



Tight Lines Update

Between Beaconsfield Parade & The Sand, Kerferd Road Pier, Albert Park.

UPDATE: Wednesday 17th. - Tuesday 30th. January 2024

Welcome to 2024.

The Management, Staff and Committee welcome you back to your Club.

May this year bring new happiness, goals, and achievements, wishing you all a year fully-loaded with good times, and happiness.

Make sure you check out the events section on Tight Lines to keep up to date with all things happening at the Club.

We heard and have listen to your feedback on bookings. We have amended the system to allow a member to book for 8 people, including themselves.

This can be done on Obee —the clubs booking system— and is in place now. Click this link: <https://obee.com.au/anglersrestaurant/>

Please note that for bookings over eight you still need to contact the office between 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

A reminder on The Club's Etiquette.

When you are finished dinning or drinking, please clear your table. Plates to the kitchen; Glasses and Bottles to the bar; Rubbish in the bins. Keeping costs down keeps your membership levy down.
See you at the club!

Elise Thomas,
Manager.

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Pauline Biffin with a Gummy Shark

Friday night at the Club.

The Member's Draw will be \$1,300 for the 19th. of January.

Assorted bar snacks are available.

The Member's Draw rolls at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

To win, the member must be present, and financial. When their name comes up, they must claim it within one minute. If not claimed, jackpot increases by \$100 each week until won.

Last Friday night the winners were: **Daniel Kogler Linda Pearce** and **Kiki Rix**. If they'd been there, been financial, and claimed their prize within 60 seconds ... one of them would have won the money!

Weekly Raffle

Tickets are sold in the hour prior to the Member's Draw and the raffle is drawn soon after.

Five Prizes up for grabs:

- Mystery Hamper.
- Brenta Meats tray, (*thanks Ches*).
- Mumm Gift Pack.
- A \$70 meal voucher.
- A secret prize.

Tickets: one for \$5, or six for \$20 (EFT available).

Be nice to our Volunteers on the door and selling raffle tickets.

If you wish to stay for a meal, please make sure you book a table by [clicking this link](#).

Reminder: meals must be ordered before 8 p.m.

APYAC Australia Day Clinker Boat Race Lunch 2024



Annual Australia Day Clinker Boat Race & Lunch

Friday 26th January 2024

Race starts @ approx. 10 a.m. tide dependent - racers will be notified.

Captains please register your vessel, and availability to take out another member as crew, by clicking here. [<https://www.trybooking.com/COCWL>]

Members wanting a seat with a Captain, please register your interest by clicking here. [<https://www.trybooking.com/COCWL>]

The main kitchen is open for lunch, so please book online for a table via the APYAC website [<https://apyac.org.au/dining/>]

Lunch bookings online are essential.

Prizes: Best dressed boat 1st.; 2nd Diesel 1st.; 2nd Petrol.

All members welcome to come along and cheer.

Australia Day Clinker Boat Race Rules 2024.

1. Boat Captain's Briefing Meeting at 9 a.m. sharp. (All Skippers must attend).
2. All Boats must be in the water by 9.45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start.
3. The Start Line will be an imaginary line between the end of the pier and the Start Boat.
4. A two-minute start warning horn, (2 blasts), will sound exactly two minutes before the start to enable all boats to line-up on the start line.
5. When all boats are in line, or close to it, the race will start with one blast from the horn.
6. All Boats are to race towards Port Melbourne, passing around the positioned motor boat and head back towards the Club, (from the deep side to the beach side).
7. The winners will be judged as the first boats to round the 200 meter Yellow marker on their way back to the Club, as judged by the Start Boat.

Disqualifications may be incurred by boats jumping the start or not going around the designated markers.

- John Borell

Saturday night dining



27th January
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Selected Wines & Beers at \$4 a glass!

Menu for Saturday nights:

- Fish and Chips,
- Scotch Fillet Steak,
- Chicken Parmigiana,
- Rigatoni Pollo e Fungi / Vegetarian Rigatoni, and
- Seafood Spaghetti.

The full children's and dessert menu will be as usual.

Book your table by [clicking here](#).

Last drinks 9:30 p.m. (We may close earlier if no demand).

APYAC Mixed Fishing Charter - 4th February 2024.

Sadly December's charter was cancelled due to strong winds.



Time to make history again!

Mixed Fishing Charter

Sunday morning 4th. February 2024.

Time: 4:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Click the link: [<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1168740>]

General Meeting.
7 p.m.
Wednesday 7th. February.

Agenda:
Apologies & Minutes of previous General Meeting
Updates and reports:
President, Treasurer, Operations,
Boathouse & Sub-committees
Members Q&A to the Club Committee.

Speaker yet to be advised

Bar opens from 6 p.m. – Xmas snacks after the meeting.

Angler's Kitchen.

Specials

Mussel hot pot

of tomato, chilli and vermouth with crusty baked bread

Sri Lankan Chicken & Eggplant Curry

with Rice, Mint Yoghurt, Pappadam's & Mango Chutney

Greek Lamb Burger

with Red Onion, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce & Tzatziki
Sauce, served with beer battered Chips

Bucket of Prawns

with lemon and seafood cocktail sauce.

Dessert

Lemon Tart

with Passionfruit Cream

E.&O.E

BOOKINGS: call 9690 5530 or click
<https://tinyurl.com/AnglersBOOKING>

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From the President.



Happy New Year and welcome to APYAC Tight Lines 2024.

Over the festive season the Committee has been working hard to make this our best year yet. We've been taking on board Members' feedback, and hopefully you'll notice the results. Please feel free to contact me if you have anything that you feel you would like the Committee to know - president@apyac.org.au - my email is always open.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to **Jeff d' Albora**, from Dalcorp, who has donated a state-of-the-art Marine Drone to the Club. You may recall last year **Bob Pearce's** desire to get such a unit, this drone will help not only our Members, but also many of the Fishing groups, such as VFA, VRFish, and our fellow Fishing Clubs, better understand the Port Phillip area.

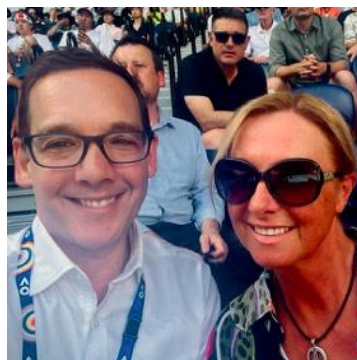
We'll be able to get up-to-date footage, not only of *Margaret's Reef*, but also those well-known fishing areas, such as the elusive '*Inner Wreck*'. This drone far exceeds the one that we were looking at purchasing, so we're completely chuffed.

Bob would like to form a team of Members to help him with this endeavour. If you are keen to be involved, please drop me an email at president@apyac.org.au and we'll be in touch.

Recently **Nina Taylor** (State Labour MP for Albert Park) paid us a visit; she was extremely happy to announce that APYAC had been awarded a \$10,000 Fishing Club development grant.

These funds have already been put to fantastic use - all of the Club's hire Boats and Kayaks have now been fitted with fishing sounders, enabling club members not only to use GPS technology, but also to see reefs, the sea bottom, and any fish beneath them. New brag mats have been purchased, so contact the Angling Sub-Committee if you require one, at albertparkanglers@gmail.com

The remainder of the grant will go towards further upgrades to the door entry system, and membership database. Thank you **Michael Kotsanis** and the VFA RFL trust fund, for all of your hard work in making this grant happen. Your Fishing Licence dollars at work.



Yesterday, I was privileged to be invited to attend the Australian Open with MP **Steve Dimopoulos**, the Victorian Minister for Fishing, Outdoor Recreation, Environment and Tourism. It was a fantastic day, and as one of the only Fishos in the State to receive an invitation, it was a great opportunity for me to get in to his ear about the plans that APYAC have for the new Kayakers reef, and the future environmental impact that we'd like to have as a Club.

Fingers crossed that together with our great relationship with Nina, 2024 sees Kayakers get underway.

Lastly, make sure that you get down to the Club on Australia Day to cheer on our Clinkers, in the annual APYAC Australia Day Clinker Boat Race. It's a brilliant day, and a chance to show off our wonderful heritage fleet. Please see **John Spragg's** (Boathouse Captain) report for more information, and feel free to drop him an email if you have any questions at captain@apyac.org.au.

Last year, **Robert Pope** and his beautifully restored vessel, appeared live on the Channel 7 morning show, as he was interviewed while preparing to take part in the race.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club, make sure you come up and say hello.

Lee Spyrou
president@apyac.org.au

Port to Park Open Water Swim - Saturday 3 February.

On Saturday 3 February, the *Port to Park Open Water Swim*, an annual swimming event, will be run by our neighbours at the South Melbourne Life Saving Club.

There are two events, a 1.1 km swim, and a 2.2 km swim.

The 1.1 km swim starts at Lagoon Pier, Port Melbourne and finishes next to APYAC. The 2.2 km swim both starts and finishes at Kerfed Pier. Approximately 300 participants are expected.

As the swimmers will be near our gantry at various times between 9.00 and 11.00 a.m., boat owners need to take this into account if they are planning to launch or retrieve their boats from our club that morning.

More details are available here: <https://southmelbournesc.com.au/major-events/port-to-park-open-water-swim/>

Spectators are welcome along the foreshore, and near APYAC, and if you want to join in the swim, just click the link. [<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83111/port-to-park-open-water-swim-2024>]

Website PDF version of Tight Lines. This PDF differs from the emailed version of Tight Lines in that the links are shown in their entirety. The position of each story and image may be different, but the content is all included.

Boat House Report.

After two years of painstaking restoration **Colin McGregor** has successfully launched his boat PA07, affectionately named '*Tight Lines*'. The vessel is a credit to Colin and his attention to detail, it would be one of the best restorations you can find. Congratulations Colin well done.

Beware of swimmers.

On the morning of the 3rd February our neighbours, the South Melbourne Life Saving Club will be running two swimming events between Kerferd and Lagoon Piers. It's their annual *Port to Park Open Water Swim* and we'd like to give them a wide berth to help make their event a success. (see article).

Australia Day Clinker Boat Race.

Please see details elsewhere, and a special thanks to **John Borell** for the work on the Race Rules, (see article).

Hire Boat inductions.

We have 28 members wanting Hire Boat inductions. We are planning on running a course on the 27th of January. We thank Chris Derrick for coming on board as a Boat House and Hire Boat Instructor. Those on the waiting list, please let us know if you can attend on Jan 27th.

Safety Gear.

All boaters check your safety gear prior to going on the water, make sure you are aware of weather forecasts, make sure your crew knows where the safety gear is, and —if in doubt— err on the safe options. You may as well check your flares and life jacket expiry dates, make sure your torch works, and your registration certificate is correctly displayed. The Water Police are out and about.

Ask for help.

Anyone using power or sharp tools in the boathouse, if you have not used the tool previously, or feel you are not competent in its use, ask for help. There are items in the Boat House that can seriously bite you, better to ask for help than suffer a trip to the quack's ... or worse.

- John Spragg

Shrine to Sea update

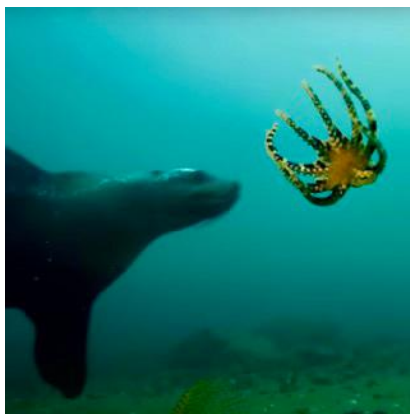


Thank you again to everyone who provided comments on the draft masterplan. The project team has now analysed the community and stakeholder feedback received on this plan during the August – September 2023 consultation period. A total of 362 responses were received, mostly through Engage Victoria, but also via email and mail.

We are getting in touch to let you know that a summary report of what we heard from the community during this consultation is now available. Click the link here to see this report. <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/shrine-to-sea>

For any questions about the project, please email Shrine.To.Sea@deeca.vic.gov.au.

How do you prefer your oysters: Natural, Kilpatrick or Extinct?



Abundant oyster reefs once surrounded the southern half of Australia from Noosa to Perth but, decades of overexploitation, sedimentation and disease have all but wiped them out.

Over 90% of our natural oyster reefs have been lost.

And the consequences go way beyond your seafood platter.

Oyster reefs can transform the waters around them by providing clean water, homes for over 100 marine species, as well as food. By working in collaboration with different partners around Australia, we're rebuilding our lost reefs and bringing this ecosystem back from the brink of extinction.

Learn about the project which began as an idea by APYAC Life Member **Bob Pearce** and a partnership with the *Nature Conservancy* by clicking here:
<https://engage.natureaustralia.org.au/content/rebuilding-lost-reefs/gjn5pd>



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Angling Report.

The weather has been unkind especially the north end of the Bay. Late in December the water was clear, the whiting were biting and snapper were being caught, but only in deeper waters and not in large numbers. Then the big rain arrived and the water became very dirty. Whiting went off the bite, along with squid up the north. Pinkies still biting but large numbers undersize. Flathead are in large numbers now and always easy to catch.

Water temp is between 20 C and 22 C —good for Whiting, Squid and Flatties. Snapper, we believe, headed to the deeper cooler water. However, the warmer water also means sharks and snook are around, both can be fun to catch.

The southern end of the Bay has been fishing well in the cleaner water, it appears the water does not need to be crystal clear but squid, whiting, snapper and gummies have been caught in good numbers. Worth a trip but check the weather before you venture long distances by water. Don't be too proud to pull into the shore if the weather deteriorates ... better to be on shore wishing you were at sea, *than being at sea and wishing you were on shore!*

The Tiger Lyons Whiting Comp is coming up on the weekend 10th and 11th of February. We hope the normal marks around the club are producing fish by then and the ravenous pinkies take a holiday and give the whiting a go at baits.

We would love some pics of any memorable fish you have caught over the Christmas break.

Plenty of Pippies, Couta and Tommy Roughts in the bait fridge. Fresh mussels can be bought at Coles or Costco or South Melbourne Market. Frozen Pippies are expensive from our bait supplier so suggest you try other bait suppliers but we will try to stock Pippies in the next week or so.

A reminder please remove bait from the vertical Freezer.

'The Angler - There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process.'

- Paul O'Neil

- John Spragg

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Spike's big day out.



Robert Lorenzon, new Club Member and Author of a new book '*Spike Surfs*', has answered the question all dog owners have asked: '*Do dogs keep their eyes open underwater?*' Spike does. To find out more about Spike, click here. [<https://wdog.com.au/spike-surfs/>]



William Pope
Catch and release gummy shark



*The Maiden voyage of **Colin McGregor's** boat, **PA07**, named *Tight Lines*! Restored over the past 12 months, it has been a huge and expensive exercise, requiring a new motor which was not expected. Nevertheless, he is a very happy man.*

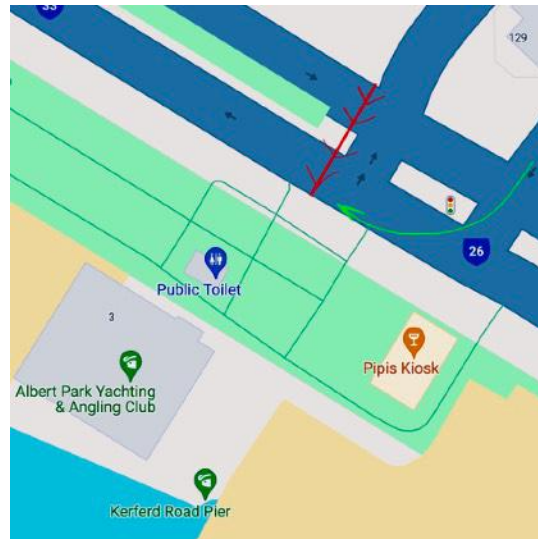
Club Scoreboard.

MONTH	TOTAL	OPEN	FISH	POINTS	IN-HOUSE	FISH	POINTS
SEPTEMBER	14	Michael Sass	36	151.3	Harry Tsoumbakos	18	85.1
OCTOBER	32	Michael Briffa	35	122.9	Tony Panayotou	9	27.2
NOVEMBER	131	Manny Hiotis	21	76.4	Rob Raffa	5	14.9
DECEMBER	17	Richard Muscat	13	46.7	Eddy Bernobich	4	11.9
JANUARY		Tony Spinelli	10	32.8	Jake Smith	3	11.1
FEBRUARY		Alex Spyrou	6	28.8	Robert Pope	1	4.0
MARCH		Mark Mercieca	6	23.6			
APRIL		Lee Spyrou	4	13.1			
MAY		Grant Ahearn	2	9.1			
		John Spragg	2	4.4			
		Yossi Merimi	1	2.4			
		Rob Misitano	1	3.5			
JUNIORS		Danny Vitkin	8	11.2	Heidi Osborne	1	1.0
		Kye Cormick	1	5.8			
		Andre Cartel	1	1.0			

LONGEST FISH			
Kye Cormick (Jnr)	Snapper	Open	91
Harry Tsoumbakos	Snapper	In-House	81
Richard Muscat	Whiting	Open	43
Rob Raffa	Whiting	In-House	44
John Spragg	Broadnosed 7-Gill	Open	212
Mark Mercieca	Gummy	Open	127
Tony Panayotou	Gummy	In-House	90
Tony Panayotou	Salmon	In-House	46
Richard Muscat	Salmon	Open	52
Tony Panayotou	Mulloway	In-House	110
Alex Spyrou	Pike	Open	61
John Spragg	Flathead	Open	48
Danny Vitkin (Jnr)	Gummy	Open	46
William Pope (Jnr)	Gummy	In-House	85
Andre Cartel (Jnr)	Rock Cod	Open	33
Andre Cartel (Jnr)	Flathead	Open	41
Heidi Osborne (Jnr)	Whiting	In-House	34
Will Osborne (Jnr)	Whiting	In-House	36
Henry Rudd (Jnr)	Gummy	In-House	87

Spreadsheet updated by **Chantal Meehan**.
The scoreboard is updated at the Club by **Roland Nicholls** every Friday night.

Protecting pedestrians crossing Beaconsfield Parade - Petition.



Local **Pippa Binfield** is concerned that locals, families, kids and beachgoers are at risk of being hit by cars every time they cross Beaconsfield Parade from Kerferd Road (city side) at the designated pedestrian lights.

She believes that inadequate time is allowed for pedestrians to walk across the six lane road before right turning traffic from Kerferd Road is given the green arrow.

Inadequate signage to warn turning-drivers of pedestrians crossing contributes to a potential tragedy.

The problem can be fixed with only a small change by the responsible government agencies. In the past residents have alerted the Council only to be told 'It's a Vicroads issue'.

Feel free to add your name to the petition by clicking here.
<https://chnng.it/WgMswVsJLQ>

Seafood Positive.

APYAC Kitchen are proud to partner with *Seafood Positive* and their new sustainable seafood program, **OneFishTwoFish**.

The program aims to help replenish fish and marine life in Port Phillip by applying a 'circular economy approach' to seafood. 25c from every seafood meal from the kitchen is donated to local fish habitat projects such as oyster reef restoration. The program was created by **Dr Chris Gillies** (formally Ocean Director at The Nature Conservancy) as a way for restaurants and seafood lovers across Melbourne to easily give back to the oceans without giving up their love of seafood.

Dr Gillies said "This program is all about making sure there is more fish in the future for everyone. For half the cost of a postage stamp, seafood lovers can help rebuild important fish habitats such as shellfish reefs, kelp forests and seagrass meadows which are the engine rooms of our coastal fisheries. If just a fraction of Melbourne's 3500 restaurants followed APYAC lead and joined the program, then we would literally raise hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to support local marine restoration projects independent of government".

Members have welcomed the new initiative and look forward to learning more about the restoration projects supported by OneFishTwoFish.



Alex Spyrou's Snook - handle with care!



Can you help?

WW1 & WW2 Club Honour Roll Members

Research is underway by a Club Member, an Historian, with a view of producing brief biographies of the servicemen listed on the Club's WW1 and WW2 Honour Rolls.

By identifying and personifying these men we can gain a greater understanding, and appreciation, of their contribution.

We would be very happy to hear about all WW1 and WW2 Honour Roll members, in particular:

Coombs C.,
Edwards A.,
Evans H.,
Johnson A.,
Johnson B., and
Jones S..

Having identified members of the First and Second World Wars, we will address the more recent conflicts in due course.

Please send your email [by clicking here](#), and write *APYAC HONOUR ROLL* in the subject line.

APYAC FISHING SEASON 2024 CALENDAR

Friday 26th. January
Australia Day Clinker Boat race.

Sunday 4th. February
Mixed Fishing Charter

Saturday 10th. & Sunday 11th. February
Tiger Lyons Whiting Competition

Sunday 17th Feb
Kayak Competition T.B.C.

Sunday – Albert Park Lake Family & Friends fishing
To be confirmed based on fish releases.

Friday 8th. – Monday 11th. March
Lake Purrumbete Fishing weekend (Labour Day)

Sunday 26th. May
Official fishing season end & BBQ

Friday 7th. June – Monday 10th. June
Port Mac Tuna weekend T.B.C.

Saturday 27th. July
Presentation night



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Albert Park Lake - can you eat the fish?



A new sign has appeared beside Albert Park Lake which would indicate that it's now unwise to eat any fish caught in the lake. We asked Melbourne Water for a response and nothing was forthcoming by deadline. Expect an answer in the next issue.

APYAC FUNCTIONS CALENDAR 2024

Friday 26th January

Australia Day Clinker Boat Race

Saturday 3rd February

Boathouse Hawaiian Night

Sunday 18th February

Yum Cha upstairs

Saturday 23rd March

Boathouse Cocktails

Sunday 28th April

Greek Lunch upstairs

Saturday 4th May

Boathouse Cocktails

Sunday 12th May

Mother's Day lunch

Saturday 25th May

Oyster night

Saturday 22nd June

Boathouse Cocktails

Saturday 27th July

Presentation night

Friday night raffle.

The popular Friday night raffle will be moving to a cashless payment process. This should enable a smoother and more time efficient process for our staff and volunteers who coordinate the raffle, and otherwise need to create a cash float for each Friday; collect cash for tickets; subsequently reconcile that cash against ticket sales; and then to bank the cash that has been received into the club's bank account.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friday raffle which provides an important source of funding for club operations.

Mike Kotsanis
Treasurer

Victorian Fisheries Authority.



Nice to see APYAC on the the front page of the VFA website. They have so many things going on, from forums to kids days, fish stocking, and more. Check out their WHAT'S ON page [by clicking here](#)

Merchandise.



Slip on a top. Got your Fishing Top?

Get yours now. Use your house levy:

Jackets \$85

Vests \$75

Hoodies \$65

Fishing Tops \$50

Polo Shirts \$50

Scarf \$20

Wine Glasses (pair) \$20

Neck warmer \$15

Cap \$25

Hats \$25

Beanie \$20

Postcards \$10 Eight cards and one stamp! **(Buy for your Grandma!)**

Stubby Holder \$10.



Tight Lines – Why so often?

The large edition of Tight Lines appears at the end of the month to advise you of the next club meeting, and always on a Wednesday so you can plan your weekend.

The smaller edition, (which we call *Slack Lines* behind the scenes), appears in the second week of the month to advise changes, events, band Sundays, and the latest Menu Specials.

The clue is in the dateline at the top and bottom.

Tight Lines is edited by **James Nixon**.

Opening Hours.

TUE - FRI (OFFICE): 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

THU - FRI BAR: 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

DINNER: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SAT - SUN BAR: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

LUNCH: 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

* Bar closes at 4 p.m. Saturdays if there is a function booked, & remains open later on Band Sundays.

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