

A 'Cracker of a Day

Wednesday Wonders Race 9 Summer Series 2016-17

(30 Nov 2016)



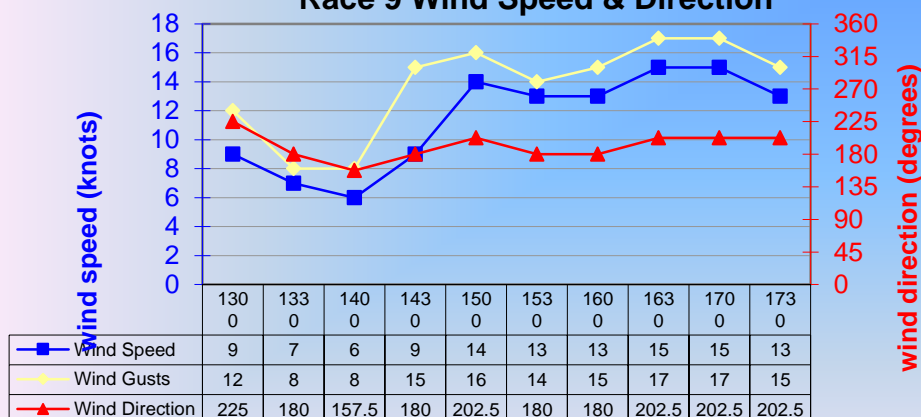
The new modern start lights on the tower were illuminated right on time. Beneath the northern podium was a fine collection of classic vehicles from Australia, Europe (including Britain) and the United States as part of the Classic Car Yacht Race. On the water the largest fleet of the series (46 yachts) assembled for race 9 that included the Century Class.

It was an outstanding day for NUTCRACKER II (Rob Davis & Andy Baker). She won Start of the Day in a tie with ULUWATU (Mal Billings & Peter Geary). She was the last to start but first to finish race 9 which she won by a margin of 6 minutes 45 seconds. NUTCRACKER II sailed the 7 leg 8.2 nautical mile course number 9 in the fastest elapsed time of 1:28:43. In second place was LEBROK (Theo Korbel) with CONQUEST (Paul Jacka) finishing third. The third place by LEBROK lifted her from fourth place to the top of the aggregate.

After juggling line upon line and column upon column of numbers the principal organisers of the Classic Car Race (Jeffrey Woolhouse & George Shaw) declared NUTCRACKER II the winner with LEBROK and CONQUEST also on the podium.

Six yachts competed in the 2nd race of the Century Class Series that was won by SALTSHAKER (Ken Gayler).

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Race 9 Wind Speed & Direction**



Fawkner Beacon indicated the breeze for the afternoon averaged 11 knots. It did chop and change in the early stages of the race, which had an impact on start times and reduced the effect of the handicap for the early starters. The first 14 yachts across the finish line all had handicaps 40 mins or over.



NUTCRACKER II has completed 6 of the 7 completed races this series with varied results. Her worst result was a 34th place (out of 34 finishers) in race 4 but she has improved since then. NUTCRACKER II was the last yacht to start this race 4 minutes 16 seconds behind closest rival STAMPEDE (Christopher Gendala). After the first 4 legs of the race she rounded number 4 for the first time 2 minutes ahead of the rest of the fleet. She had sailed those 4 legs in 54 minutes 35 seconds. During the final 3 legs of the race she extended her lead and crossed the finish line at 15:55:43 – 6 minutes 45 seconds ahead of her closest rival. NUTCRACKER II sailed the course in 1:28:43, more than 45 minutes quicker than the average elapsed time. NUTCRACKER II moved up in the aggregate from 23rd into 11th place.

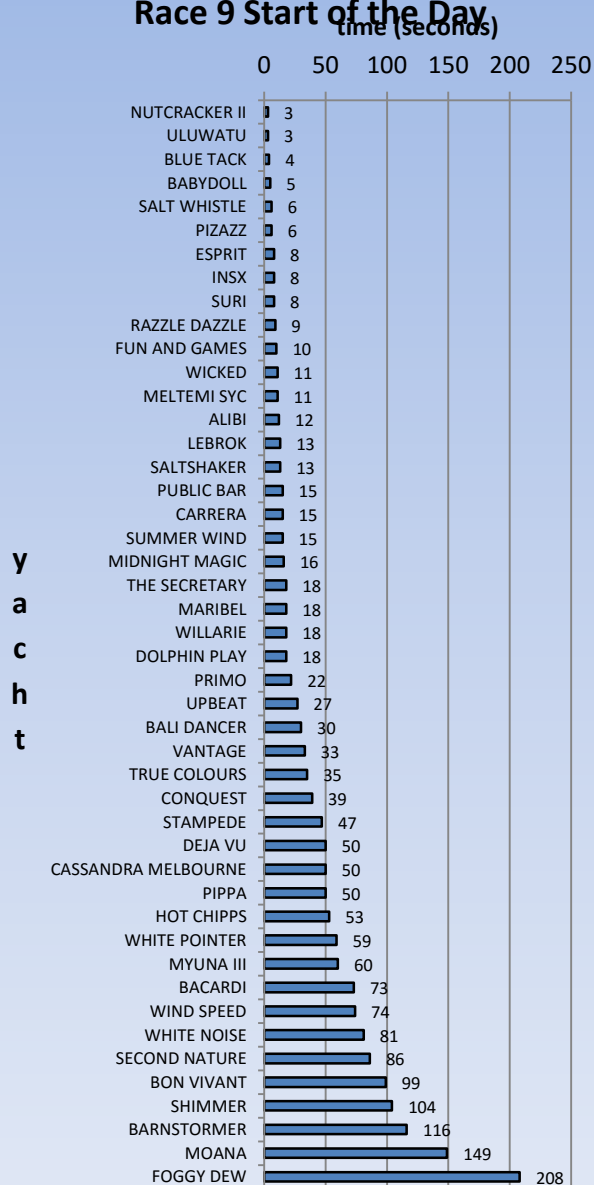
LEBROK has also sailed 6 races this summer and recorded some good results. Four of the 6 finishes have been in the top ten with the remaining two just outside at 11th and 13th. Her handicap has increased from 38 minutes at the start of the series to be 41 minutes at the start of this race. This was not one of the better starts for LEBROK who has won start of the day with a perfect start. Nevertheless, after starting from 31st place she was already in 2nd place behind NUTCRACKER II at the first rounding of number 4. LEBROK sailed the first 4 legs of the course in 1:13:15 – 3 minutes 25 seconds faster than WHITE NOISE (Daniel Edwards) who was allocated the same handicap. LEBROK maintained her 2nd place for the remainder of the course and after sailing for a total of 1:51:28 crossed the finish line at 16:02:28. This 2nd place helped make LEBROK the leader of the series aggregate.



A 3rd place in this race helped CONQUEST from 32nd into 25th place in the aggregate. CONQUEST started from 43rd place 39 seconds late for her 50 minute handicap. At the first rounding of number 4 and after overtaking 39 yachts CONQUEST had moved into 4th place 2 minutes 55 seconds behind the leader and 29 seconds astern of ALIBI (Denis Hambleton). CONQUEST sailed the final 3 legs of the race in 37 minutes 36 seconds and crossed the finish line in 3rd place at 16:02:59 a mere 2 seconds ahead of ALIBI. CONQUEST had sailed the course in 1:42:59 the 2nd fastest elapsed time of the race and recorded her first podium finish in three races.

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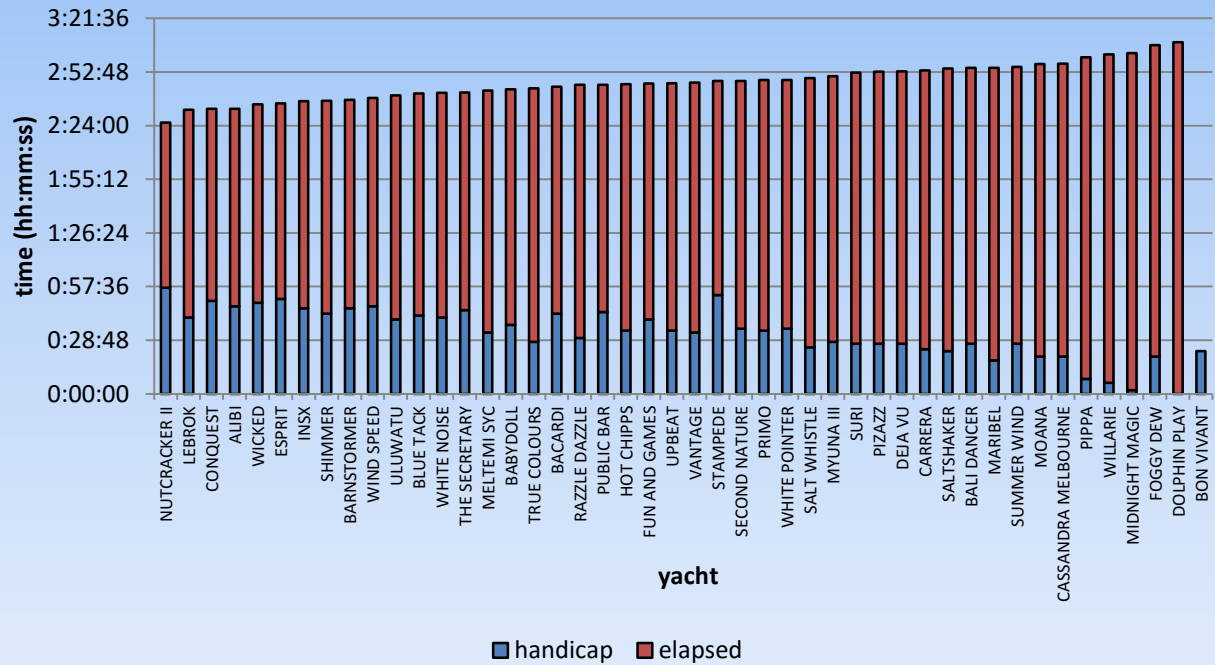
Race 9 Start of the Day



There was a tie for Start of the day between NUTCRACKER II and ULUWATU who were both 3 seconds late for their respective handicaps. Neither of these two yachts has won the “Start” this series. It is also the first time that the start has not been won with a time of 1 second or less. Although 10 yachts started more than 1minute late, none started too early. Eleven yachts started within 10 seconds or less of their handicaps and the median start time was 18 seconds.

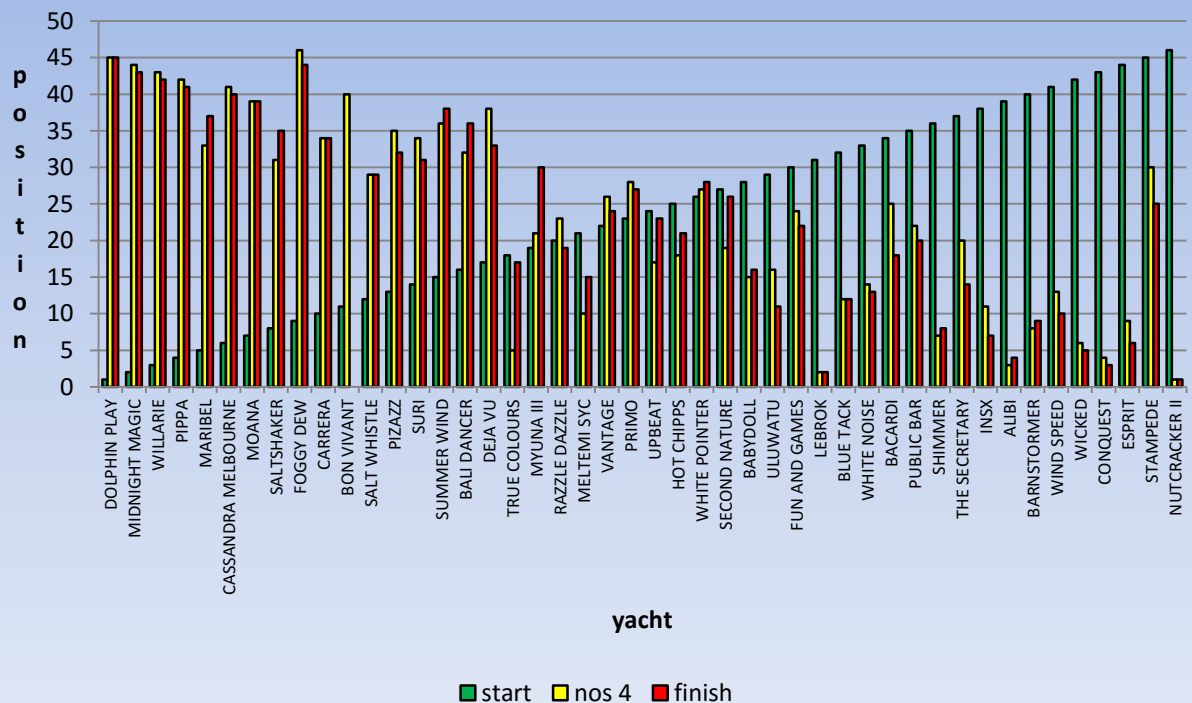
On average there was 56 seconds between each yacht crossing the finish line. The biggest gap was between 1st and 2nd place with the closest being 1 second between RAZZLE DAZZLE (Andrew Stopp) and PUBLIC BAR (Clive Sondheim) who finished 19th and 20th respectively. The fleet started 56 minutes and 45 seconds apart and by the first rounding of number 4 this gap had been reduced to 27 minutes 41 seconds. However, by this stage of the race only 1 of the first ten yachts around number 4 had a handicap less than 40 minutes. The remainder of the race saw the late starters extend their lead over the mid fleet and early starters and the 45 finishers ended the race 42 minutes 58 seconds apart.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 9 Result

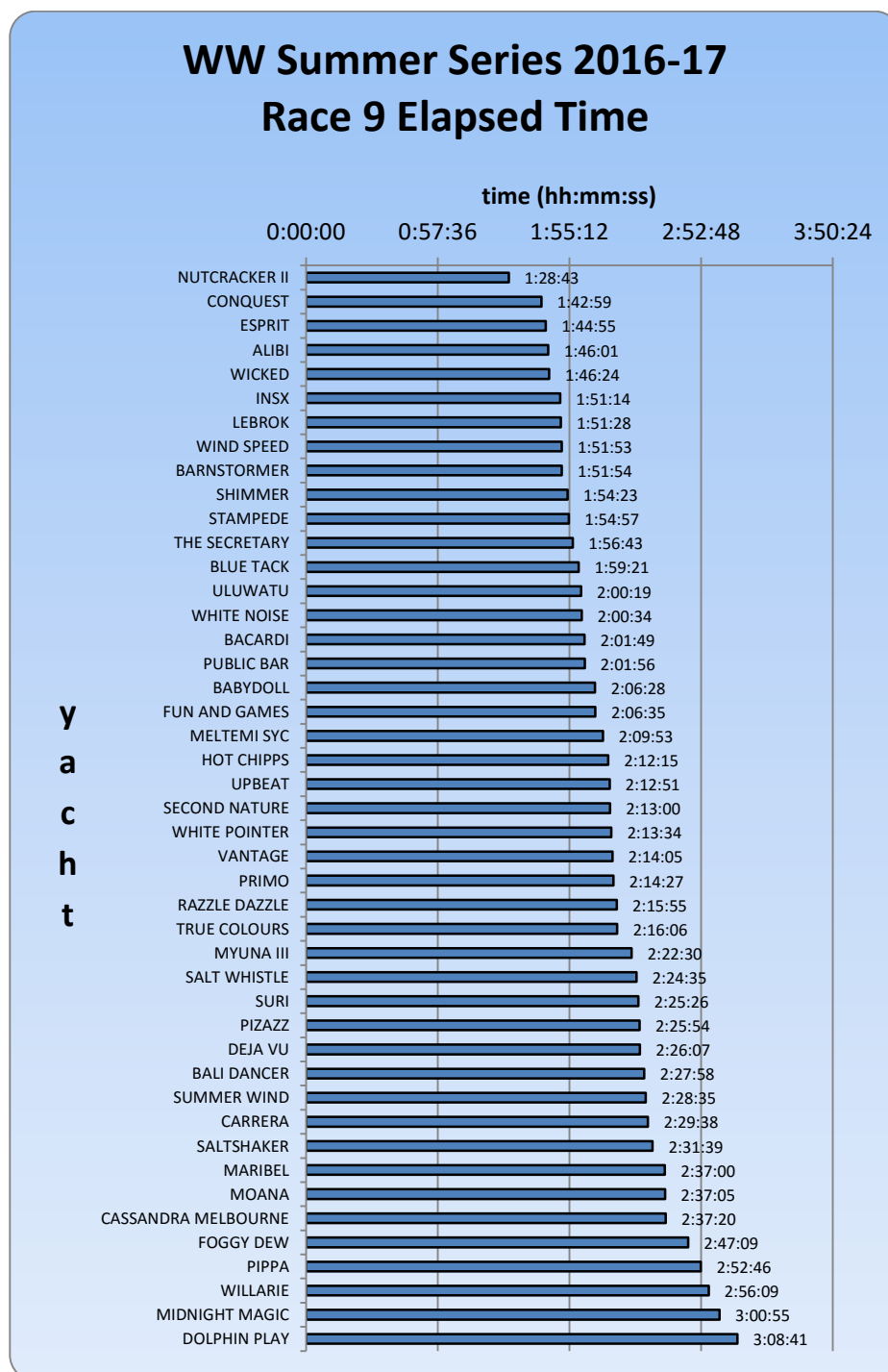


The following chart illustrates that, in general, early starters finished towards the back of the fleet whilst late starters found their way to the front. On average each yacht finished 26 places away from its start position.

WW Summer Series 2016-17 Race 9 Position at Start, Nos 4 & Finish



Although this was one of the shorter courses sailed, it resulted in the longest average elapsed time this series - 2:14:14 with a range of 1:39:58 between the fastest and slowest yachts. For the 4th race in succession NUTCRACKER II recorded the fastest elapsed time of 1:28:43. This was 14 minutes 16 seconds faster than her closest rival.



This race included the 2nd Century Class race for the series and in keeping with race 9 the winner was the yacht with the highest handicap. It was SALTSHAKER with a handicap of 23 minutes that won the race. She was followed by MOANA (Stan Rankin) then CASSANDRA of MELBOURNE (Bob Reeves) both with handicaps of 20 minutes. More details can be found in the following table.

CENTURY CLASS SUMMER SERIES 2016-17 RACE 2						
PLACE	YACHT	MAKE	SKIPPER	ELAPSED	FINISH	H CAP
1	SALTSHAKER	JARKAN	Ken Gayler	2:31:39	16:24:39	0:23:00
2	MOANA	BLUEWATER	Stan Rankin	2:37:05	16:27:05	0:20:00
3	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	MOTTLE	Bob Reeves	2:37:20	16:27:20	0:20:00
4	PIPPA	TRITON	Jeffrey Woolhouse	2:52:46	16:30:46	0:08:00
5	WILLARIE	TRITON	Graeme Kaufman	2:56:09	16:32:09	0:06:00
6	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	EAST COAST	Bernadette Moore	3:00:55	16:32:55	0:02:00

Quote of the Day Referring to WW someone was heard to say

“This not the America’s Cup you know”.

“Oh yes I do know” was the reply “this race is important.”

Apologies to CAFÉ RACER for being omitted from the previous table of yachts qualifying for the Noelle Coram Trophy 2016 -17

NOELLE CORAM TROPHY SUMMER SERIES 2016-17					
POSITION	YACHT	SKIPPER	WW	SS	TOTAL
1	LEBROK	Theo Korbel	14	9	23
2	CASSANDRA MELBOURNE	Bob Reeves	28	14	42
3	FOGGY DEW	Joe O'Grady	53	23	76
4	THE SECRETARY	George Shaw	37	53	90
5	CARPE DIEM	Paul Commins	65	36	101
6	MYUNA III	Geoffrey Nixon	110	26	136
7	CAFE RACER	Rob Hartnett	169	85	254

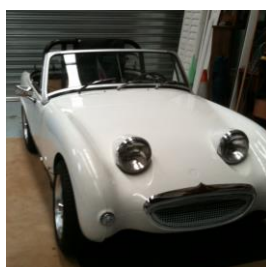
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MARK WINDWARD Writes



Mark is unsure about the matching colour scheme of this car and yacht. Not quite the colour coordination as the red car and red yacht.

A couple of photos of cars that did not arrive at SYC this year, but may be seen next year. Keep working on them Geoff Simpson.



This slightly built gentleman did own a 'tiny' car but is now considering purchasing a bike that seems much larger than his old car. The bike certainly has more power. Ronnie has advised that the bike comes with a gym fitness course so he can ride it.



Even though Tequila wasn't sailing we still had the chance to admire Jon's Bentley. The early starters should have taken notice omen of a slow race. Look carefully at the photo on the



of the left!



There are more than a couple of car racing drivers in Wednesday Wonders who learnt how to race on land: the Kaufman brothers, this car, and the best-dressed driver, Alan Edwards.





The Grand Prix Classic Car Yacht Race 2016 Results:

- 1 Sm6530 NUTCRAKER 15:54:43 Despite a 7min penalty for late entry.
- 2 Sm367 LEBROK 15:55:28 Helped by entering 2 cars. Award for oldest car.
- 3 Sm 45 CONQUEST 15:57:59 Thanks to Tim Little's Stingray Corvette.
- 4 6107 THE SECETARY 16:4:43 Last year's winner. Too much traffic this year.
- 5 Sm6662 ULUWATU 16:5:19 Who waited very anxiously for a car to arrive just in time.
- 6 Sm377 BARCARDI 16:9:49 Even if it was a small car.
- 7 Sm3535 WHITENOISE 16:12:34 With a late entry penalty
- 8 Sm99 PRIMO 16:13:27 Supplied with a Classic copied photo
- 9 Sm3434 PIZAZZ 16:17:54 Photos only just in time
- 10 Sm303 PIPPA 16:24:46 With a one owner MG Midget
- 11 Sm430 WHITEPOINTER 16:25:34 Le Mans start not correct
- 12 Sm911 CARRERA 16:29:38 Le Mans start not correct
- 13 Sm1293 SALTWHISTLE 16:30:34 Le Mans start not correct
- 14 Sm315 WILLARIE 16:31:09 Should have had an allowance for 2 racing drivers on board.
- 15 Sm1147 CASSANDRA 16:33:20 Le Mans start not correct
- 16 Sm1546 Dolphin Play 16:37:41 Best Photo prize

Thanks to RED BLUFF HOMES for their support and generous prizes including all drivers with cars that were parked at SYC received a prize.



Which Skipper would replace the engine of his car with a one-human-powered motor?



This car/ute no longer exists but the owner is a regular WW skipper. Can you pick out who he is? His height may give his identity away.

Ask around and let Mark know if you find out.

[MARK WINDWARD](#)



An email from Wendy Wonder:

Dear Mark,

I am concerned that sailors are questioning my morals. Just because I will go on any WW yacht that wants me is not that I am a person of easy virtue. It is true that all WW sailors contributed to my costs by way of the weekly raffle donations and that I am willing to go with any skipper who may even throw me over board.

It does however, get a bit tiring and it is only on the odd occasion that I have the chance to do anything else. It was nice of that young man to let me take his car for a spin on land, just for a change. I am still happy to be of service to any WW skipper and I do not mind the occasional swim.

I am not permitted to reveal all my statistics but when I am dry I weigh around 50 kg but after a few drinks or if I am a bit wet I would be closer to 80kg. This is not that heavy and lighter than most of the crew members in WW races.

So if you want to take me out, just check my diary with the boating department.

Your very willing servant,

Wendy Wonder



Race 9 was not a race for early starters. One of the early starters took 1:18:15hrs to get to No 1 @1.6 knts, then sailed the rest of the course at 5knt avg. Consider that when the wind came in, NUTCRACKER took 1:28:43 just 10 mins more to finish the complete course. Can you work out where this photo was taken?

VIDEO of the Week: from the Off Centre Crew, 10mins, Made in Australia Clip

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Thanks to all the Pappa-art-seas, to Wendy for her letter, and to all the other quotes and suggestions offered...not all of them Mark could use. Answers, photos or contributions send to

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