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SEPTEMBER 26 DINNER MEETING!!!

The "Tackle Guys" Return for their seventh annual visit to LARRC.

Sal Vallone and Mike Grossman will return to present what's new in tackle during the current season. The discussion will feature items recent-

ly introduced and an evaluation of their merits.

Sal is the owner of Bob Sands Tackle (in Van Nuys) and Mike Grossman has had considerable experience as a repair tech and charter head.

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Dinner Menu for September 26th

Meat - BBQ Tri-Tip Sandwich w/onions \$29

Fish - Sauteed Scampi, O'Brien Potatoes & Veggie Medley \$30.

Chicken - Oven roasted chicken, potatoes & Veggie Medley \$28.

Pasta - Chicken Marsala Pasta \$24.

Chicken Caesar Salad

Plenty of First-Time-Fun as LARRC'S MARINE MENTORS Program Introduces Young Anglers to... **A DAY ON THE WATER** By Frank Polak



There's nothing quite like the sight of a youngster catching his or her first fish. On August 1 and August 15, a select group of mostly first time anglers were treated to that experience, thanks to our Marine Mentors trips on the *Betty-O* out of Marina Del Rey.

Marine Mentors is designed to give a young person with limited or no fishing experience a chance to learn "the game" from our saltwater fishing pros. For most, it's the first time fishing. For many it's the first time on a boat. Our young guest from Trinity Youth Services and Phoenix House had the good fortune of good weather and good fishing for bass, sheephead, a few sole and short halibut and all the mackerel they could handle.

For the 2nd straight year, the *Betty-O* had live squid for bait, providing a new set of challenges, starting with catching them and properly getting them on the hook. And then there's the challenge of avoiding "getting inked". That in itself makes for an eventful day.

One of the most gratifying aspects of these trips is watching our young guests learn and grow as the day progresses. Many are wary of their new surroundings. More than a few start off seasick and wind up baiting their own hooks, hooking, fighting and landing a fish without any help by the end of the trip. You can see the confidence growing by the hours.

Like all of LARRC's youth programs, there are 2 ingredients: the volunteers who share their time and experience and your donations to the LARRC Foundation that allows us to share our passion with some very deserving young people. If you need proof, just look at the smiles in the pictures. We all remember our first fish. And now the youngsters participating in the Marine Mentors program do too.



ABOVE LEFT: His first "hook up"
ABOVE RIGHT: Group Returning
ABOVE: Emilio Escobar lends a hand
BELOW: The smiling Bat Ray





PACIFIC DAWN SCORES ON LONG-DISTANCE TUNA

By Jim Carlisle

As the date of our annual August 1.5day charter on the *Pacific Dawn* out of San Diego approached, the prospects for catching local tuna looked bleak. Luckily conditions really turned around a week and a half before our trip when the bluefin began biting well at the far end of day and a half range.

In the few days prior to our trip it started shifting to more of a yellowfin bite. Time to get excited! The day before the trip I received a message from Capt. **Pat Cavanaugh** saying that he wanted us all at the landing early so we could get an early departure to make a long run to the south. Our group of 16 members and guests were there and ready to go when the boat returned and crew turned the boat around in record time. I think we were leaving the bait receiver and on our way out of the bay shortly after 8 pm. At this point Pat let us know he was planning on running at least 140 miles south and we would put our blinders on and not slow down until we got into the area at about 10 a.m. the next morning. So time to sleep in and enjoy the ride. Pat's veteran crew

was "Man Dog" Mike and Moses on the deck, Jeremy Fleck in the galley and Jake was our 2nd Captain.

We started to get into nice water around 9 a.m. and put the trolling feathers in at about 10 a.m. We were in an area that included long range boats as well and the 1.5- and 2-day fleets. We trolled by a few dry kelp paddys as the fleet tried to get back on the fish that bit the day before. The fish seemed to have moved about 10 miles from the day before and we worked towards that area. Our first jig strike resulted in 10 yellowfin in the 15- to 18-lb. range hitting the deck. We were now down 150 miles from San Diego. We scratched away at the jig strikes and our best stop was a good one for about 38 fish. A few of the stops had a nice mixture of bluefin as well. We also hit a kelp paddy that had a bunch of nice dorado. Pat worked hard all day and we put together a very nice catch. We finished fishing about 7:30 p.m. with a total catch of 73 yellowfin tuna (near limits), 9 dorado, and 16 bluefin tuna. Our group of anglers and crew all had a good day.

Right before dinner we headed for home. The wind had been kicking up

all afternoon so it was a bumpy ride all night. Luckily it was just wind chop without a big swell. Due to the distance from home we had the opportunity to sleep in again and we finished our extended day-and-a-half trip about 11:30 a.m. back at Fisherman's Landing. Thanks to Pat and his crew for making the long run to the fish and providing another fine trip for the club.

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San Diego Bay Bone Fish By John Ballotti

Earlier this year, at the United Anglers of Southern California fundraiser, **Chas Schoemaker** and I bid on, and won, a San Diego Bay guided trip. We contacted the guide, **Capt. James Nelson**, and agreed that August 4th would be day. And what a day it turned out to be! Eager to be on time, Chas and I opted to spend the night at a local motel near Fisherman's Landing. Restless after the drive, we strolled over to the landing as the Pacific Dawn was loading up for a charter. Chas went on board to say hi to **Pat Cavanaugh**. Pat was bemoaning the non-existent offshore bite and wished he was going with us on the bay. We wished him good luck! We headed back to the motel anticipating the early wake-up call.

The next day we met up with Captain Nelson at the Shelter Island launch ramp

at 6 am. To our amazement there were no parking or launching fees. The facility was clean with plenty of parking with a large launch ramp. I sure wish Los Angeles County would take note. We loaded up and headed to the bone fish grounds at the south end of the bay. As dawn broke, we were gliding past downtown San Diego and the Navy yard. Reaching the target area we set up to drift in the 8-10 foot channels sounded by the 3 and 4 foot flats. The evening before our guide had pumped ghost shrimp to use as bait. We got the "you should have been here last month" speech as the bone fish catch had crashed with none being caught in his last few charters. We started catching numerous home-size halibut, sand dabs, shark, spotted bay bass, spot fin croaker, and lizard fish. Finally! The right kind took the bait and I landed my first-ever bone



John and Chas "struggling" in San Diego.

fish. Chas hooked a screamer and he was down to half a spool when the guide prepared the boat to chase the fish. Just as he fired up the motor, another bone fish jumped on my ghost shrimp. We landed it and took off chasing Chas' mystery fish. It was a ferocious fight on 10-pound test with neither man nor fish willing to give in. In the end man won and came up with a 50-lb. butterfly ray. Quite an accomplishment on light line!

With the bait gone it was time to fish for spotted bay bass. A few spots produced some fish but in the shadow of the Coronado Bay Bridge we hit the mother lode. We have never fished spotted bay bass in 40 feet of water before. Today we did with outstanding results.

Using small plastic swim baits and grubs on 4-pound test, it was as an instant bite as I have ever experienced. When the bite stopped you know you had drifted out of the zone and a short motor trip back to the area started the catching all over again. Captain Nelson kept us on the spot and the only thing that stopped the bite was when he said time was up and we headed back to the launch ramp. **Captain James Nelson** of the *Fish Icon* was an excellent guide and partner for the day. The final count (all released) 45 spotted bay bass, 2 bone fish, 5 halibut, 1 sand dab, 1 shark, 1 lizard fish, 2 spot fin croaker, and 1 angry butterfly ray.

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Polaris Supreme Charter Report

By Eric Rogger/Shelly Fried



LEFT: Sam caught at an off moment.
RIGHT: Shelly with a nice yellowtail.
ABOVE: The bounty of it!

I have to tell you that when we arrived at the landing early on August 6th, my heart sank. The prior trip had just returned and we watched the crew bring up the carts of fish—less than two carts full—consisting of smaller yellow tail and bottom critters. Whatever happened to the volume of tuna and albacore that we could count on every year? Read on and know that the situation did take a turn for the better. A last minute vote decided by the 19 remaining anglers—3 emergency drop outs—opted for a

direct path to Islas Benitos and bypassing Guadalupe as reports from there had been very scratchy.

This meant open ocean opportunities and options for later in the five-day trip. Small kelp paddys with moderate meter readings allowed all to score on the first day out.

There were a number of fierce but short bites of yellowtail with a sprinkling of nice dorado. A good way to start!

The next couple of days saw us at Benitos and then Cedros with some excellent yellowtail action. They ranged in size from 30- to 45-lbs.

Hoping for still larger quarry we were conscripted to fishing mackerel early one night and were able to fill one of the bait receivers in pretty quick order.

While at Cedros we fished at the salt works, said to be the largest in the world. Huge barges full were in view as were a number of pangeros competing for the fish. A Mexican Navy boat with a number of their crew fishing off the stern joined us as well.

The menacing mounted

machine gun was never used and we were not boarded. During this day reports of a good tuna bite were heard and we headed for an open ocean spot about 150 miles south of San Diego.

There's nothing as exciting as the search for open ocean meter marks, temperature breaks and all the trolling rods going off at once. We did boat over 50 tuna, both yellowfin and bluefin during periods of bedlam when virtually every bait brought up a fish. Totals:

when the tide was out.

Capt. Tommy Rothery and crew worked hard, the food was excellent and the weather gorgeous. A great trip!!!



RIGHT: Larry supervising the catch.

OFFICAL CLUB CHARTERS

Please note that official LARRC Charter means that the Club has made a reservation and financial commitment. Members signing up for a Club Charter are obligated to pay the full fare even if they cannot make the trip. The Club will attempt to fill your space, or you may do the same, in a timely manner. With fuel costs on the rise, the costs below may be subject to a fuel surcharge.

DEPART	RETURN	VESSEL	DESTINATION	ANGLERS	AVAILABILITY	PRICE
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Sept. 10, 9pm	Sept. 13, 6am	Pacific Dawn	San Diego, off shore	16 max	SOLD OUT	\$795
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DESCRIPTION: This is a 2.5 day trip. Meet at Fisherman's Landing in San Diego. Target species is Tuna. Cost includes food and tip. Fishing cleaning, beverages and optional jackpot are additional.

RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster **ROSS LOMBARD** at (562) 692-7070 or Ross@LombardGraphics.com for waiting list opportunities

Oct. 22, 5am	Oct. 22, 4pm	Highliner	Catalina Island	7 max	1 spot	\$285
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Nov. 19, 5am	Nov 19, 4pm	Highliner	Catalina Island	7 max	SOLD OUT	\$285
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DESCRIPTION: These are 3/4 day trips. Meet at Redondo Sportfishing in Redondo Beach. Target species will be yellowtail and calico bass. Cost includes fish cleaning and tip. The boat has no galley. You must bring your own food & beverages.

RESERVATIONS: Contact chartermaster **NICK EKDAHL** at (818) 241-7738 or NEkdahl@DawsonCo.com to confirm that there is space available and to arrange payment. A 50% deposit (\$142.50) required to reserve.

WHO SAYS THERE ARE NO ALBACORE?

Bill Roecker's SD Fish Report of 8/23 Reported a 25.8-lb. albie caught by angler **Dennis Doi** aboard the *Royal Polaris* on a 3-day trip.



ABOUT OUR MLPA RESTRICTIONS!

Last December 15 (2010) the Fish & Game Commission adopted regulations for the South Coast area. We have just learned that the implementation date of Oct 1 has now been postponed. The OAL (Office of Administrative Law) noted that they had new questions and needed more information. A new date will be discussed at the 9/15 meeting with the FGC.

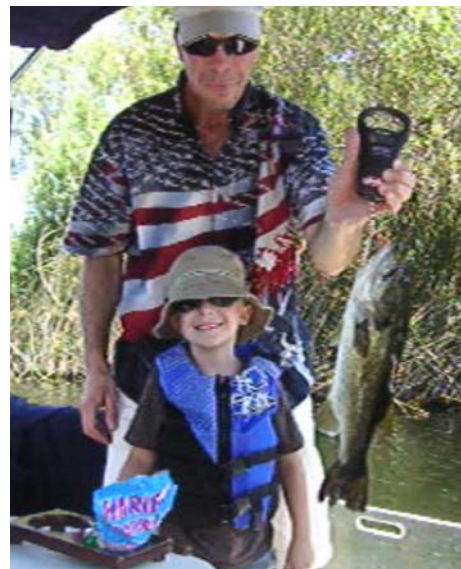
WHO SAYS CATHY CAN'T CATCH ANY FISH?

A very nice catch of a 46-lb. WSB by **Cathy Needleman** aboard the *Island Tak*.



WHO SAYS GRAND-KIDS CAN'T CATCH FISH?

At the Lake Sherwood picnic **Drew Dickter** (age 6) landed a personal best large mouth bass on 3-lb. line. Assisting with the 6-lb. fish was **Mark Manculich**. Grandparents **Michael** and **Gail** were ecstatic.



Report by Cathy Needleman

Cathy is now a board member at United Anglers of Southern California.

I love being a member of the Board of Directors of the **Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club**. I enjoy going to the dinner meetings where I can hear a speaker and have a meal with good friends. It's great to go on club fishing trips where one can make life-long memories with special people who share the same passion.

As a member of the LARRC you also have the opportunity to participate in one of the LARRC's Foundation sponsored kids' trips with children from all over Los Angeles. For all these reasons, this club is my HAPPY PLACE and I treasure every single moment.

So why did I even entertain the thought about joining **United Anglers**? Another fishing group, which is at least 1 1/2-hours drive away, where the present focus has been to protect the rights of recreational fisherman and fisherwomen and the recreational fishing industry?

I joined UASC because I was angry. Angry about the decision making process, that lacked studies and input from experts when deciding the specific issue of marine protected areas. Angry because the current MLPA initiative does not address oil drilling, wave energy projects, pollution and military testing and angriest most of all because you have private foundations, financing a public act!

Last but not least—I am angry that the State of California wants to hurt and or lose another source of income that enjoys retail sales of \$2,677,352,981 employs 40,948 people and gives the state and local tax revenues to the tune of \$336,307,902.

That being said—most who work in this industry do not enjoy huge incomes. They do this because they have a respect, admiration and love of the water and the life one finds in the ocean. In fact, because of their vocation, fisherman have a better sense and hands-on policy when it comes to protecting the environment. Yes fishermen are environmentalist too!

How could I not be involved with United Anglers?

On Sunday August 7th, United Anglers had a fundraising event, which featured **Chris Fischer**, host of National Geographic Channel's, *SHARK MEN*. A wonderful presentation which left the board members and attendees with a challenge—how to create leverage on a very public level to let everyone know that our state government has been a willing participant in a movement that has no logical conclusion and will ultimately hurt a industry that is experiencing the same economic hardships that the rest of us are.

At this point I look to others who are in the field of making stories public—getting the truth out so that the Marine Life Protection Act has input from the real day-to-day environmentalist—the people who are on the water, the ones who

know, based on facts—what we need to do to protect our coastline.

UNITED ANGLERS-HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY

On August 13th at the Huntington Beach Pier from 9:30 am-12:00 pm over 200 children from the ages 15 and younger participated in the "HUCK FINN FISHING DERBY and Costume Contest".

This was a true community event that included support and participation from: UNITED ANGLERS, Davey's Locker, Newport Landing, Sport Fish Restoration, *Fish Talk Radio*, The Department of Fish and Game and MANY OTHERS.

It was great fun to help the Department of Fish and Game set up the rods and reels for the kids to catch their prize specimen! The kids arrived excited, many in costume as Huck Finn or Becky Thatcher in anticipation of getting the "winning fish".

At 9:30 the kids fished off the pier and to my surprise caught a lot of interesting and different fish! The kids with their catch would then walk over to the area where they had a tank filled with salt water (manned by our own LARRC member Dan Fink). The fish were weighed and United Angler Volunteer **Beth McCauley** took a photo. The fish were put in the salt-water tank until they were released.

Beth then had the photo printed at the United Angler tent and UASC Chairman **Dave Elm**, UASC Office Manager **Robin Osborn**, and his friend **Ron Kromwell** took turns printing and attaching the beautiful pictures of smiling children with their catch on to card stock which had the "Ethical Angler " statement as background reading.

The next event was the Huck Finn costume contest where UASC Chairman Dave Elm had the difficult task of judging who was the best Becky Thatcher and Huck Finn!

As the 200-plus crowd was leaving the Huntington Beach Pier and the kids were picking up their printed photograph of their prized catch, the folks of the United Anglers of Southern California felt good about the fact that they were able to fulfill part of the UA's mission statement by passing the sport of fishing on to future generations.


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THE IGFA REPORTS

A new fly-rod record was established when angler David Christie caught a 113 lb 11 oz Yellowfin tuna on 20 lb tippet off South Africa. It took 1 hr and 42 min. to land the fish.

(Source: *SW Sportsman*)

BLUE FIN ARE DECLARED A "SPECIES OF CONCERN"

A recent meeting of ICAAT-International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas which is composed of member nations fishing them, met to discuss the reduction of take quotas. This had been supported by the USA. It was voted to declare the species - one of concern - but not endangered. NOAA has promised to revisit this issue by 2013 when studies concerning the effects of the Gulf of Mexico spills will have been assessed.

(Source: *Nat'l Fisherman*)

WEST COAST STATES MOVE TO BAN SHARK FISHING

Asian Cultures that suggest shark fin is the source of good health are causing the decimation of shark populations. Poaching is said to be the main cause because it is so lucrative. Federal laws have not helped the slaughter. The states hope to prevent the import of fins even though local catches are still ongoing.

(Source : *Nat'l Fisherman*)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Applied for Membership:
Howard Park. He is an oral surgeon and resides in Calabasas.

Voted into Membership:
John Szymura, Elmer Vasquez and Ti-San Li. Welcome!

GOODWILL ITEM

Wishing Don Lee a speedy recovery from his recent illness!

The Foundation Wishes to Acknowledge Receipt of these August Tributes Received.

In Honor of Henry Grossman who taught his son Michael to fish at age 5.
by Joan and Arnie Stein.

Correction: Please note that two donations last month were credited to Joel Steinman's birthday. Dave and Joan Levbison as well as Chas Schoemaker had sent these.

In Celebration of John Ballotti's Retirement

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SEPTEMBER 26

Next: OCTOBER 31

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to: Mike Godfrey 818.808.4909; or email larrcdinnerrsvp@yahoo.com at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
At Valley Inn
4557 Sherman Oaks Ave, Sherman Oaks

Board Meetings

SEPTEMBER 19

Next: OCTOBER 24

All Club members are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Frank Polak at 818/881.8634, email frankpolak@wolveshockey.net at least two days prior to meeting and confirm if you are having dinner.

Dinner: 6:00 pm • Meeting: 7:00 pm
At Valley Inn
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NOAA and the Dept. of Commerce have released new policies to encourage open-ocean fish farming in the Gulf of Mexico. China produces 91% of the farmed fish while the US accounts for 1.9%. Our trade deficit in seafood is \$9 Billion.

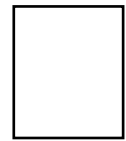
Source: *Nat'l Fisherman* 9/2011

TROPHY CONTENDERS 2011 AS OF JULY 25

SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.	SPECIES	LINE TEST	ANGLER	LB.OZ.
MEN'S OCEAN WATER							
Amberjack	60	Ron Ashimine	36 8 *	Bass, LG Mouth	12	Wayne Caywood	6 0
Bass, Calico	12	Sherwood Kingsley	5 0	Bass Peacock	4	Nick Ekdahl	2 6 *
Bass, Calico	12	Rob Baldwin	5 12	Catfish, Channel	2	Wayne Caywood	6 0
Bass, Calico	12	Sherwood Kingsley	5 8	Catfish, Channel	3	Steve Simon	9 10 *
Box Fish	15	Charles Schoemaker	4 0 *	Catfish, Channel	6	Tom Spiers	11 4 *
Box Fish	20	Barry Cohn	5 0 *	Catfish, Channel	4	Paul Varenchik	8 12 *
Grouper	80	Barry Cohn	25 0 *	Trout, Cutthroat	3	Mark Manculich	2 5 *
Halibut, California`	30	Carl Ekdahl	48 0 *	Trout, Rainbow	2	Bert Serden	3 10
Horse Eye Jack	30	Earl Warren	18 4 *	WOMEN'S			
Jack Cravelle	40	Earl Warren	24 0	Marlin, Blue	80	Pamela Warren	Released
Ling Cod	40	Sherwood Kingsley	15 0 *	Marlin, Short Bill	30	Pamela Warren	2 Released
Mackerel, Sierra	30	Earl Warren	18 3	Shark, Make	80	Pamela Warren	Released
Rockfish, Vermillion	50	Chas. Schoemaker	8 10 *	White Sea Bass	30	Cathy Needleman	46 3 *
Roosterfish	30	Earl Warren	81 10 *	WOMEN'S FRESH			
Roosterfish	60	Earl Warren	87 6 *	Catfish, Channel	4	Linda Caywood	6 11 *
Snapper, Cubera	60	Ron Ashimine	36 0 *	Steelhead	10	Cathy Needleman	11 0 *
Tuna, Bluefin	30	Sherwood Kingsley	31 2	JUNIOR MEMBERS			
Tuna, Yellowfin	100	Jim Carlisle	217 0	Bass, Large Mouth	4	Drew Dickter	Released
Wahoo	50	Jim Carlisle	43 0	Bass, Large Mouth	6	Kevin Steinman	3 Released
White Seabass	30	Ross Lombard	39 3	Catfish, Channel	10	Blake Rosen	18 0 *
White Seabass	40	Ron Ashimine	61 7 *	Halibut, Cal.	25	Sophia Perriseau	27 9 *
White Seabass	50	Ron Ashimine	60 13 *	Ling Cod	15	Samantha Hunter	5 3 *
Yellowtail	40	Sherwood Kingsley	32 4	Ling Cod	16	Harrison Hunter	4 9 *
FLY ROD				Ling Cod	40	Sophia Perriseau	25 1 *
Bass, Lge Mouth	8	Rob Baldwin	7 6 *	Shark, Thresher	30	Sophia Perriseau	112 7 *
Bass, Sml Mouth	10	Rob Baldwin	4 3 *	Trout, Lighting	3	Brooke Warren	2 7 *
Bass, Striped	15	Joel Steinman	15 0 *	Trout, Rainbow	2	Camryn Warren	2 6 *
Bass, Striped	17	Joel Steinman	9 0 *	White Sea Bass	25	Sophia Perriseau	42 0 *
Salmon, Atlantic	10	Rob Baldwin	5 6 *	White Sea Bass	30	Sophia Perriseau	38 3 *
MEN'S RELEASED				White Sea Bass	40	Nick O'Donnell	23 7 *
Bone Fish	10	Andy MacDonald	Released	First Game Fish of the Year			
Catfish, Sail	15	Chas. Schoemaker	Released	White Seabass, Feb. 11	Cathy Needleman	35	9
Marlin, Striped	40	Ran Ashimine	Released				
		(Released a total of 30)					
Tarpon	12	Andy MacDonald	Released				
Tarpon	15	Steve Simon	Released				
FRESH WATER							
Bass, LG Mouth	2	Wayne Caywood	4 6 *				
Bass, LG Mouth	4	Wayne Caywood	7 8 *				
Bass, LG Mouth	6	Joel Steinman	4 9				
Bass, LG Mouth	6	Mark Manculich	4 9				

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