

# Over the Waves



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## COMMODORE'S LOG



Bob Shore

While January and February are usually a quiet period around the club, this year has seen quite a lot of activity. The construction project has begun, Ezra Smith has our summer cruise planning in full swing; Neil Bergh has set the dates and begun the planning for this summer's Wednesday night racing series and Skip and Barbara have the summer regatta plans coming together. Linda & John Hughes have the planning for many upcoming social events well under way, and Yarrow and Mary Thorne have our winter lecture series off to an outstanding start!

Speaking of social events, On January 17, we had the first annual "passing of the flags" night at the club hosted by Paul & Sarah Browne and Peter and Paula Fahlman. This event celebrated the accomplishments of outgoing Commodore, Gordon Fletcher, as well as welcoming in the new Commodore and flag officers. It was a great night!

On February 22, Randy Wietman hosted the annual Craft Beer Festival which featured six (6) Rhode Island Brewers and two (2) Wineries. This event allowed you to discover the rich craft beer and wine culture that exists in our state that you might not have known existed. Another great night! With everything that is being planned, there will be plenty of opportunities for volunteer participation, so if you see something you would like to participate in don't be bashful about contacting the appropriate committee chair and letting them know that you are interested.

For those of you who are away for the winter, you picked a great winter not to be in Rhode Island. We look forward to your return.

Bob

## Coming Up at the Club:

### March 2020

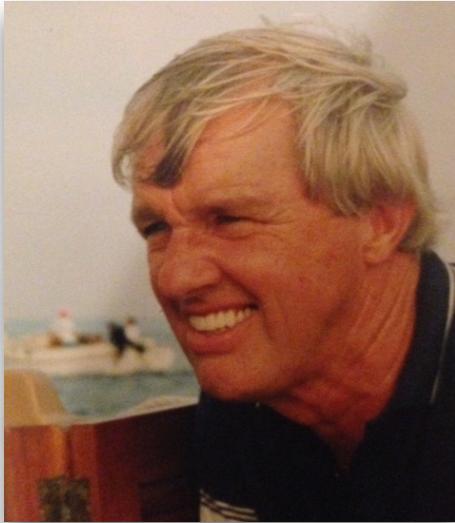
Sat Mar 7	3:00pm - 10:00pm	HS Sailing Team Jambalaya Dinner (Tom Coughlin)
Mon Mar 9	7:00pm - 8:30pm	WYC Board Meeting
Thu Mar 12	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Seminar: Design - Idea to Creation
Sat Mar 21	All day	WSA auction and fundraiser (Paul Nannig)
Sat Mar 28	2:00pm - 10:00pm	Private Club Rental (Hans Kresinski)

### April 2020

Thu Apr 9	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Seminar Series
Mon Apr 13	7:00pm - 8:30pm	WYC Board Meeting
Sat Apr 18	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Commodore's Reception

Visit the WYC Online Calendar or Download the TeamUp mobile app  
iOS Devices | Android Devices  
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## CROSSING THE BAR



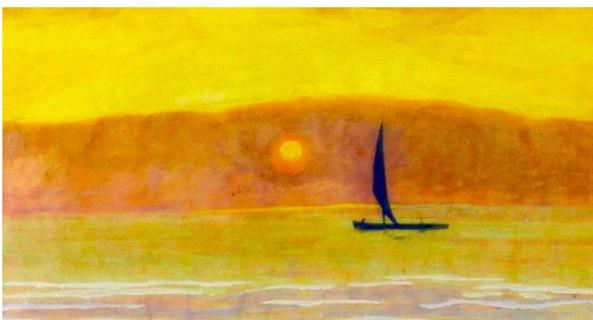
**Richard Bowen**  
December 22, 2019

Family was important to Dick Bowen. Sunday afternoons under the pavilion, Anne and Dick were in the thick of laughter and shared picnic food. Married in 1966, and in quick succession, Rich, Ike and Becky, were on the scene making up the crew of their Bristol 27 "Finalee".

By 1978 the Bowens, in a house on Wickford Cove, had a fleet of boats including a 13 foot Boston Whaler. (Anne, to this day, says it was the best boat they ever had.) Justifiably, they were awarded the Locke Family Award in 2013.

*From the Bowen Family:*

*Dick Bowen loved the ocean and sailing from a very early age. He encouraged his family to share that love. If it were not so, each of us would not have come to know this great community we continue to enjoy. We thank all of our WYC family for sharing not only our loss but also for supporting us during the many challenging months that preceded it. We greatly appreciate your visits, cards and presence honoring his life and memory.*



**Damon Rivard, Commodore 2003**  
January 18, 2020

The "W" in our yacht club name could very well be for the big hearty WELCOME with which Damon embraced new members, or his respectfully salty "how ya doin', you old son of a gun?" that warmed us with his special greeting. A skilled sailor on his Tartan 33, *Who Cares*, then later on his Zodiac 12, *Who Cares 2*, he kept 165 Pleasant Street shipshape when he was House Committee Chair. Put an apron on him, you'd soon savor the best clam fritter, ever.

Honored for his "Outstanding Service" award in 2006, the recognition barely captured the authenticity and color he put into our community. We lost Damon on January 18th but the rich gift of his sincere friendship is beautifully and sweetly carried on by Roberta. For that, we are grateful.

*From Roberta Hale & Family:*

*I want to sincerely thank all of the Wickford Yacht Club members who showed such kindness and support during Damon's illness and after his passing. So many members came to visit him at home and then at the nursing home. And more volunteered to plan and help during the reception after his funeral. I cannot begin to tell you how much this meant to Damon and to me. Thank you all. He was a very special guy!*

## VICE COMMODORE



Bob Kern

Start thinking about boating because it is that cold wet dreaded New England March that is upon us and we need to keep positive thoughts. The good news is that the winter months have been rather mild and the frozen tundra has not yet materialized. So, let's look at the bright side and get ready for a fun sailing / social season at the WYC.

The pavilion project has slowly begun. This is a work area so please stay out of the way and let's let the workers get the job done. I know we have a lot of members that will be curious about what's going on with the conical piles, when they start going in, and we all will want to give our unsolicited free advice to the contractors but we have a contract with several approved permits to do things correctly. Taking pictures from afar is okay but be safe and stand clear.

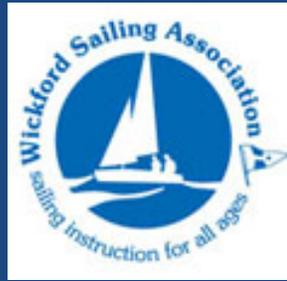
I am excited because we have a lot going on at the WYC in March:

- Pavilion & upper deck construction
- Two fundraising events – WSA Auction & Fundraiser March 21st and Jambalaya March 7th to raise money for youth and High School sailing programs. Please support them.

The Fleet Captain (Ezra Smith) is doing a great job in organizing the WYC Summer Cruise – he needs a couple of port volunteers so please step up.

Also, our planning for the Regattas and Wednesday Night racing is well under way thanks to the efforts of the Rear Commodore (Neil Bergh) and his Sailing Committee (Skip Whyte & Barbara Jackson)

Needless to say, we have been busy but things are really shaping up nicely for the 2020 Season – There are plenty of tasks to be performed - Please volunteer to help out!!



## Don't miss out! WSA's Annual Dinner and Auction Fundraiser Saturday, March 21st.

We hope you can join us in supporting WSA as we try to keep our fleet current and our tuition reasonable as we continue to introduce new sailors to the sport we all love so much. Funds will support the Wickford Sailing Association's Operating Budget.

The Online Registration Link can be found on the website or at: [www.tinyurl.com/WSAFundraiser2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/WSAFundraiser2020)

### Dinner details:

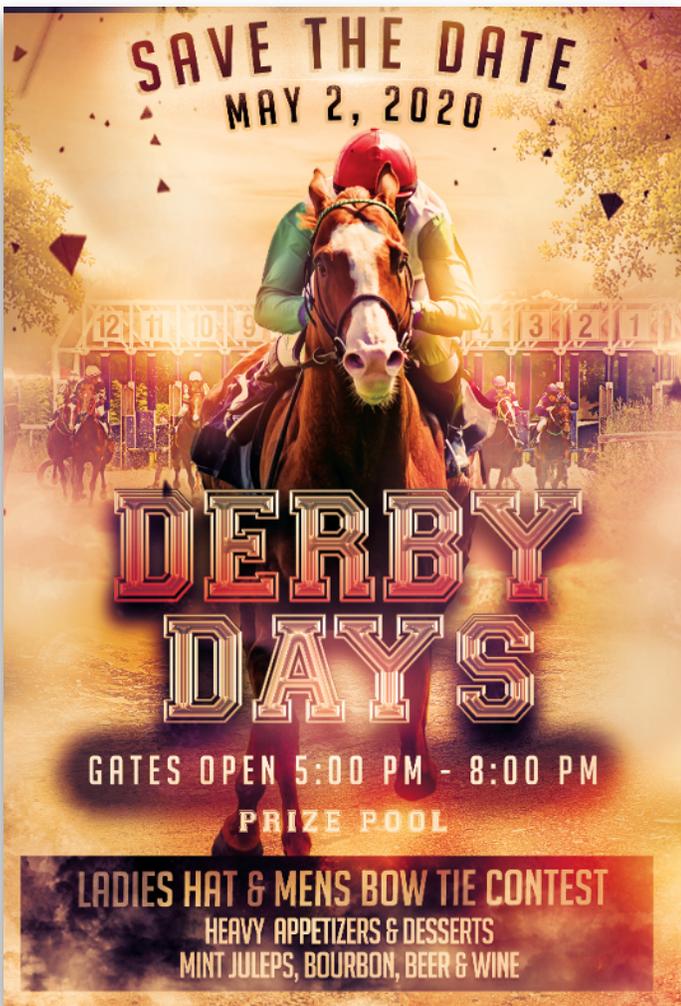
- Plan on joining your fellow WYC members and WSA families for an Italian themed Lasagne and Eggplant Parmesan dinner with salad & dessert, beer, wine and soda also included.
- There will be a gluten-free option as well. Last year this menu received rave reviews from The Provisioner Deli and they will again cater our event.
- Price is \$30 per person and Guests are welcome!

If you have trouble registering online, you may contact Paul Nannig at [pnannig@gmail.com](mailto:pnannig@gmail.com) or 401-640-1980, or Mark Bamford at [msbamford@cox.net](mailto:msbamford@cox.net) or cell: 401-524-1569.

If you'd rather pay at the door, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer at the club.

## Click here for Donation Information





## Meet the Members! The Spear Family

### *Jeff, Erin Parker & Reese*

Our family is excited to join the WYC Community! Jeff and I lived in Boston for over 10 years, where we enjoyed boating on the north shore, and when ambitious, the Charles River.

Shortly after having our first son, Parker, in 2018, we moved to Saundertown to be closer to family. We keep our 19' Key West, Silver Lady, moored in Jamestown which has been a great launching pad to explore all the beauty of Narragansett Bay.

While we officially became WYC members back in the late fall, we've been busy welcoming our daughter, Reese, who is now 5 months old. We are looking forward to the summer when we can take the whole family out on the water as well as enjoy all the activities and people at WYC.

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## FLEET CAPTAIN



Ezra Smith

Planning for the 2020 Summer Cruise is moving along well! Thank you to all of the folks that have attended our 2 planning meetings-both "old hands" and first time cruisers were in attendance and all are stepping up to make it a great experience.

### The 2020 Cruise Itinerary is as follows:

- August 1-2 Padanaram, MA
- August 2 Commodore's Reception at Padanaram
- August 3-4 Vineyard Haven, MA
- August 5-6 Osterville, Ma
- August 6 Cruise Dinner, Osterville Ma
- August 7 Sail home to WYC, or a night in Cuttyhunk to break up the trip

If you have not been able to make either of the meetings, but are interested in taking part and have questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [ezrasmith@yahoo.com](mailto:ezrasmith@yahoo.com).

**In other news, Congratulations to our two Mooring Raffle winners Gary Breder and Peggy and Mike Kraynak!**

Also, We are starting to look at replacing the Dinghy and WSA racks, as they are getting pretty tired. If anybody has any creative ideas about how to improve on what we have currently I would love to hear them!



# WICKFORD SAILING ASSOCIATION



Paul Nannig

## Wickford Sailing Association's Summer Dates Are Set!

- The season will begin on Monday, June 22 running through Friday, August 14
- Awards night will also be August 14
- Classes are held Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.
- Registration forms are available on the website. Visit us at [wickfordsailing.org](http://wickfordsailing.org) or from the link on the WYC homepage.

### Renew your US Sailing Membership as a MVP Partner of WSA. Here's how it works:

WSA belongs to the US sailing MVP Partner Program where discounted membership rates apply. If you sign-up or renew your US Sailing membership as a MVP with WSA selected, WSA receives credits towards educational courses and materials.



When you join or Renew from the US Sailing website, there's an opportunity to select the MVP Program button link. You may also [click here](#) to use the US Sailing Link.

## WSA - Dinner and Auction Fundraiser Saturday, March 21st

### Donations needed:

- This year's fundraiser will be a bit earlier and is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st to support the Wickford Sailing Association's Operating Budget. More details will follow with the dinner aspect and registration will open soon, but in the meantime we are reaching out to see if any members can make Donations for the Silent and Live Auction component of the evening.
- The WYC member supplied items are usually the most well received. We anticipate having lots of nautical items with local merchants represented as well. So, do you have a service, event or item you can donate? If so, please reach out to Kathy Brown.
- We hope you can join us in supporting WSA as we try to keep our fleet current and our tuition reasonable as we continue to introduce new sailors to the sport we all love so much.

### Thank you in advance for your support

- Any questions, contact Kathy Brown - donations coordinator for the event [wickfordbrowns@gmail.com](mailto:wickfordbrowns@gmail.com) | (401) 294-2525

### Auction Items have already secured been from the following donors:

- North Sails - [northsails.com](http://northsails.com)
- CVS Charity Classic golf package - 4 VIP tickets - Sun & Monday, June 21-22 - [cvshealthcharityclassic.com](http://cvshealthcharityclassic.com)
- Wine Basket
- Trader Joe's basket
- Mystic Seaport
- Cate Brown Photo - [catebrownphoto.com](http://catebrownphoto.com)
- PPAC tickets - April 1st, Jesus Christ Superstar
- Trinity Rep tickets
- America's Cup Charter
- Fast Ferry Tickets
- Boston Red Sox
- Handmade glass
- Cindy Wilson portrait session - [cindywilsonphoto.com](http://cindywilsonphoto.com)
- Team One Newport - [team1newport.com](http://team1newport.com)
- Several pieces of Artwork
- S&S Fabric Products - throw pillows - [ssfabricproducts.com](http://ssfabricproducts.com)
- US Sailing membership - [ussailing.org](http://ussailing.org)
- Shaidzon Brewery
- A Bike Carrier
- The Sailor's Tailor - custom bag
- ...more everyday...



# MEMBERSHIP



Karen Pizaruso

## Membership Posting Potential New WYC Members

### Greg Grande and Susan McDowell

*Family Membership*  
365 Brickyard Road  
Woodstock, CT 06281

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860-576-5835

susanmary.mcdowell@gmail.com

**Gregory Grande**  
860-997-9751

greggrande5@gmail.com

### Children

Jilianna Grande 01/07/02

Aiden McDowell 01/29/02

### Boats

Fully Charged 20.5 Penn Yan & Freebie 20

Aquasport

### Sponsors:

Gordon and Sharon Fletcher

Chuck Allen

### Christophe and Elise Massenet

*Family Membership*  
41 Main Street  
Wickford, RI, 02852

### Christophe

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### Elise

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### Children

Felix 5/26/2000

Alice 6/20/2002

### Boats

R & R 26' Mako

### Sponsors

Joan and Larry Ehrhardt

Mike & Peggy Kraynak

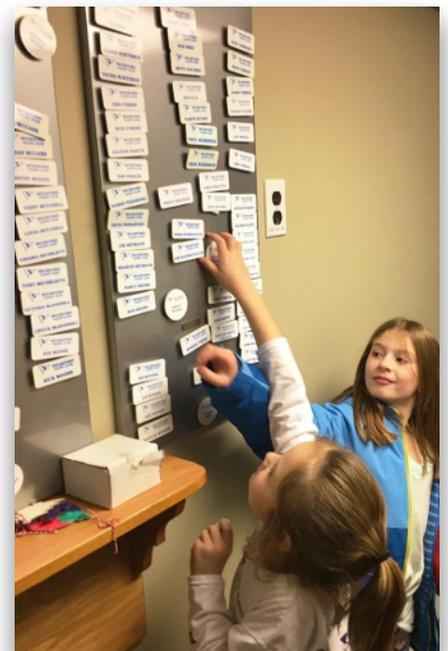
*Any member wishing to comment may contact the  
Board of Governors*

## Wickford Yacht Club Name Tags

Please send me your name by email if you need one.

- Some folks use nick-names, or hyphenated names or a shortened version (Will instead of William).
- A few members order theirs with the name of their boat below their name. You can do that too!
- \$8.00 payable to the Wickford Yacht Club

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# FROSTBITING



Chuck Allen

We had a great Fall Series in The Sea Dogs: Continued growth (around 30 boats came out sailing-a new record), a wonderful Worlds, Hangover Bowl and a lot of solid Sundays! We missed 3 weeks this fall do to "Blowout" conditions... Sea Dogs do not like sailing in more than 20 knots-been my experience!

We now begin our Spring Series, sailing into early April. We have our fleet boat for those that would like to try sailing on any Sunday, just let us know.

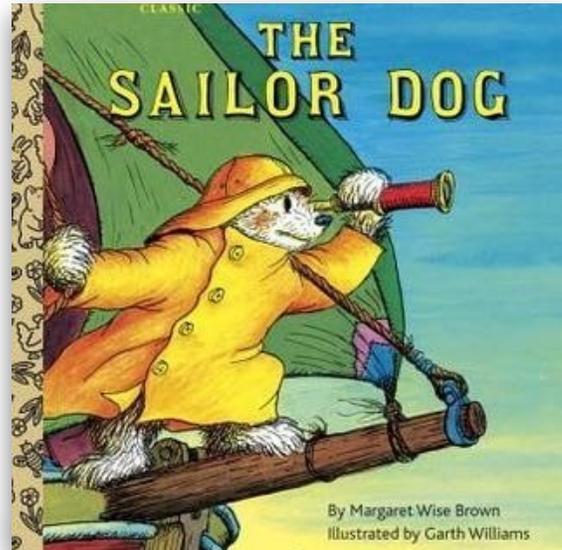
## Fall Series Final Results:

WYC/WFA Sea Dog Fleet 166 - Fall Season Results 2019-2020															
	Race Day	11/03/19	11/10/19	11/17/19	12/1/19	12/8/19	12/15/2019	12/22/19	1/5/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	Throwout 1	Throwout 2	Total	
Race Committee	# of Sailors	15	15	12	12	12		13			11				
Place	Throw out every 4 days	Sail No.					NO SAILING		NO SAILING	NO SAILING			Not enough races		
1	Chuck Allen	4	1	3	2	7	1		3			12	12		11
2	Neil McDermott	34	5	1	3	13	3		7			1	13		14
3	Peter Greene	54	2	2	13	2	2		14			7	14		22
4	Paul Nannig	49	4	4	6	3	6		3			4	6		24
5	Bob Hicks	64	13	9	7	6	5		5			5	13		31
6	Ed Adams	Fleet Boat/15	16	5	13	1	13		2			2	16		36
7	Kyle Nannig	9	16	7	1	13	13		1			3	16		38
8	Skip Whyte	Fleet Boat/1	3	8	7	13	7		8			12	13		39
9	Gordon Fletcher	5	6	6	5	13	7		14			12	14		43
10	Brad Brown	100	10	16	4	8	10		6			6	16		44
11	Daniel Borsutzky	50	9	10	8	5	8		7			8	10		45
12	Gary Breder	57	8	13	13	13	13		9			7	13		57
13	Doug Nannig	40	11	11	9	11	11		10			7	11		59
14	Meredith Adams	126	12	15	11	7	12		12			12	15		66
15	Gary Smith	2	14	12	10	9	13		11			12	14		67
16	Eli Slater	9	13	13	13	13	4		14			12	14		68
17	Yarrow Thorne	86	16	14	12	12	13		14			11	16		76
18	Rex Brewer	982	16	16	13	13	13		14			10	16		79

2020 Sea Dog Worlds are in Wickford this year on Saturday, December 5th with a backup day on The 6th.

There is a wonderful *Little Golden Book*, **Scupper, The Sailor Dog** who wanted to return to the sea. Our WYC fur friend did just that, after 17 years of similar adventures. -PSH

Scupper, December 31, 2003 – February 3, 2020



**SAIL NORTH**  
**JAMBALAYA**  
~ 2020 ~

A FESTIVE DINNER BY THE SEA...  
COME SUPPORT YOUTH SAILING IN  
NORTH KINGSTOWN & JAMESTOWN!

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020  
TWO SEATINGS ~ 5:30 OR 7:30 PM  
WICKFORD YACHT CLUB

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\$30 includes 3-course dinner & non-alcoholic drinks  
BYOB

**TICKETS AT [WWW.SAILNORTH.ORG](http://WWW.SAILNORTH.ORG)**

Enjoy Jambalaya  
and  
support our local high school  
sailing team and youth sailing in  
North Kingstown and  
Jamestown

**Saturday, March 7**

Wickford Yacht Club

Two seatings  
5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

\$30 per person

Purchase tickets at  
[www.sailnorth.org](http://www.sailnorth.org)

**Additional Jambalaya 2020 Details:**

- 3 Course Dinner & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (Vegetarian Option Available)
- Adult Beverages - BYOB
- Two Dinner Seatings 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM
- Only 80 tickets available per seating so get yours soon!
- Tickets are available online at [www.SailNorth.org](http://www.SailNorth.org)

## HOUSE COMMITTEE



Elaine Lemieux, Co-Chair  
Chuck Ebersole, Co-Chair

A few things have been changing at the club. The most obvious is the blocking put in place to support the pavilion roof for the upcoming project. We put together a work party and prepared the pavilion for the contractors. This involved removing windows, dismantling walls, removing wiring in the way, and disconnecting the gas line to the heater. The picnic tables had to be moved along with the boardwalk sections by the seawall. This was accomplished with the help of the Pleasant Street Wharf boys and their bobcat. We have a very good cooperative relationship with them that benefits both parties. Thanks to everyone involved!

Another change is the lighting in the great room entrance. Many people will be unaware that there has been a subtle change in the lights of the lower ceiling. Previously, the two switches controlling these lights were unbalanced with one controlling six lights and the other controlling three lights. This resulted in one section being brightly lit and the other section being dark. This had been bothering myself and a number of other people for many years (>10). This past month we were able to make a minor change in the wiring and now the lights are wired for 5 and 4 with a complete coverage on each. Try them out when you get a chance.

Other changes are being considered: The dinghy racks by the flagpole have been in place for many, many years. They have worked well, but are showing their age. They are being considered for replacement. These new racks would be more flexible in their use allowing dingies, kayaks, and boards to be placed there. Options are being considered for the upstairs lounge. This included engineering evaluation of the structure to determine our options.

Keep an eye out and see if you can spot other minor items that are changing. AND let me know if there are things you have noticed that could be done better. We will consider everything and if it makes sense (aesthetically and financially), we will get it done.

## SEMINARS

Please help share the next free event at Wickford Yacht Club.

March 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm

This should be a big one as we host Dick Sadler as he shares his story about winning the America's Cup and the future of the challenge of record as the boats and tech evolve to flying machines.

This is a free event is free to the public.

There will be limited food and drink and we will be continuing our door prizes.



THU, MAR 12 AT 6:30 PM

**America's Cup talk: Dick Sadler speaks about defending the cup**

INTERESTED

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