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General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday 2, December @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL**

Holiday Social

Our annual holiday social will include entertainment by Anytime/Any Place Quartet. Goodies, egg-nog and coffee will be available. In place of the normal 50/50 drawing, we will pass the hat for a donation to the entertainers for their time!



ATTENTION ON DECK

THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL THAT WAS PRESENTED AND ADDRESSED AT THE NOVEMBER 7TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS PROVIDED HE REIN ON PG. 9 FOR FURTHER MEMBERSHIP REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. A MOTION "TO TABLE" THIS PROPOSAL WAS MADE, SECONDED AND RECEIVED A MAJORITY VOTE FROM MEMBERS IN ATTENDENCE TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS ITEM, TO ALLOW FULL MEMBERSHIP AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE SUBJECT PROPOSAL. THIS ITEM WILL BE READDRESSSED AT THE JANUARY 6TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO "TAKE FROM THE TABLE" AND RENEW DISCUSSION FOR A SUBSEQUENT VOTE.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NEW SECTION ON PG 10.

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We welcome comments,
boating stories and any
articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway III, P



Its' been a busy month since I communicated with you last. One of the main events that Donna and I participated in was the D23 Fall Conference at Daytona Beach, hosted jointly by the Daytona Beach and Titusville Squadrons. They went all out to make it an informative, as well as a fun weekend. We had 12 Cocoa Beach members attend. Our Squadron and some members were recognized with awards. The Squadron received the "2008 Educational Proficiency Award" for having the highest percentage of our members achieve Educational Proficiency, and the "Bowsprit Award" for our accomplishments in the promotion of the interests and objectives of the USPS. Both Lt Jack Wurst, AP, and James Green, AP received "Certificates of Educational Proficiency" for their completion of the grade of Advanced Piloting and three elective courses. Dick Finn, AP received his "50th Anniversary" pin and plaque. And finally P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN received the D23 selection for the "Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching". A lot of information addressed there will be forthcoming for Squadron consideration, i.e., Partnerships; Recruiting, Recognition & Retention; Providing seminars at various locations; etc.. Overall, time was well spent. Squadron members should consider attending future nearby D23 conferences. One that you should mark on your calendar is the D23 2009 Fall Conference to be hosted by CBSPS on 2-4 October. The theme is "Oktoberfest".

Merit Mark submittals are completed. Thanks to all the officers, committee chairpersons, and members who submitted their recommendations according to the set schedules. Special thanks to Lt Lea Collins, P, and P/C Mike Stone, P for their assistance in compiling and working PC problems, so that we could electronically submit for the first time. And finally, to all of you members who were recommended for Merit Marks, thank you so much for your contributions and support that makes the many Squadron operations so successful.

Once again, there are many Squadron events and activities that have been planned for the next month or so. Please be timely in signing up for those that you are able and available to attend.

Finally, as I have announced in the past, I and your Executive Officer Lt/C Lance Vandenberg, P, and Administrative Officer P/C Kermit Forbes, P, (who are in line to be your potential Commanders in the future), have been meeting on a regular basis, to identify options and opportunities to make the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron offerings, benefits and involvements more visible throughout the community. As a result, hopefully we will obtain the interest of potential new members so we can re-establish a positive trend of growth. As noted in the front cover of this issue's "ATTENTION ON DECK", a proposal herein was "tabled" so that all members can have a sufficient opportunity to review the subject proposal. Please take the time to review same and give it your personal objective evaluation. Upon doing so, please make yourself available to attend the January 6th General Membership meeting, when this proposal will be addressed for further discussion and disposition. As a Squadron member your decision, (whatever it may be), and vote on this proposal will be appreciated and respected, so that we may obtain the Squadron's majority position and set the future course for our Squadron.

Peace (V)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P



Planning continues for the December 6th Cocoa Beach Land Parade. Contacts for the event are Joan Montfort, S, or Francesca Ragusa, P.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at the Rockledge Country Club on December 7th. We hope to have a great turnout.

The Cocoa Beach Boat Parade will be on Saturday 13 December, and the Merritt Island Boat Parade will be on Saturday 20 December

Our vessel examiners have completed 161 inspections so far this year. We encourage our inspectors to complete their minimum number of inspections for the year.

Life vests (PFD's) are available through our squadron at wholesale prices, courtesy of Bill Bickerstaff. All types are available. Savings should be 15-20%.

We are planning on adding a classified add section to the Soundings. This will include all marine equipment to be sold or donated by the members and should add some value to this publication.

Our new banner for the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron was displayed at the general meeting by P/C Larry Hatfield, SN and was very well received. Our old banner was also updated.

We have signed out 5 of the 17 life vests on loan from the District. The intent is to display these when possible for educational and safety purposes.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



Lots of activity going on in your Educational Department. The Boating Class, under P/C John Mulkey, P, held its final exam on Wednesday, 22 October, with all exams taken and passed. 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P, administered and graded the tests. The Seamanship Course final exam was scheduled for Monday, 10 November. A total of 8 members were taking this course. The instructors, Bob and Adrienne Goldstein, AP's, recently took a number of their students out for an afternoon's sail on their ketch, *Restless*, to demonstrate some seamanship techniques. Incidentally, the Wuesthoff classroom has now been permanently shifted to a larger room in the PT building just west of the main entrance.

The Instructor Development course is now underway, being taught by Lt Dee Neve, S, in the Cocoa Library. The class size has swelled to 7 members with a completion date in November. And you might spy our ever-faithful Navigation students with their sextants on the beach or under the bridge on the 528 Causeway. They're taking their sextant sights to complete the sight folders, to be checked by P/C George Hess, SN, and then forwarded to National for final grading. They have already passed both open and closed book written exams. The next courses planned are Piloting and Marine Electronics. We plan to start these early in January.

The Education Department has submitted Merit Mark recommendations for a total of 21 members. A well done to all members who have supported education, one of the missions of USPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Kermit Forbes, P

Susan and I would like to wish everyone a most joyful holiday season. Hopefully I will be over pneumonia by then, and able to join in with the group to celebrate the holidays.

We have enjoyed our association this year with the squadron and look forward to 2009.

Want to apologize for the confusion added to the November meeting and not having a speaker. Hopefully you will enjoy the speaker we have scheduled for January.

SECRETARY

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



The Squadron and Coco-Nauts will be collecting and delivering canned goods again this year for the Central Brevard Sharing Center. Please bring your donated canned goods to the 2 December Holiday/Membership Meeting and the 13 December Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn. The Brevard Sharing Center shelves are very low of food this year, due to the many more families they are feeding who are really in need. Thank you for your generosity.
Happy Holidays to all of you and your families and Peace in the New Year.

Please note the email correction below for the Roster:

Winifred Crawford

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Coco-Nauts Corner Lt Doris Valentine

For those of you who did not attend our meeting held today at St. David's by the Sea, we want you to know **WE MISSED YOU !!!**

We were able to wrap up the arrangements for Saturday's **HARVEST PARTY** which appears to be the place to eat and socialize with friends.

So far, 67 are signed up and knowing how our Coco-Nauts and other members cook, the menu will be scrumptious !!!

Our next meeting will be our **Holiday Party** scheduled for **SATURDAY, December 13th** at the **Holiday Inn** in **Cocoa Beach**. We specifically planned this for Saturday instead of our usual Wednesday so that some of our working members can attend and get to meet the Coco-Nauts who are not able to attend regular meetings. I urge all Coco-Nauts to try to get to this event and enjoy the delicious variation of food being offered by **Holiday Inn**. Our own **Howard Bernbaum** will be the speaker. All husbands are also invited to attend. If you get them to accompany you, you won't have to cook that night !!!!!

In order to get into the spirit of holiday giving, the Coco-Nauts are joining with the Squadron to donate foodstuffs to the **Brevard Sharing Center** which is in dire need, as their shelves are almost empty, due to the economic recession. The Coco-Nauts are also doing a drive for new throw blankets, coloring books and crayons for the **Salvation Army's Women Abuse Division**. Please bring all contributions to the next **Power Squadron** meeting or the **Coco-Nauts holiday luncheon**.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU ON DECEMBER 13TH !!!!!!!!!





Galaxy 23

From the District Bridge

D/Lt/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN

Executive Officer

I am writing this article as the USPS National Membership Representative for D 23.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

At the recently held D 23 Fall Conference, Stf/C Connie Beckman, JN, who was representing the USPS National Membership Committee opened her talk with the following:

“When you were little and went to school you learned about the 3 R’s representing Reading, ‘Riting and ‘Rithmatic. As you grew older and joined the USPS you were taught that the 3 R’s now stood for Red, Right, Returning. Well now the USPS is adopting a new meaning for the 3R’s.

RECRUITING, RECOGNITION & RETENTION

For as long as I have been in the USPS we always had a Membership Committee that was designed to get new members into the USPS. . Why change? Well the dictionary defines Membership as one al-ready belonging to a group, club, organization etc. As such, it is time to change that Membership Committee to one of a RECRUITING Committee. Recruiting gives a much better indication of what we are attempting to do...Get New People into the USPS! And the Retention Committee is more closely aligned with keeping members as opposed to the Member Involvement Committee. Once the Recruiting is accomplished and the new member is aboard, Recognize him/her! Introduce them to the members for a few months at the membership meeting; take their picture, place it on a “New Member” board and place it at the entrance to your meeting place. If they can serve on a committee let the other members know about it. Give the new members a write-up in your monthly newsletter. Recognition leads to RE-TENTION!

Far too often we spend a great deal of time trying to recruit and once we get the new member we forget about them. If they do not take a course, attend meetings and join in your social activities there is a good chance they will drop out after the first of second year.

Think about changing your squadrons Membership & Member Involvement Committees over to the Recruiting Recognition and Retention Committee. But once done, make it work. Everyone in the squadron should carry a USPS Membership Application with him/her along with the USPS Info piece. Recruiting, Recognition & Retention is a TEAM EFFORT!!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

NOVEMBER:

25 - Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

DECEMBER:

02 - Tuesday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center ***

06 - Saturday, Cocoa Beach Land Parade (Float)

07 - Sunday, 1700 CBSPS Christmas Party—Rockledge Country Club

13 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon Buffet, Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn

16 - Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting – Merritt Island Library

JANUARY:

06 - Tuesday, 1900, CBSPS General Membership Meeting – Brevard Veterans Center

14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon (location TBA)

17 - Saturday, District 23 Council Meeting (location TBA)

24 - Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous at Samson Island

27 - Tuesday, 1830, CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

FEBRUARY:

03 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center

11 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon (location TBA)

15 - Sunday CBSPS COW (time & location TBA)

18 - 23 USPS Annual Meeting - Anaheim, CA (Wed. - Sun.)

24 - Tuesday, 1830 CBSPS Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

Note:

CBS&PS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

*** Annual Holiday meeting complete with egg-nog, cookies and entertainment!

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Boating Committee Report

By P/C Duane L. Balkema

Merry Christmas everyone and hope that you can join in one of the Boat Parades, be it Cocoa Beach (12/13/08), Merritt Island (12/6/08), City of Cocoa (11/22/08) or Satellite Beach (Grand Canal)(12/6/08). Please confirm times. I have participated in the Cocoa Beach one the most and had a lot of fun. It can be a lot scary for the boat operator, particularly when the VHF is crackling to life with someone having a problem. But really, I have never known of a problem other than P/C Bud Miller, Dick Herrick and others on our boat having to run the parade with no lights because of generator problems. That time when people watching would shout to us that our lights were out we would comically shout back “we are running stealth” and laugh like crazy. But we were having fun doing it. Seriously I have a lot of fun pictures of the trips over the years. Many others will watch the parades from their homes or other vantage points. I think it is one of the unique things of our area. Hope to see you.

Keep “Samson Island Cruise” for January 24, 2009 on your schedule. Grand Canal is scenic in itself and walking this island great fun.



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK



BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 7 January 0900a at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL (REV 1)

THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE'S GOAL:

TO IDENTIFY OPTIONS, AND SELECT & RECOMMEND FOR MEMBERSHIP REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND A MOTION TO VOTE FOR MAKING AN INVESTMENT FROM SELECTED SQUADRONS FUNDS. THIS INVESTMENT WILL PROVIDE THE MONIES TO PROVIDE FOR MORE AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY OF THE CBSPS, AS WELL AS ESTABLISH A PARTNERSHIP WITH ANOTHER AREA ORGANIZATION TO JOINTLY SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE PREFERRED PROPOSITION AS OUTLINED BELOW, IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS AND FOCUS ON FUTURE SQUADRON INITIATIVES FOR CONTINUED GROWTH BY: MANAGING OUR RESOURCES WISELY, PUBLISIZING AND SUSTAINING RECOGNITION OF THE SQUADRON'S MISSION/BENEFITS, ENHANCING OUR RECRUITMENT METHODS, EMPHASIZING REWARDS FOR MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS, AND ENSURING THAT WE ARE OPEN AND RESPONSIVE TO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP.

ENSURING STABILITY BY ESTABLISHING A HOME BASE AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BREVARD VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER TO JOINTLY SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

MAINTAINING THE PRESENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CBSPS AND THE BREVARD VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER FOR THE RECURRING USE OF THE FACILITY'S AUDITORIUM ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT A YEARLY FEE OF \$300 (MAY – APRIL).

ENHANCING THE EXISTING AGREEMENT BY MAKING A DONATION (TBD) TO THE VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER FUND FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND THE FACILITY.

INITIATING A SUPPLEMENTAL "DONATION" ATTACHMENT TO OUR PRESENT AGREEMENT WILL, AT NO EXTRA COST, INCLUDE A NEGOTIATED SCHEDULE WITH THE CENTER'S OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR THE USE OF A SMALL MEETING/CLASS ROOM FOR ONE NIGHT A WEEK FROM 6 TO 9 PM FOR AN AGREED UPON PERIOD OF TIME. THIS ROOM CAN ACCOMMODATE SMALL SPECIAL MEETINGS AND CLASSES, I.E., VSE, INSTRUCTOR, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSES. IN ADDITION, THE PLACEMENT OF A SECURED 4 DRAWER FILE CABINET WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN SUBJECT ROOM, ALONG WITH THE SQUADRON'S BANNER AND FLAG.

RECEIVING REDUCED FACILITY RATES, WHEN CBSPS, (AS A RECURRING GUEST AND COUNCIL MEMBER), SCHEDULES THE USE OF THE AUDITORIUM FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FUNCTIONS, NOT INCLUDED IN OUR PRESENT ANNUAL AGREEMENT.

HAVING A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING FOR CBSPS & BVMC (BOTH NON-PROFIT ENTITIES) AT THE CENTER ON 28 JAN 09, IN CELEBRATION OF CBSPS'S 42ND ANNIVERSARY & "TO BE DETERMINED" DONATION WITH NEWS COVERAGE ABOUT EACH ORGANIZATION.

Who AM I??

I was born during the depression in the month of March. Since I was born under the sign of Pisces the fish, it was only natural that I should have a love of the water and all things connected with the water. I had my first sailboat "Suzie Q" when I was 11 years old. It was a 14 foot rowboat converted into a cat boat with a huge sail and twin lee boards. At first I was only allowed to sail in the creek near our summer home but gradually my parents relented and I was allowed to go out into Peconic Bay. My sailing joys continued until one day, a few years later, I caught my sail on an oyster stake. The tremendous rip could not be repaired in the aging sail. For a while after that I was relegated to being a stink potter with a 10 HP Johnson motor. That was the end of my sailing, except with friends, until I was 21 when my girlfriend and I purchased a 16 foot Comet sailboat. Our first sail turned into a real adventure when she promptly turned the boat over.


I went off to college and studied engineering at St. Louis University and New York University. Right after graduation I married my sweetheart and we moved to Akron, Ohio where I worked for Goodyear Aircraft. This job was short lived as I was called into the Air Force to serve my two year stint since I had been in Air Force ROTC in college. Instead of going to some exotic location, I spent my two years in Boston, MA. But for someone who loves the water, New England proved to be a joy. After sightseeing for a year, my wife and I bought a 23 foot open sailboat. We figured it was about 50 years old at the time, but we could afford it and it had lovely classic lines. We had the "Golden Fleece" for several years and only sold her when I took a job in California like many other engineers. We lived in the San Fernando Valley so had to purchase a towable boat this time. "Billiken" was a 17' Thistle which is a hot racing sailboat. Too hot for my wife most of the time. We raced it in the infamous area known as Hurricane Gulch in LA Harbor. We had a small but active fleet and enjoyed traveling about the area to race.

While we were still living in Boston, my wife and I took the USPS safe boating course. At that time the course was 13 weeks long and included piloting. Since I was soon to leave the Air Force and move, I did not join the squadron. But I did when we arrived in the San Fernando Valley. Here I took most of the advanced courses except Navigation and many electives. After three years we moved to the Dayton, Ohio area where I was a member of the faculty at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Base. We still had our Thistle so we did sailing on inland lakes which was quite a change. I joined the Dayton Squadron and finished my Navigation course and the rest of the elective courses. After another three years, the call of the ocean got to me again and I pursued an offer to work for NASA in the booming, early years. We moved down to Merritt Island in May 1964 and within two weeks I was a member of the Titusville Squadron then known as Cape Canaveral Squadron.

While at Titusville, I served as Commander and later as District Education Officer. In 1967, the Cocoa Beach squadron was formed and I once again was in a different squadron. I soon became involved with district and national activities but always made time for sailing. During the next years, my wife and I owned a 25 foot Morgan cruising sailboat, "Tiger" and a 23 foot Ensign Class sailboat, "Puffin". When the old bones started to creek, we gave up sailing for a 16' Key Largo, "Girlie", which we had until we moved to the mainland three years ago. Boatless now, I still love all things nautical and have always enjoyed my association with USPS.

ANSWER IN NEXT MONTH'S
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Mango Mahi Mahi – Grilled Salmon – Beer Battered Cod

Sautéed Sirloin Tips – Meat Loaf

Roast Pork Loin – Barbeque Ribs

Chicken Marsala – Champagne Chicken – Chicken Picatta

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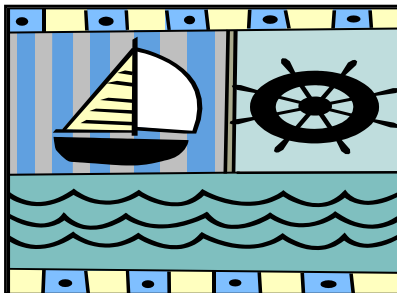
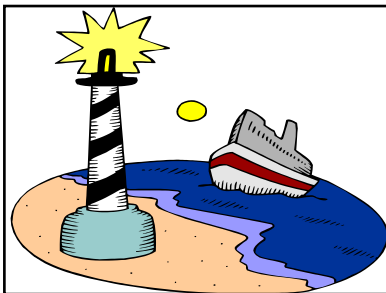
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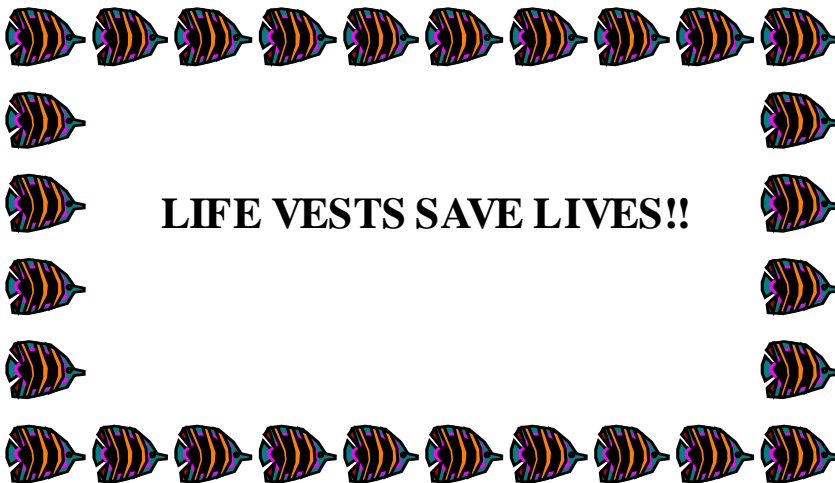


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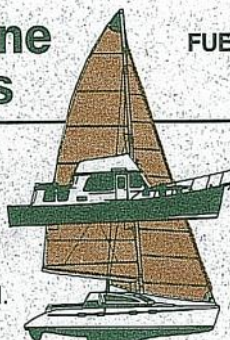
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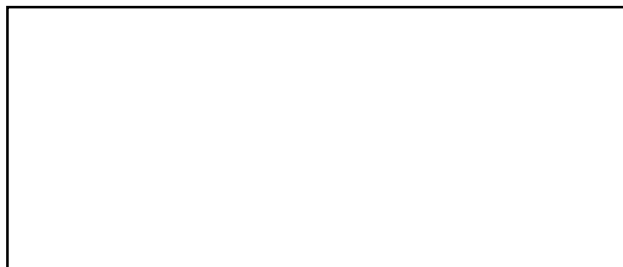
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