



Lake Region Anglers Association

PO Box 456, Devils Lake, ND 58301

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Reminder: If dues are not current, this is your last newsletter.

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2012 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 7th:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Tuesday, March 6th:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd:
LR Anglers Annual Meeting
@ KC's 7pm (see article)

Tuesday, April 3rd:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Saturday, April 14th:
ND Sportfishing Congress
Annual Meeting and Fundraiser
@ Mandan (see article)

Tuesday, May 1st:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Saturday, May 19st:
LRAA Spring Northern & Walleye Outing
@ Pelican Marina

Saturday, June 2nd:
LRAA East Bay Outing
@ Esteson's Boat Ramp, Dead Cow Bay

Sat-Sun, June 9-10: Casino Classic
@ Spirit Lake Casino

Saturday, June 16th:
LRAA Devils Lake Open
@ 6 Mile Bay Ramp

Fri-Sat, June 23-24:
DL Chamber Walleye Tournament
@ Grahams Island State Park

Saturday, July 14th:
Angler Young Angler Tournament
@ Lakewood Beach

Saturday, July 21st:
LRAA Adult/Child Outing
@ Lakewood Beach

Saturday, August 18th:
LRAA Walleye Widow Outing
@ Henegar Boat Ramp

Tuesday, Sept 4th:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Tuesday, Oct 2nd:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Tuesday, Nov 6th:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Tuesday, Dec 4th:
Lake Region Anglers Board Meeting
@ Felix's 7pm

Prez Sez:

The past few years I've talked mostly about the rising waters. This year I'll leave most references to that in the article on Lake Access. Thanks to Game and Fish we still have access to most area's of the lake. I can't say enough about the efforts of Bill Hasse and Wes Erdle for them spending most of the spring, summer and fall here instead of with their families so we would have places to put boats in the water.

On other topics, with the rising waters, fishing has also changed. I have heard complaints the past few years about how there are only small fish out there, lots of them but no bigger fish. I beg to disagree and the facts bear that out. Netting studies have shown that the 19 inch and longer fish are at record levels and if you fished after Labor Day you found that catching fish over 20 inches was easy, it was the smaller ones that were hard to find. Fishermen like myself who like to keep the 17-19 inches for eaters had to settle for 22-24 inches instead, **OH DARN!**

The forage is great so fish aren't so ready to hit anything that moves, the trees above water level that were easy to tie to are going away, the weed beds are heavy out to 10 feet and often

all the way to the surface by mid June. The fish are there but they have lots to eat and plenty of places to hide that are difficult to fish. The old traditional fishing techniques and old comfortable spots don't always produce the way they used to. The fishermen who are really successful, adapt, ADAPT, **ADAPT!** You must get closer to structure, tight to cover, more closely imitate forage, be more patient, pay attention to detail: water clarity, wind direction, weed types, bottom composition, local forage. Small things do make a difference and what worked last week may not next week. Early crankbait bites usually die or become much less predictable by late June. Rocks are great but not all rocks, not all the time. Weedbeds change. Cranks, jigs, rigs, bobbers, trolling, drifting, anchoring, pitching, what to do, what to use? **TOO MANY LURES TOO LITTLE TIME.** Ain't it great!

Now its icefishing season and it looks like we will have good ice and reasonable access, unlike the past two years. Get out an enjoy **BUT BE CAREFUL.**

Its' only 3 months till ice out, I'm already planning what I need to do to get my boat and gear ready, hope you are too. **GOOD FISHING CLARK**

Spring Northern Outing: May 2011 at Lakewood Ramp

The Lake Region Anglers Association held their Spring Northern Outing on Saturday May 21st, 2011 out of Lakewood Landing. A total of 11 teams entered the Spring Northern Outing on what started out to be a challenging weather day. The teams were greeted with a light rain in the morning turning into a nice afternoon with temperatures in the mid 60's. The anglers went out with winds out of the NE at 15 to 20 mph in the morning, decreasing to light winds of 5 mph in the afternoon.



Winners: 1st Place – Kris Rainsberry & Ryan Boline – 6 fish - 37 lbs.

Other Winners:

2nd Place – Jay Hagen & Jon Dircks – 6 fish – 30.94 lbs.

3rd Place – Chase Freidig & David Remmen – 6 fish – 27.77 lbs.

4th Place – Travis Klein & Merle Nelson - 6 fish – 23.35 lbs.

5th Place – Cory Anderson & Ken Remmen – 6 fish – 22.26 lbs

Largest Northern Pike Award – Kris Rainsberry & Ryan Boline – 9.20 lbs.

Lake Region Anglers Association Officers Board of Directors

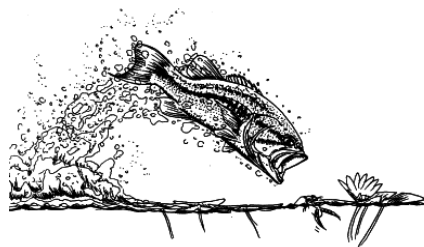
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Lake Access: What's to Come

The rising waters, road and dike(dam, or is it damn?) construction has played havoc with getting to your favorite fishing spots this past year. Ramps have been lost, roads closed or almost impossible to get through, gravel is hell on boats and pickups. Not a lot of fun. Hopefully next summer will get better.

ND Game and Fish spent much of the summer and lots of money making the best of a difficult situation. Thank goodness because in 2012 I think they will be concentrating on getting the Missouri River problems repaired after last year's flooding. Here is an overview of the major items you might be interested in.

Ramps and Access Lost: Black Tiger is gone due to inaccessible roads, Henegar was closed due to the Dike work, Minnewaukan Dump Ground Access was closed due to inaccessible roads, East Bay was often inaccessible due to road work, Lakewood was such a shallow grade that bigger boats couldn't unload without your vehicle almost floating also. The road to Grahams Island was right at lake level and any strong wind would close it until all the debris could be moved. The bridges at 57,20, and both on Hwy 19 were too low for most boats to safely navigate, this made Mission Bay, Pelican and the north end of 6 Mile inaccessible to most fishermen.

Now the Good News:

Esteson's: with Black Tiger closed there were no access points at the east end of the lake. Game and Fish negotiated with Cory Esteson and developed a Public Access near his campground/RV park off Hwy 20 at Dead Cow Bay. A very nice facility, well protected and it is open to the public at no charge. Plans are being developed to put

a Fish Cleaning Station there also.

Round Lake: with all other ramps in the Minnewaukan Area closed, Game and Fish working with Minnewaukan and Benson County developed a Public Access at Round Lake off Hwy 281 south of Minnewaukan. Lots of parking, well protected and you can get to the south west end of the flats by boat from there. There is talk of developing a fish cleaning facility in the area also but those plans are in their infancy.

Lakewood: Game and Fish in conjunction with the Devils Lake Access Committee and the Devils Lake Park Board put in a new ramp with a more appropriate grade north of the old ramp at the old swimming beach. The vault toilet had to go but there are portable toilets there. The fish cleaning station still is in operation.

Henegar: Plans are to open Henegar up this spring along with the fish cleaning station. Its all been redone, should be a really nice facility again. Thank the City of Devils Lake for the time, money and effort they have put in to develop this access. A proposal is being submitted to construct steps from the parking area to the ramp and docks, its quite a climb up the dike.

East Bay: G&F raised the parking area and created a small breakwall to protect the west ramp from winds that have flipped the dock a couple of time. Some finishing work will need to be done with lights but the access road into the facility is useable now. Plans are in place to increase the parking. No plans are in place for a fish cleaning station at East Bay.

Pelican: G&F put a temporary ramp and dock just off Hwy 19 in the corner of Devils Triangle last summer courtesy of Jim and Diane Yri while developing a Marina to the East on Yri land across from West Bay Resort. The Marina channel was opened last fall and was used by fishermen the last month or so. Really nice Public Access,

needs some finishing work and it takes some getting used to figuring out how to get to Pelican proper if you haven't been back there before but very protected, large parking area. There is some discussion with Benson County on developing a fish cleaning station in the area.

Grahams Island and road: the contract was let to raise the road and work has been ongoing for months. Expect miles of gravel and delays with the ongoing construction but the road should be open next summer.

Four Seasons Cleaning Station: LRAA, the City of Devils Lake, the Devils Lake Lake Access Committee, Ramsey County, the Devils Lake Park Board and Ed's Bait Shop are developing plans with G&F for a Four Seasons Cleaning Station in Devils Lake for use not only in summer but for winter fishing. It probably won't be open until late summer at the earliest.

Hwy 19: for those of you who wouldn't go to Pelican, Six Mile or Grahams because you didn't want to brave the mess that was Hwy 19 last year, it looks great now. Paved, most construction complete. HOORAH!

SPECIAL THANKS to North Dakota Game and Fish Fisheries Development Staff: Bill Hasse and Wes Erdle who spent many weeks in the Lake Region and put on thousands of miles coordinating all this construction to ensure we had places to launch our boats. Bill has transferred to another department, probably because he would like to see his family once in a while. Special thanks to these guys and to Bob Frohlich, Fisheries Development Supervisor who ensured that we had the resources to get the job done.

2012 Chamber Tournament Set

The 36th Annual Chamber Tournament will be held this year on Friday-Satur-

day, June 22nd-23rd with Sunday the 24th as a wind day as needed. This will be a stand alone tournament as the MWC is not coming to Devils Lake this year. There will be some revised prize schedule rewarding more participation with less emphasis on paying only the top place teams. More information and

entry forms will be available once final plans and permits have been determined. Entry forms can be obtained by checking the Chamber website devilslakend.com or the Lake Region Anglers webpage, just Google "Lake Region Anglers" or call the Chamber at 662-4903.

LR Anglers Team of the Year

The Lake Region Anglers Association would like to extend our Congratulations to "Ryan Boline and Kris Rainsberry" on winning the 2nd Annual Lake Region Anglers Association "TEAM of the YEAR" competition.

Ryan and Kris finished highly in all three of the qualifying events, starting out with a 1st Place finish winning the LRAA Spring Northern Outing, finishing in 10th Place in the LRAA East Bay Outing and closing out the competi-

tion with a 5th place finish in the LRAA Devils Lake Open.

The Lake Region Anglers Association will bestow Ryan and Kris with plaques in honor of their accomplishment at the Annual Meeting and present them with a paid entry fee into the Cabelas National Team Championship (NTC).

Chamber Member of the Year 2011



2011 - LRAA "TEAM of the YEAR" Results
Fished In All Three of the Qualifying Events as a Team

Champions - "Ryan Boline & Kris Rainsberry"

2nd Place - Mearl Nelson & Travis Klein

3rd Place - Cory Anderson & Ken Remmen

4th Place - Jon Dircks - Jay Hagen

5th Place - Ben Mack & Matt Taylor

6th Place - Chase Freidig - David Remmen

7th Place - Brenda & Justin Barstad

LR Search & Rescue



East Bay Outing

The Lake Region Anglers Association held their East Bay Outing on Saturday June 4th, 2011 out of Lakewood Landing. A total of 15 teams entered the East Bay Outing and were greeted with a overcast turning to sunny day with temperatures in the mid 60's with winds out of the SW at 15 to 20 mph.



CHAMPIONS - Ben Mack & Matt Taylor – 38.14 lbs.

Other Winners:

2nd Place – 35.11 lbs.
Cory Anderson & Ken Remmen

3rd Place – 29.20 lbs.
Tom Stoe & Cory Haugen

4th Place – 23.97 lbs.
Mearl Nelson – Travis Klein

5th Place – 22.41 lbs.
Jon Dircks – Jay Hagen

Largest Northern Pike – 10.89 lbs.
Cory Anderson & Ken Remmen

Largest Walleye – 6.94 lbs.
Ben Mack & Matt Taylor

Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2012-13 are due at the Annual Meeting. For only \$20 your whole family is a member and for only \$5 more you become a member of the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress also. For your membership you get newsletters, email updates, eligibility for club outings and support your local fishing club. Lake Region Anglers provides services to local anglers and boater through our efforts in Conservation, Preservation, Sportsmanship, Fellowship, Lake Access and Education. To get an idea of all our varied activities check out our webpage by Googling: Lake Region Anglers. While you are at it check out the rest of the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress webpage.

Walleye Widows Outing 2011

The Lake Region Anglers Association held their Walleye Widows Outing on Saturday August 13th, 2011 out of Lakewood Landing. The following were the Award Winners at the 2011 Outing.

Other Winners:

1st Place – Julie Taylor – 41.10 lbs.
 2nd Place – Kay Barstad - 39.60 lbs
 3rd Place – Janet Hansen - 38.37 lbs
 4th Place – Amy Everson - 32.37 lbs
 5th Place – Tammy Rutten & Saraye Forsberg - 32.37
 Largest Northern Pike – Julie Taylor
 Largest Walleye – Kay Barstad
 Largest White Bass - Julie Taylor



Walleye Widow Winner – Julie Taylor – 41.10 lbs.

Annual Meeting set for March 23rd

The Lake Region Anglers Assn Annual Meeting will be held Friday, March 23, 2012 at the KC Hall. The meeting will start at 7PM with a no host social and light meal starting at 6PM. We will have raffle prizes, door prizes, updates, elections and other business. Check your emails for additional information, if your email address has changed or is not on file with us, update us at LRAA@gondtc.com. Email is how we keep our membership up to date and inform

everyone of upcoming events and important club news.

The Annual Meeting is when the 2012-2013 dues (\$20 for a family) are due but anyone who renews or joins after the first of the year get an effective membership for the rest of 2011-12 and all of 2012-13. Be sure to consider joining North Dakota Sportfishing Congress at the same time for an additional \$5.

Devils Lake Open Outing 2011

The Lake Region Anglers Association held their Devils Lake Open Outing on Saturday June 18th, 2011 out of Lakewood Landing. A total of 26 teams entered the Devils Lake Open Outing. The Devils Lake Open Outing was the final event out of the three Outings that will be used to determine the LRAA's 2011 "TEAM of the YEAR." The announcement of the 2011 LRAA "TEAM of the YEAR" will be coming in the near future after all of the results of the three Outings have been calculated.

Other Winners:

2nd Place – Clark Williams – Ryan Coffield – 33.33 lbs.
 Largest Walleye – Clark Williams – Ryan Coffield – 6.97 lbs.
 3rd Place – Mearl Nelson – Travis Klein – 31.20 lbs.
 4th Place – Michell Kadoun - Dennis Hansen – 30.37 lbs.
 5th Place – Chris Rainsberry – Ryan Boline – 29.66 lbs.
 6th Place – Trey Benson – Carl Kenner – 26.43 lbs.
 7th Place – Chase Freidig – David Remmen – 26.26 lbs.
 8th Place – Dennis Andruski – Larry Zimmerman – 23.96 lbs.
 9th Place – Brenda & Justen Barstad – 23.47 lbs.
 10th Place – Cory Everson – Tabor – 22.49 lbs.



CHAMPIONS – Jeff Trana – Rick Darling – 37.26 lbs.
 Largest Northern Pike – Jeff Trana – Rick Darling – 7.41 lbs.

Cabela's National Team Championship

The 2011 Cabela's Nation Team Championship was held at Escanaba, Michigan on the famous Bay Du Noc in conjunction with the Masters Walleye Escanaba Event on August 5-7. The NTC is one of the largest walleye tournaments in the world with 171 teams competing from all over the United States and 120 teams competing in the MWC event running concurrently.

The Lake Region Anglers sent 5 teams to Escanaba, the only teams from North Dakota. Jason Ramberg and Jason Feldner finished 13th in the NTC and 19th in the NWC with a two day weight of 39.52 lbs for 8 walleyes. The

other LRAA teams of Chase Friedig and David Remmen, Clint Devier and Al Freidig, Johnnie Candle and Dave Noble, and Clark and Mark Williams failed to place.

Congratulations to Jason and Jason for representing North Dakota and LRAA so well.

The 2012 NTC will be held on Mille Lacs Lake out of Isle, Minnesota on May 31-June 2nd in conjunction with the MWC event. Participation in the NTC is by invitation only.

The LRAA Team of the Year winners for 2011 and the other TOY competitors have first consideration for the LRAA invitations. LRAA will

have 4 invitations for 2012. Interested teams that did not fish all three TOY events must contact LRAA at lraa@gondtc.com or Clark Williams at shadrap@gondtc.com before the next Board Meeting Tuesday Feb 7th. Both team members must be LRAA members in good standing before the first of the year in order to be considered for the drawing. Teams selected must place a \$300 deposit with LRAA in order to receive the invitation. Teams actually attending the tournament will be refunded their deposit after the tournament.

DL Chamber & MWC Results

The Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Walleye Tournament and the Masters Walleye Circuit ran their respective tournaments together on Devils Lake in 2011 on June 24-25. Lake Region Anglers were well represented with 4 of the top 10 finishers in the MWC and 6 of the top 15 in the Chamber. Rick Darling and Jeff Trana finished 2nd on both sides after leading the first day. Clark Williams and Ryan Coffield finished 4th in the MWC and 5th in the Chamber

and Jason Ramberg and Travis Clemens finished 6th in the MWC and 9th in the Chamber. Other high LRAA finishers were Travis Klein and Ross Sensiba, Kraig Gellnar and Jared Ellingson, Terry Schlieve and Jeff Panzer, Kris Rainsberry and Mark Slotto. Complete results for the MWC can be found on Walleye Central and for the Chamber Tournament on the Chamber Website devilslakeend.com.

2011 Community Fish Fry

The annual Community Fish Fry and Corn Feed was held Sept 2nd at the Bill Jerome Arena. Over 500 people were served. 22 volunteers from Lake Region Anglers and 9 Chamber members and employees cooked and served fish, corn, cole slaw and rolls. Thanks to the volunteers who worked the Feed and the dozens of LRAA members who cleaned and prepared the fish from 6 fishing tournaments throughout the summer to enable the community to have this event.

2012 LR Anglers Outings Set

The dates are set, waiting Game and Fish approval(see the Calendar). We have spread out this year with an event at Pelican and an event at Dead Cow Bay. We also added walleyes to the Spring Outing. Applications will be available online at our webpage, the weeks before the event, at local baitshops and the morning of the outings.

Lake Region Anglers Honored

Lake Region Anglers Assn received the 2011 Outstanding Chamber Member award at the 85th Annual Devils Lake Area Chamber of Commerce meeting October 19th, 2011. The award was presented by Richard Brueckner, new Director for the Chamber and received by Clark Williams, President, Lake Region Anglers Assn. The award was in recognition of all the work Lake Region Anglers has done to promote lake access, community involvement and promoting fishing in the Lake Region.

ND Sportfishing Congress

The North Dakota Sportfishing Congress is the North Dakota fisherman's representative with the ND Game and Fish Department, the Corps of Engineers, the rest of the ND State Government, the ND Legislature, and any other state or national political body that affects fishing in the state of North Dakota. NDSFC maintains a full time lobbyist during the Legislative Session and works closely with the ND Game and Fish to preserve and enhance North Dakota's excellent fishing. For only \$5 you can support the NDSFC efforts,

get email information about critical items affecting fishing and provide valuable feedback to our leadership and our lobbyist.

NDSFC also has an Annual Meeting and Fundraiser April 14th in Mandan. This event combines an informative daily meeting and a fun evening fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 for the fundraiser and must be purchased in advance. If you want tickets or more information contact Clark at LRAA@gondtc.com.

Etree For the past four years Lake Region Anglers has used email to effectively keep our membership informed about events and issues affecting fishermen in the Lake Region. We want you to be a part of this. Be sure when you join or renew that your email address is included and correct. If it changes be sure to let us know at LRAA@gondtc.com.

Angler Young Angler

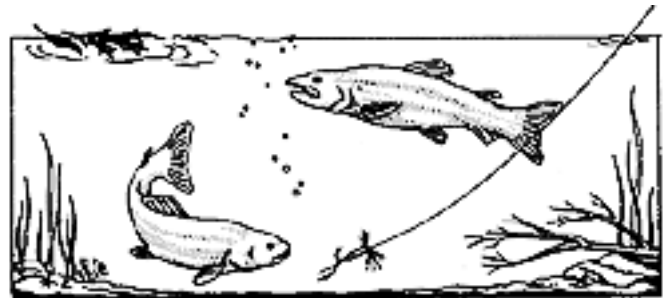
The Lake Region Anglers Association and FM Walleyes Unlimited, Inc. held their 4th Annual "ANGLER YOUNG ANGLER" Fishing Tournament on Saturday July 9th, 2011 out of Lakewood Landing. The anglers were greeted with a overcast day in the morning turning to sunny in the afternoon with steady winds of 12 mph gusting up to 17 mph through-out the fishing day.

Other Winners:

2nd Place – Colton & Jackson Anderson – 16.93 lbs.
 3rd Place – Jordon Omlie & Tim Moser – 15.33 lbs
 4th Place – Chelsie & Bethany Schlieve – 13.18 lbs.
 5th Place – Ben McKay & Kaleb Haley – 11.67 lbs.
 6th Place – Karl Kenner & Dylan Gigstad – 9.83 lbs.
 7th Place – Alex Huber & Dylan Steinkopf – 9.81 lbs.
 8th Place – Tyler & Tanner Elshaug – 9.34 lbs.
 9th Place – Rebekah & Riley Stoe – 8.56 lbs.
 10th Place – Shelby Backer & Mikayla Pusicala – 8.33 lbs.
 "ANGLER YOUNGEST ANGLER" – GABE HALKO – 4 years old
 "TRAVELERS" – BRANDON & CAMERON VANOVERBEKE –
 407.06 miles – 6 hrs 9 minutes
 "LARGEST WALLEYE GIRL" – CHELSIE & BETHANY – 3.85 lbs.
 "LARGEST" WALLEYE BOY" – COLTON & JACKSON ANDERSON 6.53 lbs.



AYA Champions – Jacob & Nathan Denning – 20.65 lbs.



Adult~Child Outing: Sunday, July 17, 2011

The Lake Region Anglers Association held their Adult-Child Open Outing on Sunday July 17th, 2011 out of Lakewood Landing. A total of 12 teams entered the Adult-Child with 23 youthful anglers participating on the teams. The teams were greeted with a challenging day as there was thick fog in the morning that delayed the start of the Outing and then later in the day with a concern for

stormy weather along with expected high winds the fishing day was cut short at around 12:30 PM. The teams after leaving the water proceeded up to the

Lakewood Park area for the weigh-in, meal and awards ceremony.

Other Winners:

2nd Place – Jace Trans & Cody Shereck – 25.69 lbs.
 3rd Place – Blake & Alex Gellnar – 25.60 lbs.
 4th Place – Madison Jones – 16.77 lbs.
 5th Place – Matt & Austin Schindele – 15.53 lbs.
 6th place – Riley Schlieve & Zach Klinkhammer
 7th Place – Elise Ramberg & McKayla Jones
 8th Place – Jonathon Jetty & Aaron Johnson
 9th Place – Tanner & Matt Armstrong
 10th Place – Tanner & Tyler Elshaug - Largest Walleye - 3.29 lbs.
 11th Place - Myles Barstad & David Linahan
 12th Place - Calli & Brody Forsberg



"CHAMPION(S)" – Megan Levos & Erin Runck - 45.19 lbs. & "Largest Northern Pike" – 11.87 lbs. & "Largest White Bass" - North Dakota "Whopper Club" – 3.02 lbs.

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TELEPHONE NO. _____
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LIFETIME
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o Ages 60 & Over
\$250.00

SHIRT SIZE _____

o INDIVIDUAL
/ FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP
\$20.00

o I wish to add my support to the North Dakota
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my membership to the Congress.

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