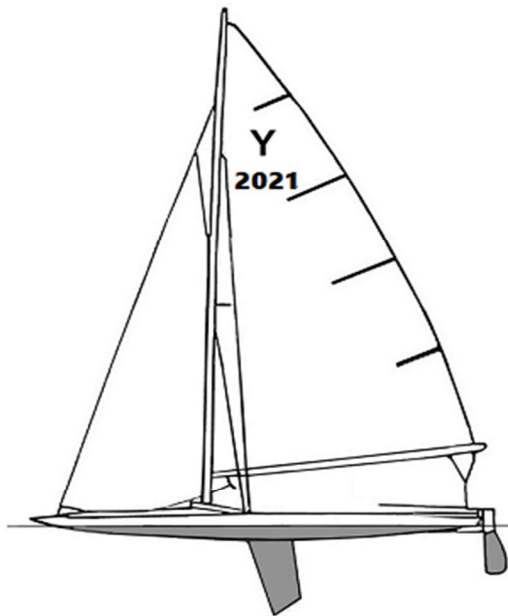


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# The Flyer

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## 2021 National Championships



The Grande Maumelle Sailing Club's Y-Flyer Fleet 30 will host the 2021 Nationals on Lake Maumelle near Little Rock, Arkansas.

Regatta Chair, Tracy Sykes, has taken on this especially challenging task not knowing the extent of the COVID situation in the summer months of 2021.

Dates and further information about the Nationals should be available after the first of the year.

## 2021 International Championship

Due to the continuing COVID pandemic, the uncertainty involved with the availability of vaccines for the general public as well as the continuing Can/Am border closure the 2021 Y-Flyer Internationals have been postponed to 2022.

The 2022 location has not been announced but The Flyer will publish the dates and location as soon as that information is available.



Our divider this month is an action photo of Dan Haile and Jolene O'Brien of the Carlyle Sailing Association

## In Case You Missed It: From the Y-Flyer Sailing Page on Facebook

By Nile Hatcher

Have you ever tried to remember who placed where at Nationals in 1967?

Want to verify the tall tales of yore being told at gatherings?

Want to understand the history of the class and what boat measurements and equipment changed since 1952?

Want to remember the olden days when your parents/grandparents were active sailors?

But alas you don't have an historical resource.

Well, you do now!

I am happy to announce that except for 1961 and 1962, all editions of the Y-Flyer, Y-Flashes, Y-flyer Flashes and The Flyer have been scanned and digitized. Simply enter a search term in the .PDF files and the class history search results appear at your fingertips.

Technology is amazing. Even the type written pages from the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's are searchable.

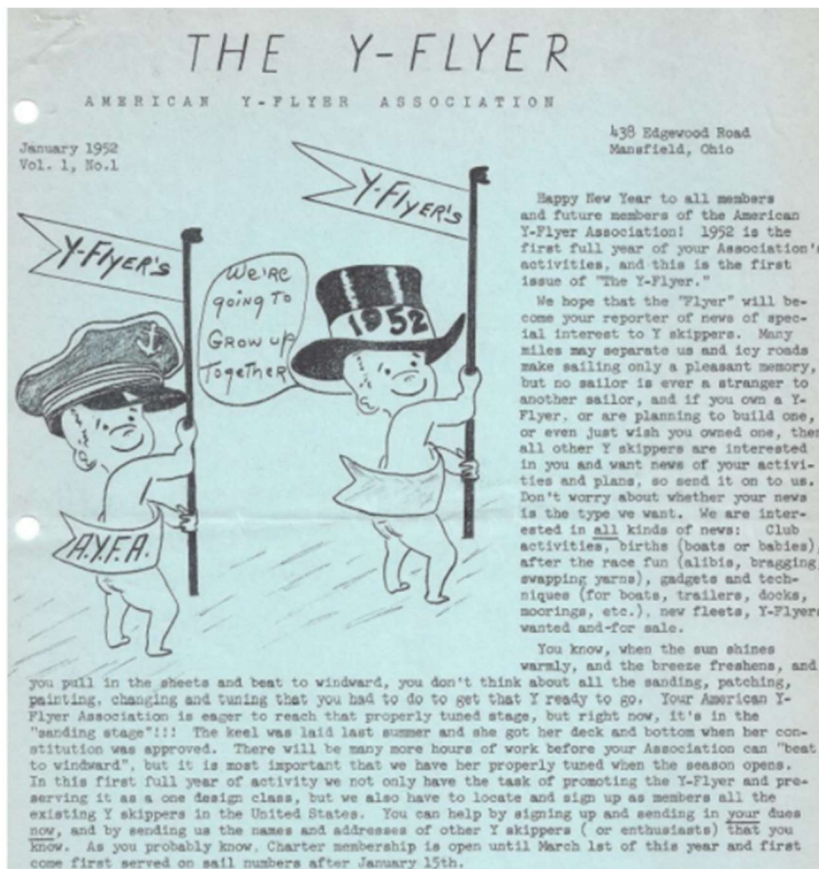
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Checks should be made payable to me and we also accept Venmo, Pay Pal and Zell.

(Special thanks to the Kopin, Dutton and Callen families for providing the necessary hard copies as well as Paul White and Doug Kinzer for being pack rats.)



Can you guess the year of the Y-Newsletter articles below? All are from the same year. The answer is at the very end of this edition of The Flyer.

## NAMES AND NEWS

*Ed Grubbs* of Fleet 30 in Little Rock is currently the Commodore of Grand Mamuelle Sailing Club.

*Kevin and Wanda Black* of Fleet 8 in Indianapolis had a son, Justin in March; *Bill and Susan Hanckel* of Fleet 10 in Charleston, SC had a son, Will in May; and *Scott and Sherry Berner* of Fleet 25 in Springfield, OH had a son, Jared in June.

At the Nationals in Charleston, Fleet 10 awarded *Ernest Richter* a plaque acknowledging his contributions to the fleet as one of its founding and most active members.

Collegiate sailor **Hal Gilreath** (Y-1621) skippered for the Naval Academy team as they won the Nevins Trophy races at Kings Point, the Navy Fall Invite and the Schell Trophy races at M.I.T. At the Navy Fall Invite and the Harry Anderson Trophy Races, Hal was the Low Point A skipper. Incidentally, Navy was voted the Number 1 Collegiate Team in the December and January issues of *Yacht Racing/Cruising*, and we are sure that Hal contributed to that as well as to Navy receiving the Leonard Fowle Trophy for the collegiate team with the best overall record.

Also on the Collegiate scene, **Laura Schattgen** (Y-2520), a freshman at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, was the Low Point B skipper in the MAISA Women's Fall Dingy Championship at Kings Point. Laura also crewed for the winning Kings Point team at the War Memorial races at N.Y. Maritime.

**Jack Helms** came home from the hospital on December 2nd and is improving daily. His wife, Jessie, reports that he's been "as tough as horseshoe nails" through the ordeal.

**Greg and Peggy Kleffner** (Y-2699) of St. Louis, MO are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Patricia Elaine was born on November 17th and weighed 8 lbs. / 5 oz.



# Self-Service Versus A Full-Service Regatta



**From the Editor, Capt Terryble**

One of the worries of a Regatta Chair is knowing how many sailors are going to show up for the regatta.

How much food to buy, how many trophies to gather, too many or too few T-shirts, and will my fleet or club lose money?

It's not easy and generally in my experience the worries continue until the last sailors leave to go back home and the club grounds are returned to the normal state.

Some Regatta Chairs at smaller clubs have given it up. It's too much.

Thus, the idea of the BYOE may catch on and allow us to race again at some of our favorite venues from the past.

## **“Self-Service Regatta” (AKA Bring Your Own Everything)**

Competitors bring their own food, arrange their own lodging, and certainly arrange their own crew and boat.

Awards are printed on paper and brought by a volunteer competitor. They would be suitable for framing by the winner of the award once back at home.

Entertainment is planned by competitors. Perhaps Bourbon tasting, wine tasting, comedy show, sing a-longs, trivia games or just talking around a campfire.

The host Regatta Chair only would need to arrange the race committee and safety boats at the host club.

The NOR and Sailing Instructions would be generic and available for any Self-Service Regatta. They would be simply be adjusted for local conditions at the regatta verbally by the Regatta Committee at the skippers meeting.

If a protest committee is needed it is arranged on the spot at the regatta among uninvolved sailor volunteers.

And finally, everyone in attendance would voluntarily clean up the clubhouse and grounds before leaving.

Self-Service is generally cheaper than Full-Service anyway!



## From Our President

It's the Saturday after Thanksgiving and looking more and more like winter won't be denied. Days have been getting shorter and almost at the point where we can reverse the trend. Dec 21<sup>st</sup> is almost here which means days will be getting longer with all the added benefits that implies. It also means I have to start looking for a

clean pair of socks, hopefully matching, but not a high priority. 😊 It won't be long then before the annual sock burnings take place and Y Flyer Midwinter Championships are upon us. I'm already behind on getting 2639 ready for the 2021 season. Note to self...get off yur @\$@

During this long Thanksgiving weekend, I am reminded how lucky we all are to have such a great support group with friendships that span half a continent. Keeping in thoughts this weekend, I am reminded of those who were greatly impacted by the events of 2020, yet persevered, I'm also reminded of those close to us that will not be here to see us turn the corner into a new year. Holding all close and wishing all a better new year coming and that going into the new decade will see good progress in promoting our favorite activity. These past few months have had a number of bright spots that seem to outweigh the setbacks over the past sailing season. Luckily, some of us were able to find ample and exceptional competition on the race course with JIYC hosting a number of carefully orchestrated events and Atlanta Yacht club offering a venue to get together on Lake Allatoona for a weekend of sailing. Loved the sailing, loved gathering with friends again and was rewarded with time spent with Kevin and Wanda as well as the great AYC peeps. Reports and photographs from around the Areas proved we were not to be held back and fleets continued to grow. Most were able to adapt to the new ground rules. Hopefully this year will see travel return to "near normal" for most of us. A huge shout out to every fleet captain, sailing club officer, area VP's as well as the rank and file who made the best of a not so great situation. THANK YOU!!

For those who didn't get the memo last newsletter last month, prior to the molds leaving the north country headed to points south, an insurance underwriter arranged coverage for all of the molds for the first time since they were originally obtained by the Y class. The agent is a past Y Flyer class member and underwrites the policy for High and Dry Boat Works. AYFSA is listed as the payee and owner of the molds on the policy. Doug Kinzer made the sojourn down to Charleston to help sort out the Y molds that are now permanently in place in the production room at High and Dry Boat Works, North Charleston. Doug was able to spend a few days and we took advantage of Salty Mike's hospitality down at the Charleston city Marina to share a brew...or two. Was great to see Terry, Dr J and the Code Blue trailer once again!!! As for boat building progress, the pump has been primed and before the dust settles on 2020, the hopes are to have 1-4 boats in production. Preliminary and serious conversation points to new homes for 2813, 2814, 2815, 2816. More to follow.

For this upcoming Christmas/Holiday season, it is my sincere hope that we can look in the rearview mirror, cherish what we were able to accomplish with all the


obstacles and move forward into a fresh new year. Best to all from the intrepid Pawleys Island crew....

Here's hoping Santa has deep pockets and a really short memory.

Kiva clear standing by on 16....static...break, more static.



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## **The Canadian Corner**



The 2020 year in Canada has been an interesting one as a result of COVID-19. The Canadian - US border has been shut down since March



21st to all non-essential travel. The borders between provinces were also closed for a few months to contain infections and lock downs within the provinces occurred from March until May.



Sail Canada and Ontario Sailing Association (OSA) cancelled all regattas across the country for the season and issued guidelines to sailing clubs for mask wearing, social distancing and club house activities allowed, washrooms only. Sailing schools were cancelled for the season.



The Belwood Lake Sailing Club (BLSC) Fergus, Ontario Fleet #19 delayed their opening May 1st initially until it could verify what would be allowed, also required permission from the Grande River Conservation Authority. In the meantime, Colin King Y-2698 was able to tap into the virtual sailing game to keep the diehards occupied on their computer screens. By the end of June there was timed racing, start line to an island and back. Those boats that required two or more had to be from the same household only. July finally saw some actual racing but with same guidelines as before.



The Sudbury Yacht Club (SYC) Fleet #17 saw only two Y-Flyers in the water this year as reported by Pierre Dignard Y-2782.

Norway Bay, Quebec Fleet #22 saw limited sailing as per Carl Swail Y-2502. Richard Quinlan Y-1085 reported much the same from the St. Mary's Sailing Club, Lethbridge, Alberta Fleet #24. Four Y-Flyers recovered, used to introduce new sailors to Y-Flyers sat idle for the summer.

However, the CYFYRA is optimistic for 2021. Randy Gast, our webmaster has refreshed our website [y-flyer.ca](http://y-flyer.ca). We have received a number of

memberships this year despite the lack of activity, thank you. Have a safe holiday season. Cheers!—Bob Somek



## Fleet Reports

### Saratoga Lake Sailing Club



Starting in March the race season didn't seem possible. Every year, the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation must issue SLSC a Regatta Permit that allows the club to have organized racing on Saratoga Lake.

We completed the requirements and turned in our application in early Spring and found that no state permits were being issued to any sailing club as there was no "direction from above" to begin approving applications.

As time marched on we canceled racing in two-week blocks of time and eventually the entire spring "Zephyr Series" was canceled.

It was evident that the Y-Flyer Nationals needed to be canceled as well.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> we were contacted by the Department and we were told that we needed to prepare a COVID Safety Plan for our racing activity. That was done using the guidelines given to us and on July 10<sup>th</sup> we were sent an email copy of

 <b>Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation</b>		Permit No. 2020 - 354
<b>New York State</b> Marine Regatta Permit		
<b>Person in Charge of Regatta</b> Terence Fraser 271 Johnny Cake Hill Rd Westerlo NY 12193	(518) 495-4037	<b>Sponsoring Organization</b> Saratoga Lake Sailing Club 163 Manning Road Ballston Spa NY 12020
<b>Waterway</b> SARATOGA LAKE	<b>County</b> SARATOGA	<b>Type of Event</b> Sailboat Race

our Permit.

We quickly set things in motion and we were ready on Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> to begin the season with one or possibly two practice races. However, there was no wind.

Our first Sunday racing was July 19<sup>th</sup> with what normally would have been the third summer “Robinson Series” races. We ended up with 9 Robinson races sailed out of 14 scheduled.

During the Wednesday evening “Manning Series,” we were only able to complete 5 out of 14 scheduled races due to weather conditions and the late season start due to COVID.

In the year ending “Kaydeross Series” we completed 12 races out of 16 scheduled due to weather.

The club succeeded in finishing a total of 26 races, approximately half of the normally scheduled races.

Hopefully a degree of normalcy can return in 2021.

Terry Fraser



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**Renewal reminders should be arriving in the mail near January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**



**Maggie Callen holds a framed exhibit of various sail stamps from Merrill's Y-417:**





The handbag made from Y-417's sail number and sail cloth:



# 2020 Regatta Schedule

DATE	REGATTA	LOCATION	
Mar 21-22	Midw <b>Y</b> inters	Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA	<b>POSTPONED to Oct 10-11</b>
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Apr 4-5	Schultz Hospice	Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville, TN	<b>POSTPONED</b>
<a href="http://www.hiyc.org/home/index">http://www.hiyc.org/home/index</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/173933446119295/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/173933446119295/</a>			
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Apr 25-26	AYC Open	Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA	<b>CANCELED</b>
<a href="https://atlantayachtclub.org/">https://atlantayachtclub.org/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/699149633481635/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/699149633481635/</a>			
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May 2-3	Keowee Cup Open	Keowee Sailing Club, Seneca, SC	<b>CANCELED</b>
<a href="https://www.keoweesailingclub.com/">https://www.keoweesailingclub.com/</a>			
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May 16-17	Animal Cracker	Browns Creek Sailing Assn, Guntersville, AL	<b>CANCELED</b>
<a href="http://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/about-us.html">http://brownscreeksailingassociation.org/about-us.html</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/345228505841660/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/345228505841660/</a>			
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May 23-24	Hawg Wild	Grande Maumelle Sailing Club, Little Rock, AR	<b>CANCELED</b>
<a href="https://www.gmsc.org/">https://www.gmsc.org/</a>			
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Jun 6-7	Riviera	Lake Mattoon Sailing Association, Neoga, IL	<b>CANCELED</b>
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/LakeMattoonSailing/">https://www.facebook.com/LakeMattoonSailing/</a>			
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Jun 20-21	James Island	James Island Yacht Club, Charleston, South Carolina	
<a href="http://www.jiyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/JIYC-Notice-of-Race-2020.pdf">http://www.jiyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/JIYC-Notice-of-Race-2020.pdf</a>			<b>Won by Henry McRay/Stephanie Lea</b>
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Jul 10-12	58 <sup>th</sup> HYC Open and Junior Champ Series	Hobcaw Yacht Club, Mt Pleasant, South Carolina	<b>CANCELED</b>
<a href="http://www.hobcawyachtclub.com/">http://www.hobcawyachtclub.com/</a>			
<a href="https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19774#_home">https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19774#_home</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1736160630010315/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1736160630010315/</a>			

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Jul 13-17      **Y-Nationals**      Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, Ballston Spa, NY      **CANCELED**

<http://www.sailsaratoga.org/>  
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/496417387418935/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/496417387418935/?ref=br_rs)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/199975476707125/>

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July 18-19      **Firecracker/Leukemia Cup One Design**      Savannah Yacht Club      **CANCELED**

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=20912](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=20912)  
[https://www.facebook.com/SavYachtClub/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/SavYachtClub/?ref=br_rs)

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July 17-19      **Charleston Open**      Charleston Yacht Club      **CANCELED**

<https://sayra-sailing.membershiptoolkit.com/calendar/event/9775843>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1736160630010315/>

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Jul 25      **Carolina Open**      Carolina Yacht Club, Charleston, South Carolina      **CANCELED**

<https://www.carolinayachtclubsc.org/club/scripts/section/section.asp?NS=PW>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1736160630010315/>

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Aug 1-2      **Rockville Regatta**      Sea Island Yacht Club, SC      **CANCELED**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sea-Island-Yacht-Club/447763388728848>

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Sep 5-6      **Bluegrass, Bourbon and Boats**      Louisville Sailing Club, KY      **CANCELED**

<https://lsc.sailloouisville.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/LouisvilleSailing/>

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Sep 5-6      **Labor Day Regatta**      Lake Norman YC, Mooresville, NC      **no Y-Flyers**

No onshore activities or gatherings.  
<https://www.lakenormanyc.org/>

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Sep 12-13      **Beer & Boats**      Carlyle Sailing Association, Carlyle, IL      **Dan Haile top Y-Flyer**

[https://csa-sailing.org/The\\_Whale.html](https://csa-sailing.org/The_Whale.html)

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Sep 12-13      **Hospice Regatta**      Lake Norman Yacht Club, Mooresville, NC      no Y-Flyers

No onshore activities or gatherings.

<https://www.lakenormanyc.org/>

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Sep 19-20      **Fall DinghyFest**      Rush Creek Yacht Club, Heath, TX      no Y-Flyers

<http://www.rcyc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RushCreek>

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Sep 26-27      **Lake Lemon**      Bloomington Yacht Club, Bloomington, IN      CANCELED

<https://bloomingtonyachtclub.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/bloomingtonyachtclub/>

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Sept 26-27      **James Island Y-Flyer and Friends Regatta**      James Island Yacht Club, James Island, South Carolina

<file:///C:/Users/elfra/Downloads/Y%20and%20Friends%20Notice%20of%20Race%202020.pdf>

**More Info to follow: contact Ned Goss [gossep@cofc.edu](mailto:gossepeg@cofc.edu)      843-270-2172      Won by Amy and Jeff Woodard**

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Oct 10-11      **Beers Memorial**      Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA      CANCELED

Oct 10-11      **Midw Ynters 2.0**      Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA      CANCELED

<https://atlantayachtclub.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/699149633481635/>

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10-11      **Not The Beers Regatta**      Atlanta Yacht Club, Acworth, GA

**Won by Evie Blauvelt and Ellie Spearman**

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Oct 24 – 25      **McDougall Open**      Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville, TN      no Y-Flyers

<http://www.hiyc.org/home/index>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/173933446119295/>

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Nov 7-8      **Midlands Open**      Columbia Sailing Club, Columbia SC      no Y-Flyers

[www.columbiasailingclub.org](http://www.columbiasailingclub.org)

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**The answer: 1983!**

A bit more from 1983:

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