. As Dougal said, "it's just a simple matter of just joining up the dots"....yes well! It was very interesting to see how the computer along with the special software was able to turn the 'dots' into three dimensional images. Aaaaamazing.

In early May, I will take the new Guild Punt to Cygnet, as the Maritime Museum of Tasmania has commissioned Mike Staples to take the lines of her using the traditional long hand method...all done by hand....as a comparison to the laser/digital method. It will be most interesting to see how the results turn out when the two sets of lines plans are overlaid.

Photo Graeme Hunt P/Ms Camera



Mike Staples prepares for his May work watched by Penny Morton



Dougal sets out a grid by which to take the laser measurements

Photo Graeme Hunt using P/M's camera

A very big thank you to the Maritime Museum; Peta Knott, her volunteer and to Dougal. And thank you to Mike in advance, for what he is about to do as well. Also, thank you to Kevin and Peter for the most welcome sausage sizzle.

I think our trusty Editor, Peter took notes, pictures and a video so we might see more later in this edition.

Which brings me to another matter, the new Piners Punt (*Gordon*) is in need of

Photo Penny Morton



Peta Knott answers the many questions of members and onlookers

a trailer. Is there a member out there who has one that isn't being used, or, knows someone who wishes to part with one that they no longer need? All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Photo Penny Morton



Peta Knott explains how with the use of technology you can take off the lines of a boat to some of our "old Salts"!

I had the pleasure of attending a *Terra Linna*

working bee last month helping to install two and a half ribs....don't ask....Noel will explain! I must say she is really looking like a real boat once again. I believe the Guild under Noels guidance and Peter and Graeme's management are doing a remarkable job. I've already got a berth lined up for her at the 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

Last month the Maritime Museum of Tasmania celebrated ten years of occupying their current premises on the Hobart waterfront. It was a very busy morning with Chris Wisbey from the ABC interviewing special guests. The museum had as many visitors that day as they would have in a month. Whilst there eating birthday cake I spotted the Halls and the Fosters....it was a very enjoyable morning, keep up the good work MM of T.

Don't forget our next outing on **Sunday 25 April** will be the **Cremorne rowing day at Kate and Rolly's**. Details later on in this edition.

We need more guest speakers. If you, or if you know someone who could give us an interesting nautically based talk or demonstration just let one of the committee know and we'll take it from there.

Which reminds me, it's that time of the Guild year again; our next general meeting will be held on 17 May 2010 and will be followed by our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

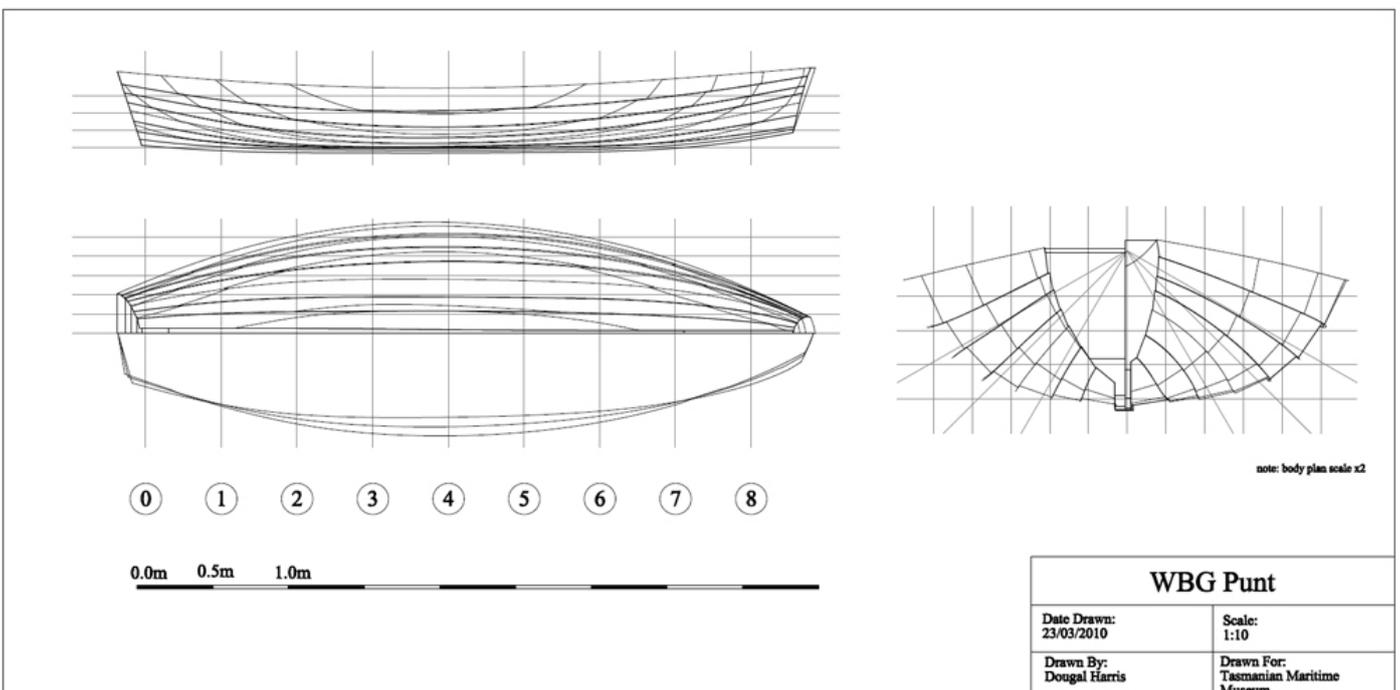
Nominations for Office Bearers and Notices of Motion should be lodged with the Secretary no later than seven days prior to the AGM.

Sorry Cheryl.....did I hear you say, you wanted to be nominated for secretary.... [Cheryl told me she is Secretary, ed.]

Last month's question was: 'Legs' on a deep keeled vessel refers to: (1) her ability to punch through heavy seas (2) sailing through a flank wind where the crew must sit on the windward side (3) wooden supports to hold her upright when grounded

And the correct answer is: Wooden supports to hold her upright when grounded for repair or scraping and antifouling

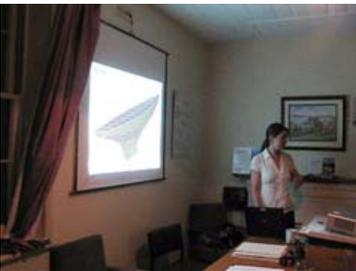
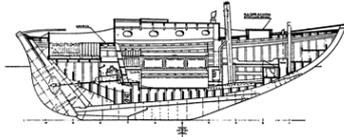
This month's question: Cardinal points are: (1) the major points on a magnetic compass (2) the key elements in a service by a Naval Chaplain (3) a graphical record of heart movements



Secretaries Trivia: The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison: *a small medium at large*

Roscoe

Editors note: Firstly, a big thankyou from the Guild to Peta, Dougal and Mike for attending in their own time and demonstrating this methodology and for providing the Guild



Peta Knott addressing Guild members about the taking of lines using technology

Photo Peter Higgs

with a set of lines (see page 2, not to scale) for our new restoration acquisition. It is much appreciated. Also, I do have some more editing to do but very soon hope to have a worthwhile video of the

process for both the Guild and the Maritime Museum of Tasmania.

Terra Linna Report

I could be wrong on this count but I believe the last working bee, which I could not attend achieved installing enough timbers to leave only another ten to complete the timber installations. So that should be that 27 out of the 37 timbers are steamed, fitted up and fixed. Quite an achievement. But there is always a few beavers who have sideline working bees with Noel and Noelene mid week. To these conscientious workers, who for their own reasons don't always want recognition, our many and heartfelt thanks because your efforts with Noel and Noelene are really appreciated and noticed.

It won't be long and we will be fitting up the beam shelf, gunwales and stringers followed by deck beams, fitting out and deck. Then we will have to hoist and fit the mast and other spars completed by Andrew Denman, maybe when she is in the water?

So here is the Challenge! The 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival is fast approaching! Noel has indicated (and goaded) that if we lift the effort for a "final dozen" (an old rowing term!) we can have her christened at the Festival to take pride of place in Con Dock!! I do have some sculling oars to ensure she can go in under her own steam (maybe sweat!).

Now wouldn't that be a sight and an achievement!

The rigging is complete to the point for delivery and the sails are very close. The following is a sail makers report from Russell Streckfuss of "Storm Bay Sails.

"I imported the lovely soft cloth I showed you and set

about designing the sails. I cut out all the individual pieces and prepared them for machining into one piece sails. All the corner reinforcements are cut out too. I then ordered some very nice brass rings and liners for the corners and reef points. I had a lot of trouble finding them as no one in Australia hand sews rings any more. The brass rings I showed you all were the kind which are hydraulically swaged in but since I last ordered them, the supplier has discontinued them. The hand sewn ones are true to the original method of fitting corner rings and will be fantastic. Unfortunately they are very laborious to put in!!

I will continue on with putting the sails together and will finish them in a couple of weeks."

Many thanks Russell, it is truly appreciated the effort you, Andrew Denman and Mike Seeney have gone to ensuring we maintain the *Terra Linna's* heritage yet observing we need to be compliant with current standards and safety requirements. Your efforts are appreciated.

From the Editors Desk

On the 21st of March 2010 we held our "Clean Up Australia Day" at the Duckpond. On arrival it was more than evident that the site was the cleanest we had ever experienced. We must congratulate the Kingborough Council for finally installing a weekly pickup garbage bin. It has obviously contributed to a cleaner "Duckpond". All we need now is an eco toilet to add a final touch to cleaning the site up.



Another glorious weekend at the Duckpond! Photo Peter Higgs

It is obvious that if facilities are provided the public comply and keep beautiful site like the Duckpond clean and tidy.

Dallas and I caught the 11.00am Ferry who very kindly sponsor our Clean Up Australia Day at the Duckpond, Barnes Bay. Much to our dismay not only was the site clean and tidy but it was also empty. So there was no jostling to get a level site for the caravan and we had the pick of the site to view all of the boats and yachts coming and going! What a beautiful part of the world.



Photo Graeme Hunt

Graeme & Judy having boarded *Lady Daphne* from *Teepookana* with *Farewell* in the background.

On the Saturday Noel, Noelene, Graeme and Judy arrived aboard *Fairwell* with Noel getting his regular anchorage. Later in the afternoon the p.m. Watch observed *Lady Daphne* safely encounter "*Ainsley's Bar*"! Over the bar—b—q some one mentioned that "*Ros's Spit*" was safely encountered this year.

Not sure who mentioned that! Well done Ainsley and Ros, *Lady Daphne* is looking a real treat with her new bulwarks and paint job. Hope you both have lots of fun on her!



Photo supplied by Rob Nolan

During the afternoon Rob and Jo Nolan arrived in their NIS boat *Shearwater* and anchored in their normal spot a stones throw from the waters edge.

On their way through Judy and Graeme picked up Jo and Rob in the *Teepookana* and then made a safe landing ashore on the carpet Graeme had provided to land tenders on. Rob and Jo enjoyed a lift to and

from their boat for the weekend. They also did a stirling job in the clean

up by following the shoreline of the Duckpond right around to the western shores via the southern shores. Their one regret was that they started collecting on the way over so consequently they carried the rubbish both ways.

Photo Peter Higgs



Jim discussing his Bauxite Pine committee boat and *Ainesleys Spit* with Ainesley

Later in the afternoon Jim Tayton arrived in the race committees, judges "bauxite pine" boat at a great rate of knots. Said he noticed through his glasses from home



The fishermen set out to no avail, net or line, in the *Teepookana*

Photo Dallas Higgs

that Ainesley entered Barnes Bay in the *Lady Daphne* so thought he would come over to see if he got past the bar OK! What a sight, to see Jim enter the Duckpond after his channel crossing on such a not so brilliant day and alas Ainesley didn't need a hand at all!

So Jim stayed and helped clean up the site and then stayed on for the bar-b-q before setting out across the channel at dusk he helped yours truly and the President check and pull a net they had set in Barnes Bay using

Photo Graeme Hunt



Happy Birthday Ainesley!



Photo Dallas Higgs

Teepookana earlier that day. Alas no fish though, not like 2009!

It was revealed as the night progressed that it was Ainesley's birthday. So Ros just happened to bring a cake along and we all sang Ainesley Happy Birthday!

On Sunday morning Ross and Cheryl Barnett arrived early and had breakfast with us on the camp fire. We then set about our final clean up following which we

President Graeme Hunt returns with one of his bags and some more firewood!

packed up and returned home. Just as we were packing up and Roscoe was readying to transport our collection

to the Bruny Island Waste Transfer station the contractor for Kingborough council arrived to clear the council bin and offered to take what we had collected. The contractor indicated that he clears the bin on a daily basis and that it is quite often full. Proves the system works when facilities are made available.

Photo Peter Higgs



Our Sponsors vessel *Mirrabeena*

Many thanks must be extended to the owners of *Mirrabeena*, *Onedin Marine Pty Ltd.*, the Bruny Island Ferry, for sponsoring our Clean Up Australia Day at the Duckpond again in 2010!



We left a cleaner looking Duckpond again, photo Peter Higgs

Further information sought

I have been contacted by Peter Ryrie re the following;

"I am restoring a Harrison Butler 24 ft sloop launched Tasmania in 1955 double diagonal

planked Huon Pine. The yacht was designed by HB in 1944. I would like to know if I

could find the builder or someone familiar with its type of construction.

Looking forward to your reply.

Regards,

Peter Ryrie

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Calendar 2010

- April Monday 19th General and Committee meeting 7.30pm and 6.00pm respectfully
- April 25th 2010 Cremorne Rowing Day at Roly and Kate's CONFIRMED. Should be a big day BYOG&F but rumours have it that Roly may be preparing a lamb!!
- May 17th May Committee and Annual General Meeting. That is right it time to take up office and commit. See the Secretary for nomination forms and if you want to give notice of motion!
- May 23rd New Norfolk Rowing Day Cancelled and to be replaced by a Terra Linna Working Bee.
- June 12th, 13th and 14th June long weekend at St Helens, Trip Leader Graeme Hunt in collaboration with new member Gavin Boon
- July 25, Land Cruise with Grahame Dudgeon
- August 22nd TBA or Terra Linna working Bee
- September 26th Kettering Rowing Day trip leaders Roscoe Barnett and Jim Tayton
- October 31st Bellerive Seafarers Festival
- November 13th Huon Show
- December 12 or 19th Christams in the Park, Mariners Cottage
- Maritime and Maritime Heritage lunch box talks 12 noon till 1.00pm — 1st Tuesday of each month at TMAG Royal Society Room organised by Peta Knott of the Maritime Museum.

Trip Leaders responsibilities; the Trip Leader is to confirm meeting paces and times (including maps) for the Skeg edition prior to the event. Skeg closing time is 1st Monday for text and 1st Monday for photos every month. Following the event the Trip Leader is to provide a short story and up to 5 of their own photos, sized and titled (as file name) appropriately, of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg. Members wishing to submit photos from the rowing days are required to provide a maximum of five to the Trip Leader so that we do not get same/similar contributions. All must be sized as below with a title as the file name.

Members wishing to submit articles & photos: All members articles and photos are most welcome as contributions for the Skeg or other publications. For the Skeg, articles are preferred to be in MS Word with no formatting. Members are asked to restrict their photographic submissions to 5 in total per month and to have resized the photos to the following specs. No PDF's please!

400 Pixels wide X 300 Pixels high, or

5.7 cm wide X 4.2 cm high, with a resolution of

180 pixels per inch

If you can not size a photo submit it with a title as a file name and the editor will size it for you.

All SKEG articles must be with the editor in a digital form by the 1st Monday of the month.

General Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays except in the month of December.

The next general meeting of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will be held at the Mariners' Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point commencing at 7.30 pm Monday 19th April 2010

There will be a committee meeting held prior to the general meeting at 6.00pm, members welcome

<http://www.woodenboatguildtas.org.au/>

Guest Speaker, 19th April 2010

Ross Barnett will be shouting drinks????!! To celebrate the 60th birthday of Maori Lass and depending on how the drinks go down he may present a historical reflection of her life!

Presenter/s or practical demonstration required for future meetings.

Skeg articles by the 1st Monday of each month please . If the deadlines can't be kept the SKEG will be published without late submissions!

1. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
2. **Speaker/demonstration (it can be a demonstration of a wooden boat building activity or problem solving activity) for next month are always needed so get your name and topic in.**

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If any members have any information regarding this enquiry please let me know or write to Peter R. direct.

Huon Wooden Boat Builders Land Cruise

Trip Leader Grahame Dudgeon

Listed in Calendar 25th July but Grahame told me his preference would be 11th or 18th July 2010

If you have experienced one of Grahame's land cruises in the past you will know this trip is not to be missed. You will find it very informative and once again will catch up with what the people of the Huon Valley get up to in building wooden boats, something that seems to come naturally down there!

Grahame has lined up a number of boats at various stages of construction for us. Because some of the locations are tight for parking Grahame is suggesting we may need to hire a bus from Huonville. This will overcome a lot of congestion at the sites.

Grahame's research to date shows we can get a bus that seat 20 for \$400.00 and one that seats 40 for \$500.00. He needs an answer regarding our preference and willingness to hire a bus.

We also need to confirm the date!

News of the Julie Burgess Restoration Project from the Devonport Council

Four members of the Devonport Community and 2 Aldermen have been nominated as Special Trust Committee members to oversee the restoration of the Tall Ship, Julie Burgess and associated tourism strategies.

For this important Maritime Heritage work the Devonport City Council

will receive \$1.87 million under the first round of the "Get Communities Working and the Local Jobs Streams" of the Australian Governments \$650 million Jobs Fund.

Combined, the principal stakeholders in the Project have extensive experience and skills in project management, wooden ship restoration, employment and training service delivery, tourism and business development.

Margaret Griggs has recently been appointed Project Officer and can be contacted at the Best St office, phone 03 64240511 or council@devonport.tas.gov.au

Photo courtesy Project Information



Archive photo of the Julie Burgess under sail.

- Shipwrights have been recruited
- Stripping of the vessel both at mooring and on the slip have been completed
- The engine and gear box have been removed and sent for re-conditioning
- The mast and rigging is being stripped and inspected for restoration and the sails have been stored.
- Timber has been sourced and purchased.

So it sounds like another Tasmanian Maritime Heritage project involving a sizable ship restoration is successfully underway. Adapted from the Devonport Maritime Museum and Historical Society Inc. News Letter.

Peter Higgs Editor

For Sale:

Eltin Ronan

Having just arranged to purchase Gavin Boon's Fazackerly I need to offer *Eltin Ronan* for sale. She's been a big/little restoration job for a boat with a lot of history. Looking for a mad keen wooden boater to take her on and maintain her as part of Tasmania's Maritime history.

Great rowing boat and prepared to negotiate the price.

Delamere—Tom Balfour

25 ft length, 8 ft beam, 3' 6" draft, Chuck Payne designed double ended sloop cold moulded with Western Red Cedar and epoxy.

Best yacht award at the 1994 Sydney Wooden Boat Festival. First class fit out and rigging. Lying Pittwater Sydney. Contact Tom on 02 48616845 or tombalfour@bigpond.com

Geoff Winspear has his 18' motor-sailer for sale.

Contact Geoff at Port Sorell on (03) 6428 7327

Lionel Lewis is selling his 18' X 8' stern drive Huon Pine clinker motor launch "*Moewai*". Lionel was the designer builder and completed her in the 70's. She is complete with, fully marinised Ford 110 hp motor, trailer and build diary and many extras. If interested contact Lionel on 0400161412

Piners Punt for sale. Pristine condition looking like a piece of furniture. For price and more details contact **Ross Patson-Gill** on 62663660.

Photo Peter Higgs



Eltin Ronan beached at Spectacle Island, Dodges Ferry

More Duck Pond photos by Graeme Hunt



More Duckpond photos by Peter and Dallas Higgs



Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
Notice of Motion and Nomination Form

Forward form to the Secretary, PO Box 28, Battery Point 7004, 7 days before AGM which is to be held on 17 May 2010

I,

Propose the following notice of motion.....

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Reasons.....

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For the AGM to be held on / /

Signed by Proposer.....

I,

Nominate

Asof the Guild

For the AGM to be held on / /

Signed by Nominee.....

Signed by person making nomination.....date / /

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THE WOODEN BOAT GUILD of TASMANIA INC.

Membership Application

Member(s)

I / We
 (preferred name) (surname)

and
 (preferred name) (surname)

hereby apply to join (or continue) my/our membership of The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
 for the membership period 1st May 2009 to 30th April 2010.

Contact information

Correspondence address:	Phone:
Street	(Home)
.....	(Bus.)
Town	(Mobile)
State Postcode.	

Email address

Please send the newsletter by:	Areas of interest (tick many)				
	boating <input type="checkbox"/>	excursions <input type="checkbox"/>	building <input type="checkbox"/>	designing <input type="checkbox"/>	restoring <input type="checkbox"/>
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Annual Subscription

Rates: Full member / family\$40.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	Paid by	Cheques: Make payable to "Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc."
Concession (Student, Pensioner(s))\$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>		
Donation \$	Cheque/PO <input type="checkbox"/>	Bank transfer: BSB: 067 105
Total payment \$	Credit card <input type="checkbox"/>	Account No: 10052077
	Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/>	Account name: Tasmanian Wooden Boat Guild Please include enough details to identify yourself and the reason for the payment

Forward to: Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. P. O. Box 28 Battery Point, Tas 7004	I / We agree to abide by the Rules of Incorporation and By Laws of the Guild
	Signed
	Date

Credit card details	Card type: MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> or Visa <input type="checkbox"/> (sorry, no Amex or Diners)
Credit Card Number	Expires/..... (mm/yy)
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