

**THE 17th ANNUAL
GREAT POTTER YACHTER
NORTHWEST ESCAPE
AND
MESSABOUT**

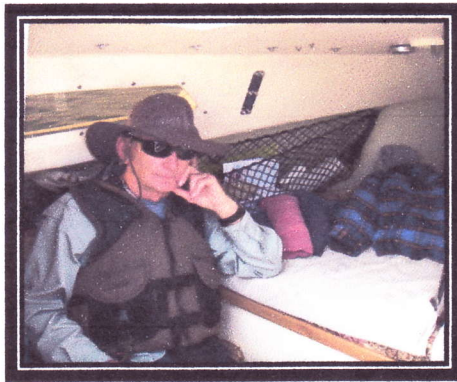


**June
2019**

*“There is nothing – absolutely nothing –
half so much worth doing
as simply messing about in boats.”*

**Kenneth Grahame
“The Wind in the Willows”**

IN MEMORIAM



Jim Kirwan
1934 – 2018

*A Sailor – Our Friend
He didn't say much
But when he spoke
We listened*

OUR MISSION

**You are the captain of your vessel,
and while we travel with friends, you sail alone.
Pottering is a frame of mind
where friends share the fun of sailing small craft.
Therefore, our mission is to advance the cause of Potterdom
and make safe harbor.**



Have Fun And Sail Safe!

The enclosed information, graphs, and charts are only meant to assist you in planning. The GPS coordinates have not been verified and the sailing directions are general in nature. You must still take care to avoid obstructions and adverse currents and tides.

MESSABOUT XVII

June 2019

The Plan: to trailer our intrepid vessels to Bellingham, Washington, and sail the San Juan Islands on a cruise similar to MA XIII, September 2015. Like that Messabout, this will be a more relaxed cruise centered on a three-night stay at Friday Harbor on San Juan Island.

Motto: *Be Flexible!* Suggested options are included in the sail plan. Skippers can split off, gunk hole and then rejoin the Potter Pod as it meanders through the San Juans.

Dates: May 31 (Fri) to June 12 (Wed). This is the first time the Messabout has gone in June. The plan is to sandwich the cruise between Memorial Day Weekend and the beginning of school vacations.

Weather: The long-range weather forecast for June calls for slightly warmer and drier weather than normal, but expect to encounter rain, hopefully, at night.

TRAVEL & SAIL PLAN

Day 1: Friday, May 31. Depart for Bellingham, WA. Distance: approximately 900 miles. Driving time: approximately 16 hours.

Day 2: Saturday, June 1. Travel.

Day 3: Sunday, June 2. Arrive Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham. *Option:* daysail or sail to Inati Bay, Lummi Island, 7 nm, to anchor overnight and then rejoin the Potter Pod at Blakely Island Marina. Expect a slight head current.

Day 4: Monday, June 3. Depart Squalicum Harbor for Blakely Island Marina, 18 nm. Depart NLT 0800 to optimize currents.

Day 5: Tuesday, June 4. Sail to West Sound, Orcas Island, 8 nm. *Options:* call in at Olga or Shaw Island.

Day 6: Wednesday, June 5. Layover at West Sound. *Options:* daysail or sail to Deer Harbor, 4.5 nm, to layover for the night and then rejoin the Potter Pod at Friday Harbor, 6 nm.

Day 7: Thursday, June 6. Sail to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. 7 nm.

TRAVEL & SAIL PLAN **(cont.)**

Day 8: Friday, June 7. Layover Friday Harbor. *Options:* with two layover days at Friday Harbor, skippers can split off for other destinations and then rejoin the Potter Pod at Roche or Reid Harbor. For example, sail around San Juan Island and/or sail to Sidney on Vancouver Island, B.C.

Day 9, Saturday, June 8. Layover Friday Harbor. *Options:* daysail or sail to Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island, for lunch.

Day 10, Sunday, June 9. Sail to Roche Harbor, 10 nm. *Options:* layover one more day at Friday Harbor or sail to Deer Harbor, and then rejoin the Potter Pod at Reid Harbor, Stuart Island,

Day 11: Monday, June 10. Sail to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 5 nm.

Day 11: Tuesday, June 11. Sail to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 16 nm. *Options:* depending on conditions, we not be able to circumnavigate Orcas Island, but can return to Bellingham via Blakely Island Marina (remain overnight at Blakely).

Day 12: Wednesday, June 12 Sail to Squaticum Harbor, 19 nm.

Day 13: Thursday, June 13. Depart Bellingham for points south as desired.

Day 14: Friday, June 14. Travel.

Day 15: Saturday, June 15. Arrive home.

Messabout XVII
STUFF TO KNOW
June 2019

General:

1. Be aware of “**overfalls**” where a current runs over a shallow spot. Overfalls are a lot like standing river rapids. If sailing with the current, it is hard to see them until into them. If sailing against the current, and you are paying attention, you should be able to see them soon enough to avoid.

2. **Gusty winds** are possible northeast of Orcas Island if the wind is out of the south to west. The wind can go from 0 to 40 MPH in seconds. Watch for gusts hitting the water.

Charts:

1. Canadian Hydrographic Service, Juan De Fuca Strait, #3462.
2. Waterproof Charts, San Juan Islands, #43. (Incorporates parts of NOAA Charts, 18421, 18433, and 18434.)

Travel to Canada:

1. Rules and requirements may change. Check www.cbp.gov for information. Go to the Travel tab, then click on Pleasure Boats. Telephone Roche Harbor (360) 378-2080, or Friday Harbor (360) 378-2080 for current info before crossing border.
2. You will need a passport, boat registration, and the names, citizenship, birthdate, and residence of passengers. **Write down your Canadian Clearance Number**. Check www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca for updates.
3. In Canada, each adult is permitted 40 fluid ounces of liquor, 1.5 liters of wine, or 24 – 12 ounce bottles of beer. **Declare all firearms** to a customs official at the point of entry into Canada. This must be done in writing.
4. In Canada, report to a designated Customs-Port-of-Entry. If landing at an unmanned location, call 1-888-226-7277. There is a telephone Customs Check-In at Port Sidney Marina, at the end of G Dock. Enter Marina and turn to port. Also, there is a Canadian Customs at Bedwell Harbour, South Pender Island (Poet’s Cove).
5. In U.S. report to a designated port-of-entry. Roche Harbor, tel: (360) 378-2080, or Friday Harbor, tel: (360) 378-2080. Summer hours: 8am to 8pm. You will need your passport or a Trusted Traveler Card, boat registration, and your Canadian Clearance Number.

STUFF TO KNOW (cont.)

Moorage and Launch Fees:

1. Marine Parks: Fossil Bay, Reid Harbor, Prevost Harbor, etc., \$0.70 per foot, minimum \$15.00, deposit at dock.
2. At Marinas, plan on paying up to \$2.00 a foot per night. Squalicum Harbor: \$0.75/foot per night plus \$7.00 for each launch).

Marinas:

Bellingham, Squalicum Harbor. Tel: (360) 676-2542. All services, cafe, laundry, showers, parking, launch ramp etc. Complimentary shuttle to downtown. Parking: check with Harbor Master for extended stay.
Website: www.portofbellingham.com

Blakely Island Marina, Blakely Island. Hail on VHF Ch 66A. Tel: (360) 375- 6121.
Guest moorage, water, showers, provisions. No cafe, eat on boats.

Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel: (360) 376-3037.
Most services available, dining located nearby. Website: www.deerharbormarina.com

Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island. Lopez Islander Bay Resort and Marina. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel: (360) 468-2233. Nice restaurant. www.lopezfun.com

Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. Hail on VHF Ch 66A. Tel: (360) 378-2688. All services available. Website: www.portfridayharbor.org.

Marine State Parks: Reid Harbor, Prevost Harbor, Fossil Bay, Doe Island. Moorage available, \$0.70 per foot, minimum \$15.00, deposit at dock. Pit toilets, fresh water available (no water at Doe Island).

Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C. Hail on VHF Ch 66A. Tel: (250) 655-3711. Customs clearance available via courtesy telephone at Customs Check-In at end of F Dock. Enter marina and turn to port. Website: www.portsidney.com.

Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. Hail on VHF Ch 78A. Tel Marina: (800) 586-3590.
Advertised as a premier, state-of-the-art marina. Website: www.rocheharbor.com

Rosario Marina, Orcas Island. The resort is open (expensive); however, the Marina does have guest docking at \$55.00 per night. Day use is free up to four hours. Call ahead at (360) 376-2222. Hail on 78A. Website: www.rosarioresort.com

Note: Google Earth provides satellite coverage of the San Juans.

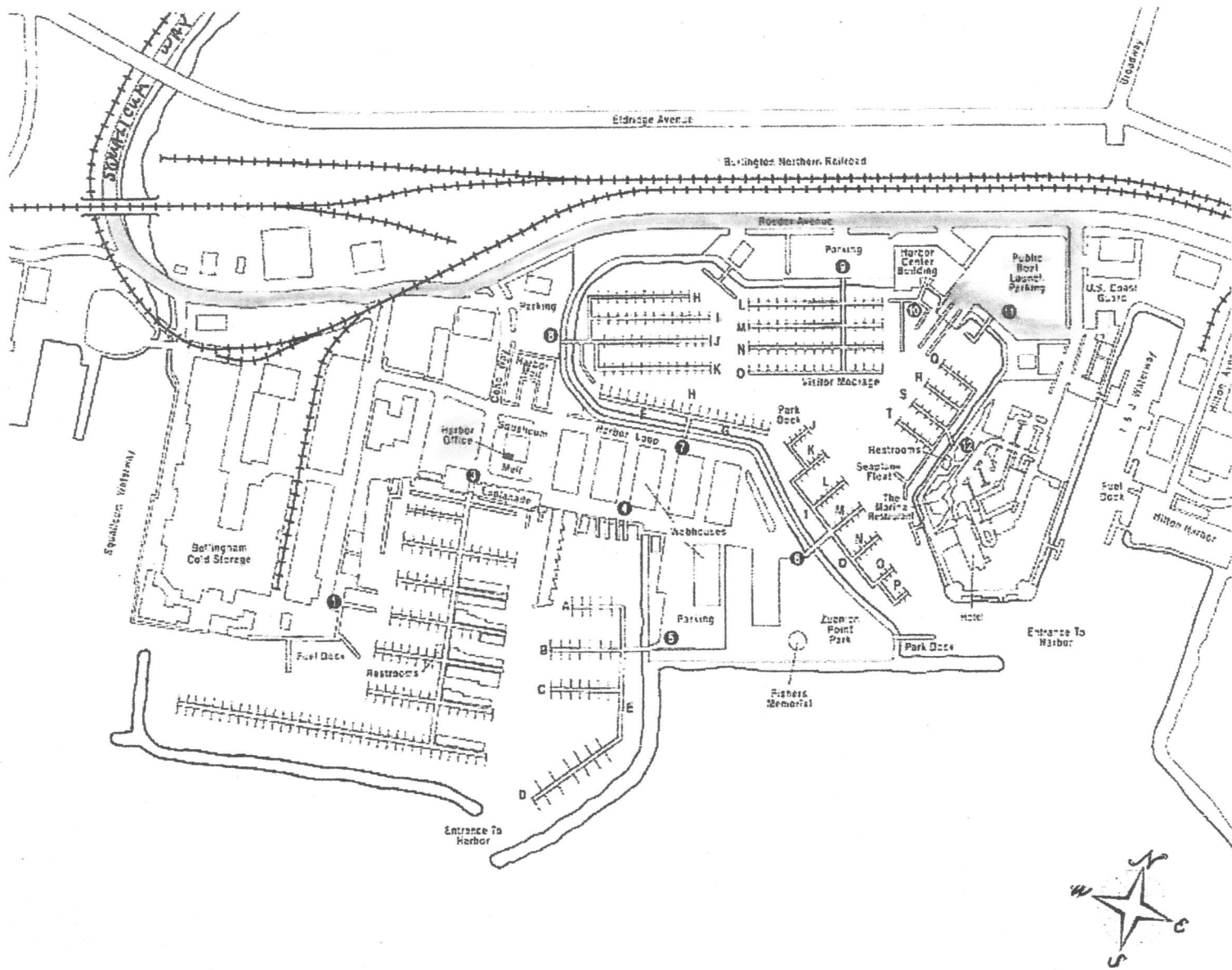
DRIVING DIRECTIONS
to
Bellingham WA

Distance: approx 900 miles from the Bay area. Driving time: approx 16 hours.

1. Take **I-5 North** approx 600 miles to southern edge of Portland, OR.
2. Take **I-205 North** (Exit 288) – go 37 miles to bypass Portland traffic.
3. Rejoin **I-5 North** (Exit 36) – go 149 miles to southern edge of Seattle, WA.
4. Take the **405 North** (Exit 154) – go 31 miles to bypass Seattle traffic.
5. Rejoin **I-5 North** (Exit 182) – go 70 miles to Bellingham, WA.
6. In **Bellingham**: take the Meridian St. exit (Exit 256).
7. Turn left onto **Meridian St.** – go .4 mile.
8. Turn right onto **Squalicum Way** – go 2 miles.
9. Proceed to the **Squalicum Harbor** area. See map.

Note: launch ramp is on the east side of the Harbor Center Building at 1801 Roeder Ave.
Cost to launch is \$7.00 each use. Pay at the machine at ramp and display the ticket on dash. Harbor office phone: (306) 676-2542. Be sure to contact Harbor Master for extended parking.

SQUALICUM HARBOR



SAILING DIRECTIONS

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Squalicum Harbor to Inati Bay, 7 nm

- Clear harbor and sail SSW (205) for 7 nm to Inati Bay on Lummi Island.
 - Enter Inati Bay south of white buoy. Anchor for lunch or to remain over night.
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Inati Bay to Blakely Island Marina, 11 nm

- Clear Inati Bay and sail southward for 2 nm to Carter Point.
 - Sail WSW (245) for 3 nm to clear Sinclair Island. Avoid Viti Rocks .75 nm SW of Carter Point.
 - Sail SW (225) for 6 nm to enter Peavine Pass on north end of Blakely Island.
 - Blakely Marina is on the western side of Peavine Pass, northern tip of Blakely Island.
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Squalicum Harbor to Blakely Island Marina, 18 nm.

- Clear harbor and sail southward (190) for 8 nm to clear Carter Point.
- Sail WSW (245) for 3 nm to clear Sinclair Island. Avoid Viti Rocks .75 nm SW of Carter Point.
- Sail SW (225) for 6 nm to enter Peavine Pass on north end of Blakely Island.
- Blakely Marina is on the western side of Peavine Pass, northern tip of Blakely Island.

Note: On Monday, June 3, depart NLT 0800 to optimize currents.

SAILING DIRECTIONS (cont.)

Blakely Island Marina to West Sound Marina, 8 nm.

- Sail WSW (255) for 6 nm into Harney Channel and continue to entrance to West Sound.
 - Sail Northward into West Sound for 2 nm to West Sound Marina.
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West Sound Marina to Deer Harbor Marina, 4 nm.

- Sail S (180) for 2 nm to Bell Island and round the point into West Sound.
 - Depending on currents, go through Pole Pass (on north side of Crane Island), or round Crane Island to the south to enter Deer Harbor
 - Sail northward 1.5 nm to Deer Harbor Marina.
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West Sound Marina to Friday Harbor, 7 nm.

- Sail S (180) for 2 nm to Bell Island and enter Wasp Passage.
 - Sail SW (235) 2 nm to clear Neck Point and enter San Juan Channel.
 - Sail SE (140) 2.5 nm to entrance to Friday Harbor.
 - Sail SW (235) .5 nm to Port of Friday Harbor.
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Friday Harbor to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, 10 nm.

- Sail NNE 1 nm to clear Friday Harbor and enter San Juan Chanel.
 - Sail WNW (300) 6 nm to Limestone Point to enter Speiden Channel.
 - Sail Westward 2 nm then turn Southward to enter Roche Harbor.
 - Sail Southward for 1 nm to Roche Harbor Marina.
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SAILING DIRECTIONS (cont.)

Roche Harbor to Reid Harbor, Stuart Island, 5 nm.

- Sail Westward 1 nm to clear Roche Harbor.
- Sail Northward 3 nm across Spieden Channel to Reid Harbor.
- Sail Westward into Reid Harbor for 1 nm to the dock.

Note: On Sunday, June 10, depart late morning to optimize currents.

Reid Harbor to Fossil Bay, Sucia Island, 16 nm.

- Sail Eastward for 2.5 nm to clear Reid Harbor.
- Sail E (085) for 2.5 nm to clear Flattop Island and enter President Channel.
- Sail ENE (030) for 10 nm in President Channel to Fossil Bay entrance.
- Sail Westward 1 nm into Fossil Bay to dock.

Note: On Tuesday, June 11, currents should be favorable all day.

Fossil Bay to Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham, 19 nm.

- Sail Eastward 1 nm to clear Fossil Bay.
- Sail ENE (070) for 7 nm to Migley Point. Consider clearing Matia Island to north.
- Enter Hale Passage and sail SE 5 nm to clear Portage Island.
- Sail NNE (030) for 6 nm to Squalicum Harbor.

Note: On Wednesday, June 12, depart NLT 0730 to optimize currents.

GPS COORDINATES

(dd-mm-ss)

Not Verified

Bell Island Way Point

48-35-42 N

122-58-40 W

Blakely Island Marina

48-35-09 N

122-48-58 W

Carter Point

48-38-20 N

122-36-28 W

Deer Harbor Marina

48-37-11 N

123-00-11 W

Fossil Bay Entrance

48-44-50 N

122-53-36 W

Friday Harbor

48-32-23 N

123-00-51 W

Friday Harbor Entrance

48-32-40 N

123-00-10 W

Inati Bay

48-40-23 N

122-37-18 W

Limestone Point

48-37-28 N

123-06-20 W

Migley Point

48-45-05 N

122-43-00 W

Peavine Pass

48-35-24 N

122-48-34 W

Reid Harbor Entrance

48-39-42 N

123-10-35 W

Roche Harbor Entrance

48-37-12 N

123-10-18 W

Sidney Marina

48-39-08 N

123-23-31 W

Squalicum Harbor

48-45-09 N

122-29-50 W

West Sound Entrance

48-35-44 N

122-57-05 W

West Sound Marina

48-37-45 N

122-57-35 W

Tidal Heights at Bellingham, Bellingham Bay, Washington

June 2019

48°44.7'N122°29.7'W

	Tide		Tide		Tide		Tide	
Time Zone is PDT	Units are feet							
Sat 01 Jun	03:22	8.1H	10:42	-0.4L	18:07	7.3H	22:41	5.2L
Sun 02 Jun	03:49	8.1H	11:14	-1.2L	18:51	7.9H	23:26	5.7L
Mon 03 Jun ●	04:18	8.1H	11:50	-1.9L	19:34	8.4H		
Tue 04 Jun	00:14	6.0L	04:49	8.0H	12:29	-2.4L	20:19	8.7H
Wed 05 Jun	01:04	6.2L	05:24	7.9H	13:12	-2.6L	21:05	8.9H
Thu 06 Jun	02:00	6.3L	06:06	7.6H	13:59	-2.5L	21:53	9.0H
Fri 07 Jun	03:06	6.2L	06:58	7.2H	14:48	-2.1L	22:40	9.0H
Sat 08 Jun	04:24	5.8L	08:04	6.6H	15:41	-1.4L	23:26	8.9H
Sun 09 Jun ●	05:52	5.0L	09:24	5.9H	16:36	-0.4L		
Mon 10 Jun	00:10	8.9H	07:06	4.0L	10:57	5.2H	17:35	0.7L
Tue 11 Jun	00:51	8.8H	08:00	2.8L	12:48	5.0H	18:36	1.9L
Wed 12 Jun	01:29	8.8H	08:44	1.6L	14:46	5.4H	19:39	3.0L
Thu 13 Jun	02:05	8.7H	09:24	0.4L	16:14	6.3H	20:41	4.1L
Fri 14 Jun	02:39	8.6H	10:01	-0.6L	17:19	7.2H	21:41	4.9L
Sat 15 Jun	03:11	8.5H	10:37	-1.3L	18:13	7.9H	22:39	5.6L
Sun 16 Jun	03:42	8.3H	11:13	-1.8L	19:02	8.5H	23:34	6.0L
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Fri 21 Jun	03:38	5.8L	06:50	6.5H	14:27	-0.8L	22:20	8.6H
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Mon 24 Jun	06:59	4.2L	09:53	4.9H	16:39	1.4L	23:52	8.2H
Tue 25 Jun ●	07:37	3.4L	11:19	4.5H	17:28	2.4L		
Wed 26 Jun	00:21	8.2H	08:07	2.5L	13:14	4.6H	18:23	3.3L
Thu 27 Jun	00:50	8.1H	08:34	1.6L	15:24	5.2H	19:22	4.2L
Fri 28 Jun	01:20	8.1H	09:03	0.7L	16:36	6.1H	20:21	5.0L
Sat 29 Jun	01:51	8.1H	09:34	-0.3L	17:25	6.9H	21:18	5.6L
Sun 30 Jun	02:23	8.2H	10:09	-1.2L	18:06	7.6H	22:11	6.0L

Tidal Heights at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, San Juan Channel, Washington

June 2019

48°32.8'N 123°0.6'W

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Fri 14 Jun	02:17	7.8H	09:45	-0.6L	17:32	6.5H	21:16	5.5L
Sat 15 Jun	02:43	7.7H	10:20	-1.3L	18:26	7.3H	22:23	6.1L
Sun 16 Jun	03:09	7.5H	10:54	-1.6L	19:11	7.9H	23:28	6.5L
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