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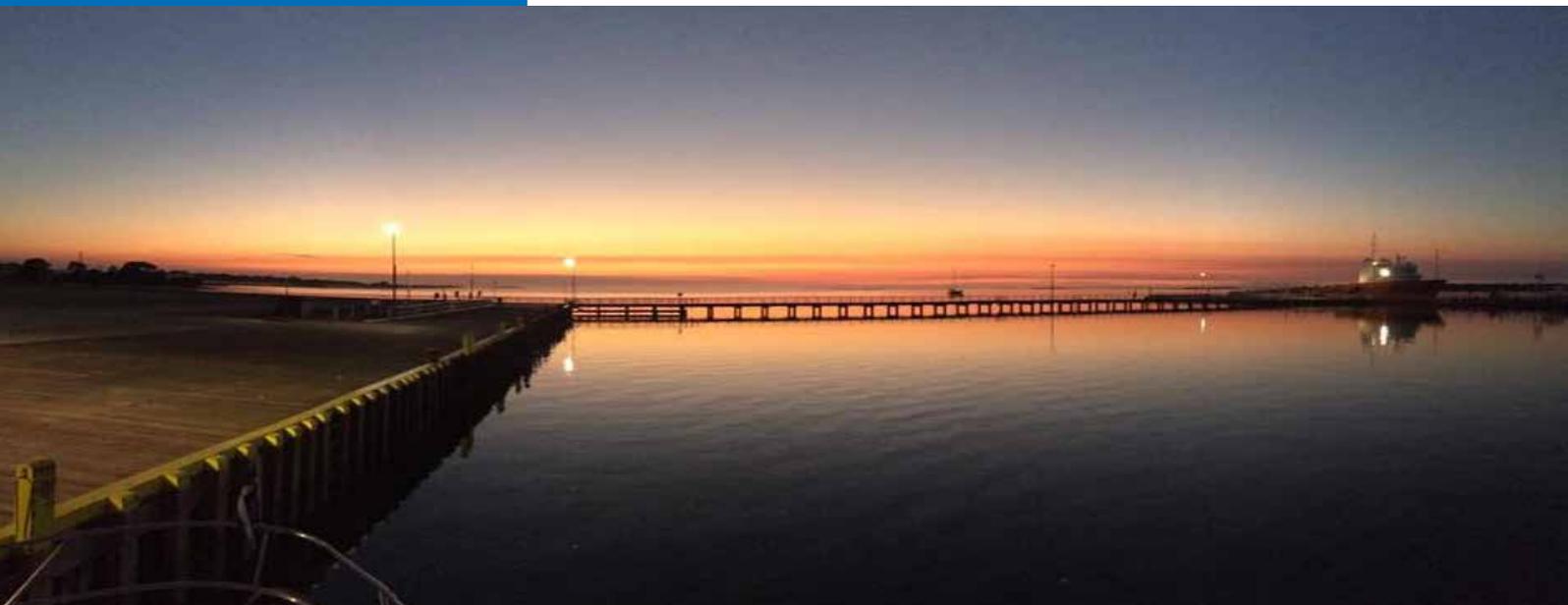
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## Cool Change Story by Ed Keane

Like a lot of good ideas, this one was hatched at the pub; 'let's take the boat to the Hawkesbury River'. 'No problem, just find out everything we need to know, organise a couple of months off and the required weather and we're off!' Nick Findlay jumped at the chance and off we went. First stop was Queenscliff. Refuel (both ourselves and the boat) and ready ourselves for the trip out to the heads with fine weather and virtually slack water. All was going very well until we picked up some weed on the prop and a nice vibration.... tried dislodging it with stopping, reversing, cursing and crossing fingers, all to no avail. Nick commented something along the lines of 'that's the last thing to stop us', so off the side he went to clear the prop. About two minutes later we were underway again. About twelve hours later, having rounded the prom we headed up the east side to Port Welshpool for the night. Enough said about Welshpool, despite the nice photo Nick took just prior to our departure. Standard topping up of both boat and crew took place and off to Lakes Entrance. Shorter day with wonderful weather again saw us in Lakes just after 1.00pm. Refuel (from the jerry cans we didn't need, but thanks anyway Frank) and find a place to tie up. A

wealth of information from both Frank and Lorraine guided our decisions on where and when to

go and was very much appreciated. Wake up was at 0430 and, had we not had a slight problem with the nav lights, we'd have been underway shortly thereafter.



After resetting a circuit breaker (thanks Nick) we followed another boat out at around 0500. Off to round Gabo and head up toward Eden. We figured Bermagui was achievable and the weather was fine so that was that; Bermi here we come. The bar at Bermi was a bit more of an issue than Lakes and after about 13 hours steaming it was wonderful to tie up in Bermagui Harbour. No refueling that night; off to the pub for a beer and dinner. A good friend of Nick's, Andrew Grierson joined us in Bermagui for the continuation of the trip northbound, but alas Mother Nature had other ideas. As mentioned by John Zammit, who was keeping in touch with us; if you have to be holed up anywhere, Bermi is the pick of the bunch (as did Lorraine). We left 4 days later for Ulladulla, but as is our want, we replanned enroute for another long day and continued all the way to Port Hacking. We had a predominately following sea which saw us holding around 18 kts for most of the way. We rang ahead and secured a spot at the Cronulla Marina in preparation for what was forecast to be a pretty rough day to follow. 35+ kts and 3-4 metre swell. The marina is located quite centrally so a resupply of safety beer and other supplies was carried out (including a new iPhone for Nick; his commitment to Facebook saw his current phone expire). 2 days later we were underway for The Hawkesbury with a forecast 1.5 to 2 m following sea. Slightly under 3 hours later saw us rounding Barrenjoey and on into the river. Nice feeling to ease up on Met Eye and settle into exploring.



## EDITOR'S NOTE



We welcome contributions from members, Propeller will endeavour to publish articles as soon as possible, space permitting. Please contact the propeller sub committee for more information.

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# From the Commodore's Deck

Dear Members,

June is approaching fast which means the end of this committee's term. Notification was recently sent out for nominations to serve on the incoming committee. The annual general meeting in June is where the members get to have their say on the way they want the club run and the people they want to run the club for the next year. This is the serious part of being a member of our great club and everyone should give consideration to the part they can play in maintaining and developing our club into the future.

We have just held the final club navrally for the season, the Marconi trophy. As with all the navrallies, this was a good, fun club day. The weather was perfect which was conducive to some good scores. Club members Tony Willis and Andy Baker sponsor the Marconi trophy navrally and are very generous in providing lunch for the skippers and navigators in the event, they were in attendance at the club on the day and presented the awards. All season we have had live music at the club after our navrallies, this makes for a festive atmosphere and, navrally aside is just a good place to be on a Sunday afternoon.

While on the subject of navrallies,

over the season I have enjoyed seeing newcomers to the navrally scene and people who have maybe participated for some time but not done so well on the scoreboard improve immensely. The Marconi trophy was testament to this with six out of the ten boats returning scores of less than one hundred points. I give credit and thanks for much of this to Owen Smart who has tirelessly worked to promote our navrallies for many years now. This bodes well for next year's boating season however, let's not get complacent, there are many more boats in our club that could compete in our club sport. Whether you are competitive or not, support your club, get out there and have a go. It gives a purpose to use your boat with other people and participate in the fellowship of the club.

The Easter break was typical autumn weather with fine but cool days and some perfect boating weather. My family spent the break on board Casa Verde fishing and relaxing and visited Portarlinton, Indented Head, Mud Island, Mornington and Beaumaris on our trip around Port Phillip. We saw plenty of birdlife, huge schools of baitfish, seals, dolphins and penguins. We caught enough fish for several good meals. Past Commodore Simon Mills and his family on their boat

Narrabeen joined us for Good Friday and both boats spent the night in Portarlinton harbour. This was good, simple, safe boating and a great way to spend time with family and other club members. I encourage everyone with a boat to get out on the bay and enjoy it before the wind and storms set in later in winter.

With our AGM looming in June this will be my last message for Propeller as Commodore. I have enjoyed my time on committee and as a flag officer and would like to thank the committee members that have served alongside me and the membership as a whole for the support I have been given. I know that the club is in a good position and I hope that is in some way reflective of my input during my time on committee.

See you all out there. Safe boating.

**Chris Ackerman**  
Commodore

## NO HARD BUILDERS'



## Liquid Waste

Recently, the bin in the BBQ area had been filled with oil, which was seeping out creating an OH&S issue for the Club. Again, club guidelines prohibit the dumping of oil or any other hazardous waste into club bins.

## Hard Waste Disposal

It has been brought to committee's attention, hard builders' rubbish has been placed into our club bins which has resulted in an additional charge being incurred by the contractor. This charge has been passed onto the club by the waste contractor.

Club guidelines stipulate no builder's hard waste is to be placed into club bins – we respectfully request members adhere to these guidelines regarding waste disposal at the club.



# New Members

The following members have joined the RVMYC. Welcome!

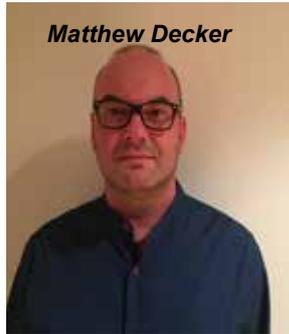
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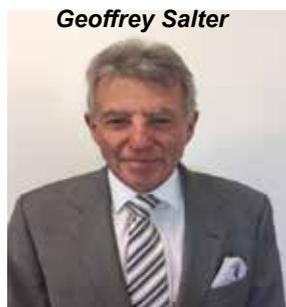
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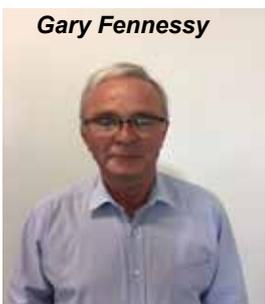
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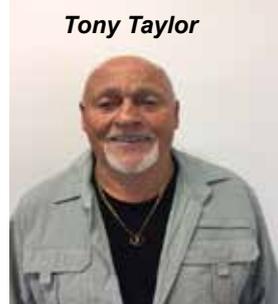
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### Entrée

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### Main Affair

Choice of:

slow braised beef cheeks

with creamy mash potato, baby vegetables, port wine jus

chicken fillet

with cottage potatoes, roasted baby carrots & a French mustard jus

### Dessert

baked cheesecake

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# RVMYC Williamstown Cup 2 April 2017

Stories by Rear Commodore, Paul Doherty

The Williamstown Cup had its third run on the 2nd April and 12 boats set off in fairly lumpy conditions (to the detriment of a TV and a toaster). This event is very generously sponsored by Past Commodore Darren Keast and Tracey and Past Race Caller Greg Miles OAM and Alison. It is a handicap which serves as a real incentive for the crews that tend to make up the pack for the

predictable placegetters in the regular events. Raphael took out the Cup with Paul Doherty Skipper and Melinda as Navigator, 2nd was Kewarra with Sandy Ellul Skipper and Phil Taylor Navigator and Third was Narrabeen with Past Commodore Simon Mills Skipper and Past Madame Commodore Sue Mills Navigator. A great day was had and thanks again to our most generous sponsors.

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## SYC Cup 2017



The SYC Cup is an event run, as the name implies by Sandringham Yacht Club. It is an open event which means that anyone from an eligible club around the Bay can enter. The CUB Cup is run in as an adjunct to the SYC Cup between SYC and RVMYC, where the winning club is determined by the aggregate of the placegetters for the SYC Cup. This year the places for the SYC Cup were First Place IV X VII David McCutcheon and Mrs McCutcheon (SYC), Second Place Casa Verde, Chris and Ben Ackerman (RVMYC), Third Place High Tide, Bob Battye and Tony Cesarello (RVMYC). So as RVMYC won more places, we retained the CUB Trophy. I hope that's as clear as mud!! Thanks to SYC for another great event and BBQ lunch.

# RVMYC Marconi Trophy 23 April 2017



PHOTO: Simon Mills



The Marconi Trophy Nav-Rally was run on the 23rd April in almost perfect conditions which reflected in the scoring. First place was won by our Commodore Chris Ackerman with son Ben as Navigator, second place was taken by Owen Smart with son Stuart as Navigator and third place was our Vice Commodore John Zammit with Fiona as Navigator. Andy Baker and Tony Willis were on hand to present the prizes and special thanks to them from all on the day for the magnificent trophies and the free lunch. Andy

and Tony have been great sponsors of this event over many years and it was great to see them there as the Marconi had clashed with overseas commitments for the past few years. It should also be noted that there was a general improvement in the scoring by many of the competitors so look out Bob, Cameron, Owen & Chris!!



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## 13 May 2017

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## Looking good

Rain, hail or shire, these club champions keep the club garden beds looking great; thank you Rhonda & Graeme



## call for NOMINATIONS

Committee nominations are now open for Club Officers & General Committee members 2017/18. Please notify Don Healy, Hon. Secretary, in writing of your nomination of candidate(s) for these most important positions; deadline for submission of nominations is 8:00pm, Wednesday 17 May 2017 after which the nominations received will be posted for 14 days as stipulated in the Club Rules.

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# RVMYCHAT!

Richard McKay



## What brought you to RVMYC?

Our rotary club used to meet here on a Tuesday night. I knew a few people and decided this was a good club to join. At the time, I didn't have a boat I could put in the club, I did have a charter boat 'Melburnian' in equal share with Terry (O'Hare) and another member Alan Latta. I've always had a boat, got my first one at 13. My dad and I used to go fishing in the Murray, dad bought a boat and he said to me 'There you That's your boat son' I thought that was great, what I didn't know was I had to look after it every school holiday, we'd had to strip it down, paint it cause it was a bondwood boat and if it every got damaged in the river, which it did, and I'd have to repair it. And I've had at least 1 boat ever since.

## I understand you have a connection to Sunshine (the suburb)?

Yes, my father's uncle was H V McKay and H V McKay founded Sunshine. He invented a harvester machine back in 1888 when he was 19. He developed a huge business over the next many, many years and my father worked there when he was young and my uncles also worked there. My father started Beaurepaire tyre service with Frank Beaurepaire – Frank married my father's sister. After 5 years, dad sold out, sold his shares to Frank and moved to Western Australia and took over a wheat farm that was in 1927, so as we know the great depression was in 1929 and dad lasted until 1936 when he

went bankrupt. He came back to Melbourne and started work with his brother Ralph McKay. Ralph had left H V McKay and had started his own business in Ascot Vale making plough disks, agriculture equipment, most of which was sold to H V McKay. That company went public in 1950, it floated on the stock exchange and subsequently I worked in the company for 8 years running one of their divisions after finishing studying engineering.

## There's a rich history of manufacturing in your family, how do you feel about the demise of manufacturing in Australia today?

Its dreadful. That's how the world is going. In Australia, we can't afford to manufacture. Years ago, we couldn't afford to manufacture, but we still did. Cost of labour and sophistication of manufacturing is such that you need a cheap labour source or you need a specific product or specific expertise to be able to make it viable. If you look at the Scandinavian markets they have niche products. I remember my dad saying it was a lot easier to start a business than it is today. That's 50 years ago. There's people out there now sitting around a table, like us, wanting to start a business and we're going to make a lot of money. And they do, but it's probably not in manufacturing, it most like in IT or something similar.

## What do you like most about the club?

It's my club, I feel comfortable here. I know quite a lot of people. I've been a member for a number of years. I find it comfortable. I like the boating activities, which I like to participate in. I haven't been involved in the past year for various reasons. I also love the new clubhouse. Our son had his wedding reception here about a year ago, downstairs, and it was absolutely first class, I felt very proud that we'd had that experience in my club, our club.

## What's been your most unusual/unique

## experience?

No not really. Terry and I have done a lot of things together, duck shooting in the middle of nowhere, a lot of sailing trips, particular on Terry's boat. I suppose something unusual was a race from Darwin to Ambon in 1998. We also sailed over to Auckland and saw the Americas Cup and that was a hoot. I've been lucky to sail with some of my friends in Europe, most recently right down the coast of Portugal getting off in Gibraltar a few years ago. With a group of people from Williamstown a few times we've chartered a yacht in the Greek Islands and on the Dalmatian Coast, so that's been really good.

## Favourite restaurant?

I don't have a favourite restaurant but recently we went for our wedding anniversary to Balgownie Vineyard in the Yarra Valley, that was really nice. San Telmo restaurant is really good. Maybe a favourite is Merchant in the city, the chef there is a friend of our sons and that's one of Guy Grossi's restaurants. I suppose it's a favourite because we always get pampered. We don't look at the menu, the chef just brings food. So maybe that's a favourite.

## Tell me something about yourself that people would not be aware of?

After I finished studying, and worked a couple of years I went to Canada and worked as an engineer over there. I learned to fly and became a private pilot, flying small planes. Then I spent a bit of time travelling around Europe and worked in London, which I really enjoyed. When I came home I went to work at Ralph McKay, which was the family company, making agricultural equipment and industrial gear boxes. I worked there for 8 years but I got tired of the corporate world. I'd always had a hankering to start my own

## Richard McKay

business so in 1976 I started a company called Warehousing Equipment, that that's still going today. I'm still a minor shareholder in that business. RVMYC: You're manufacturing? We're mainly an importing company. The nature of our business is materials handling electrical equipment, that includes platform trolleys, battery vehicles, airport tow tractors, recreational vehicles, lifting devices, we also manufacture stuff to modify the machines that we import to suit customers' needs. RVMYC: So, that would include all lifting equipment currently used in hospitals and aged care facilities? Yes, that would be on the fringe of our business. We have got involved in that sort of business. RVMYC: There certainly is a market for that? There certainly is a market for anything that stops people from lifting, that's been driving our business, OH & S.

## Favourite holiday destination?

Well, I've been travelling for business all my life and travelling for business is totally differing to traveling for pleasure. Over the last few years we've travelled for leisure. We have a holiday house on the Murray at Mathoura near Echuca, we regularly go up there. So, I suppose that is a favourite.

## Favourite wine?

Ah no. RVMYC: You don't like wine? (laughs) Yes, I like wine, I just don't have a favourite.

## High seas, bay, river or lake?

Definitely the high seas, out in the ocean. Absolutely.

## What motivates you?

I like to see young people succeed, I like to see my own family be successful and they are. I enjoy doing charity work for usually through rotary, yesterday we held Pirates day, I really enjoy that, it inspires me. I'm

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optimistic young people will continue to do things, I'm very proud I was able to work for myself and have a successful business for a long period of time. I'm not pessimistic about the future. My



grand kids will be able to do well, it will be in a different setting to what I've had, they'll be fine. They'll do well

**Hugh Victor McKay**  
*H. V. McKay CBE was an Australian industrialist, known for inventing the Sunshine Harvester. McKay was born the fifth child of a family of twelve near Drummartin, between Elmore and Raywood, Victoria.*

*Richard and Brett (son) in bar "Chaos Corner" at Mathoura*



*Richard and Anne McKay*



*Captain Chaos*



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**NOTE: Seniors cardholders do not require a fishing licence**

## Members Draw!

5/4/2017 \$900 Anita Taylor

**WINNER**

12/4/2017 \$500 Mark Rindfleish  
NIA

19/4/2017 \$550 Frank Horgan  
NIA

26/4/2017 \$600 Sam Cutajar  
NIA

## Calendar of Events 2017

Saturday 13 May

RVMYC Gala Presentation Ball

Sunday 14 May

Mother's Day Lunch

Sunday 14 May

Ricketts Point Regatta - BMYS Navrally

Sunday 27 May

Portarlinton Trip



## MEMBERS BAR TRADING HOURS

Our normal trading hours are;

Wednesday - Bar open 5pm. Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Friday - Lunch 12-2.30pm, Bar open from 12pm. Dinner from 6.30 to 9.00 bar snacks also available until closing time (approx 10.00pm)

Saturday - Lunch and dinner 12.00 till 9.00 bar snacks available all day until closing (approx 10.00pm)

Sunday - Lunch 12.00pm to 2.30 pm, Bar open till 7.30pm

AGM

Wednesday  
7 June 2017

NOTICE OF  
annual  
general  
meeting

## RVMYC EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY

| SUNDAY                | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                       | Annual Presentation Gala Ball |         | 3 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE  | 4        | 5 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR  | 6 BAR / BISTRO OPEN       |
| 7 BAR / BISTRO OPEN   |                               |         | 10 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE | 11       | 12 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR | 13 Gala Presentation Ball |
| 14 Mother's Day Lunch |                               |         | 17 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE | 18       | 19 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR | 20 BAR / BISTRO OPEN      |
| 21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN  |                               |         | 24 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE | 25       | 26 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR | 27 Portarlinton Trip      |
| 28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN  |                               |         | 31 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE |          |                                   |                           |
|                       |                               |         |  |          |                                   |                           |



## BYO in the BBQ Area

The committee has determined this will be an ongoing arrangement. Bookings for large groups essential, please call the office on 9393 2888

## Duty Officers

May 2017

6-7 D COLLINS  
13-14 C ACKERMAN  
20-21 J ZAMMIT  
27-28 P DOHERTY

June 2017

3-4 LANDOLFATTO

JUNE

| SUNDAY               | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY                                     | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                          |  |
|----------------------|---|---------|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|                      | Watch out for some exciting events through Winter |         |  | 1  | 2 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR  | 3 BAR / BISTRO OPEN               |  |
| 4 BAR / BISTRO OPEN  |   |         | 7 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE  | 8  | 9 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR  | 10 BAR / BISTRO OPEN              |  |
| 11 BAR / BISTRO OPEN |   |         | 14 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE | 15   | 16 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR | 17 BAR / BISTRO OPEN              |  |
| 18 BAR / BISTRO OPEN |   |         | 21 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE | 22   | 23 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR | 24 BAR / BISTRO OPEN              |  |
| 25 BAR / BISTRO OPEN |   | 26      | 27   | 28 BAR / BISTRO OPEN - MEMBERS DRAW & RAFFLE | 29                                | 30 OPEN LUNCH & DINNER HAPPY HOUR |  |
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