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## Newsletter of the Ship Model Society of New Jersey

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The August Meeting of SMSNJ will be a virtual meeting. The meeting will be;

August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM (1900).

#### Next Tech Session

The Tech Session for the September Meeting is; a presentation by Captain Zach of Total-Navy.com.

#### SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Saturday workshops coming back soon!. Stay tuned!

**Meeting Report:** The virtual meeting was called to order by Past President Tom Ruggiero at 1905 on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. President Bill Brown as he is on vacation. There were twenty members and six guests. Welcome to you all.

The Treasurer reported of transactions for the month and the balance in the SMSNJ bank account.

We have some great news. We will be back meeting in the Roseland Library in September. Bill notes that we do plan to continue with a virtual presence even when we meet in person. We are working out the logistics to make that happen. Tom expects that a mask will be required, at a minimum, if you are not vaccinated. More details will follow.

Mason Logie has started working on a very small mini-kit of a Viking ship. The shields had no details on decoration. He put down an appropriate base coat and then finished up the design with felt pens.

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

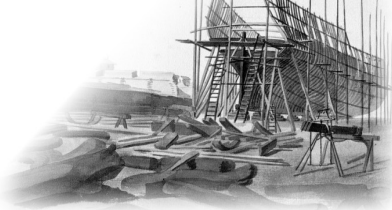
#### Dues

Dues **were due by the June Meeting**. There are still a number who have not yet paid their dues. If you haven't paid yet, please send your check, payable to the Ship Model Society of New Jersey, and mail it to Tom Ruggiero. His mailing address is on the last page of the Broadaxe.

If you joined after November, your initiation fee covers this year's dues.

Thank you!

## OLD BUSINESS



### Northeast Joint Clubs

The Northeast Joint Clubs meeting will be Saturday, October 2, 2021 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Port'n'Starbord Convention Center Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut. This year's conference is sponsored by the USS Constitution Ship Craft Guild.

There will be the usual very large model display, vendors, lunch, round table demonstrations, door prizes, and an after lunch speaker. Registration is open now. As is every year, the sooner you get your registration in, the lower the cost. The Jim Roberts Competition will occur. This is a winner take all competition honoring one of our Plank Owners, Jim Roberts.

It also has been decided that the 2022 Northeast Joint Clubs will go back to its traditional Saturday in April. The 2022 Conference will be hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

### National Lighthouse Museum

Mason reports that the Lighthouse Director really missed us last year and she welcomes us back this year. We will be exhibiting on Saturday, November 13, 2021. The National Lighthouse Museum in Stateh Island is a great venue that we have been to several times. The Lighthouse Museum will do all publicity for the exhibit and demonstration. If you haven't participated before, come this time.

## NEW BUSINESS



### Items to Sell

Barry Rudd, as do many of us, has a good deal of modeling items, kits, and the like that he would like to sell. He asks if there could be a classified section in the broadaxe. After some discussion, we decided that if we do this it would be a pass along; meaning that it would simply connect buyers with sellers. The proposal is that the club would take ten percent of the sale proceeds. The buyer and seller would make their own arrangements for getting the item from seller to buyer.

Eric suggested that we could do the sales during the meeting, not to sell but to simply put the buyer together with the seller. Tom will discuss this with Bill and Mason, and we will discuss a way to do this.

## BOOKS AND PUBS



There were no Books or Publications this meeting.

## THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

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Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, Nautical Research Journal, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime history, nautical archaeology and maritime art.

Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.



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## Tech Session

"NRG Conference in Charleston, SC" Ryland  
Craze

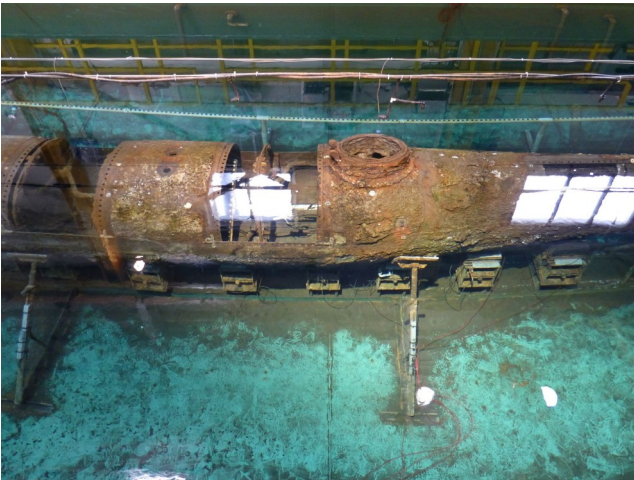
The Tech Session tonight was presented by our member in Virginia, Ryland. Many of our members are members of the Nautical Research Guilds and SMSNJ is an NRG Charter Club. The NRG has regular conferences at various places around the country. In 2013 we were in Charleston, South Carolina. Ryland discussed the Conference, the models on display, and the places that we were able to visit.



The conference was based in a hotel where there are various technical presentations, a vendor room, and a large model display. We then have the members meeting and, on the final night, a banquet.



In Charleston, we visited Patriots Point. Patriots Point is home to the USS Yorktown (an Essex Class Aircraft Carrier originally planned to be Bonhomme Richard but renamed to replace the Yorktown that was sunk at Midway), USS Laffey (in April 1945, While operating off Okinawa, she was attacked by 22 Japanese bombers and Kamikaze killing 32 and wounding 71 of the 336-man crew. The heroic crew shot down 9 Kamikaze aircraft and saved the damaged ship earning her the nickname: "The Ship That Would Not Die."), and the submarine Clamagore. There are many exhibits including a very large display of WW II ship models, the Medal of Honor Museum and Vietnam Experience, that includes an MK1 PBR river patrol boat.



We visited Fort Sumter, bombarded by the Confederates at the start of the Civil War. We also visited the CSS Hunley. The CSS Hunley was the first submarine to sink another ship (USS Housatonic February, 17, 1864). The Hunley sank with the Housatonic. She was raised and is now being conserved. We visited the museum in which she is housed. Here are a few photographs from the conference. We thank Ryland for the presentation.



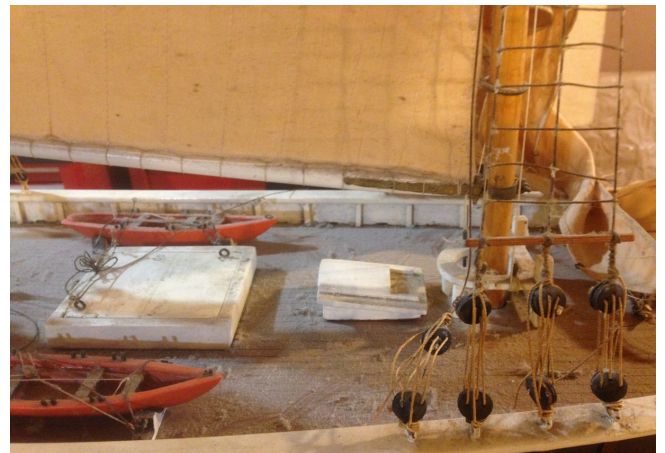
SMSNJ Members Ryland Craze, Chuck Passaro, Barry Rudd, Jim Lavelle, and Tom Ruggiero at Fort Sumpter

## Tech Session 2

"Restoration of the Laura Goulart" Joe Lorenzo

Tonight, we had two Tech Sessions. Joe Lorenzo discussed at restoration that he has done to a large model of the Laura Goulart.. The model was brought to Joe's attention via the website for their local club. •The schooner was built in 1921 in Gloucester by John F. James and Sons for John Goulart and named for his wife Laura. It was built as a "hooker" fishing schooner. She didn't have an illustrious history.

Her somewhat sad history includes a man lost overboard in 1936 and her sinking near the Percy & Small Boat Works (Bath ME.) sometime around 1960. She was restored at Bath boat yard as part of the Maine Maritime Museum. Laura Goulart was hauled out of the water circa 1978 after 15 years submerged!.. Sometime afterwards rebuilt as a dragger and renamed Catherine L Brown.



**The model before restoration.**



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Family lore is that the model was built by the captain using a lift fashioned hull, hollowed out internally. The deck is hand laid  $\frac{1}{4}$  X  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch planks. As with some sailor models, scale was not a concern. The models dimensions are approximately 55" LOA and 48" tall. The keel and hull painting was “crackled” and Joe believes that it may have been lead paint. The sails washed in hot water and dish detergent, but the UV and environmental yellowing remained. The tar like underlayment likely caused paint adherence failure. Joe used Rage Easy Sand filler compound applied to the refastened keel. He applied four applications of automotive primer! with wet sanding in between each coat with applications of Nitro Stan auto body glazing compound in between coats. Multiple coats of Krylon spray (satin black and pistachio green came very close to original paint scheme. He replaced all running rigging and most standing rigging. He used the Potter drawings of 1940 to rig more correctly, and built a new stand. The restoration took about 140 hours. Very beautifully done Joe.



Primer Applied



Hull Painted complete



Restored!



## ModelCon 2021

On August 7, 2021, the USS New Jersey was the site for to a great model exhibit. There were over ninety models on display. The weather was great. The models were set up in the Wardroom, and in a large tented area on the Quarterdeck (fantail). SMSNJ Members Chuck Passaro, Ozzie Thalmann, Eric Marshall, Ryland Craze, Josh Fichmann, and Tom Ruggiero were there displaying their models and projects. Josh was the prime mover and organizer to get this show up and running. The show was hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. I'm sure that PSMS will do this again next year and I plan to be there. Great job Josh! More photos on the next page.





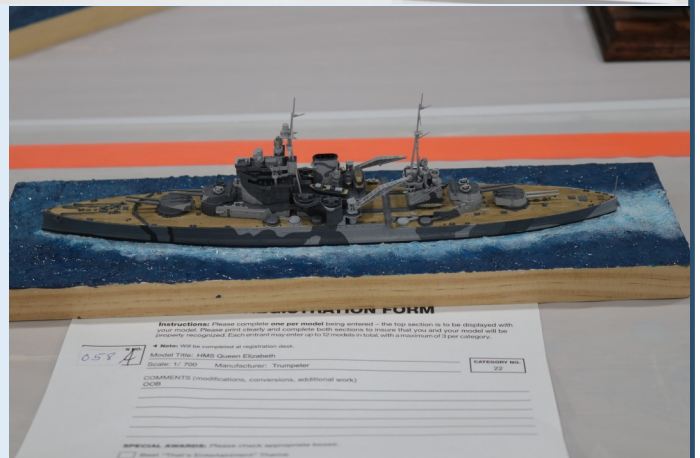
## ModelCon 2021 contiued





## MosquitoCon 29

The International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) USA has local many local clubs. The NRG is the largest charter club in IPMS. Every year, in April, the New Jersey Club hosts Mosquitocon. Due to COVID, 2020 was cancelled and the 2021 event was moved to the last Saturday of August. Tom Ruggiero attended this year. At the event he met member Eric Marshal as well as Tom Kane and Dave Dinan from the Connecticut Club and Dmitry Afonin, a SMSNJ Member who cannot attend our meetings.



There were over 600 models there, mostly armor and aircraft, but several ships as well. There is a competition with multiple categories from out of the box kits to dioramas. There is also a very large collection of vendors and hobby stores marketing kits as well as tools and materials. It is a great event and shows a large range of very beautiful and accurate models. 2022 will likely be back to the April date.





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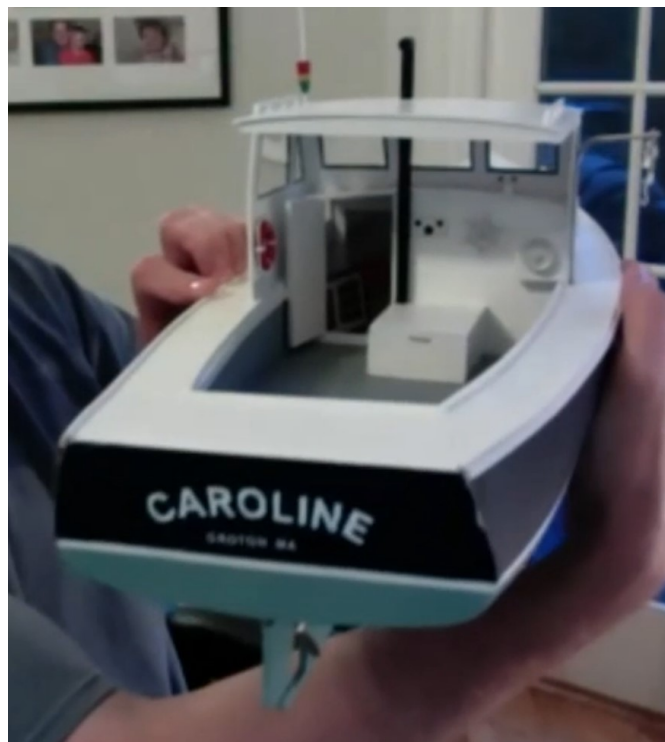
### **SHOW & TELL**



Lobster Boat - Mike Ellison

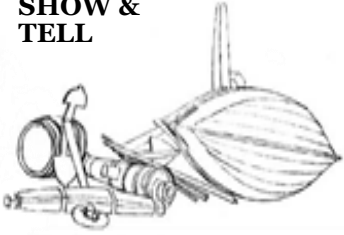


Mike is nearing completion of his Lobster Boat, based on a kit from Bluejacket. He added details to the pilot house, a life ring and a few other enhancements. He is very pleased with the kit. It is looking very good Mike.



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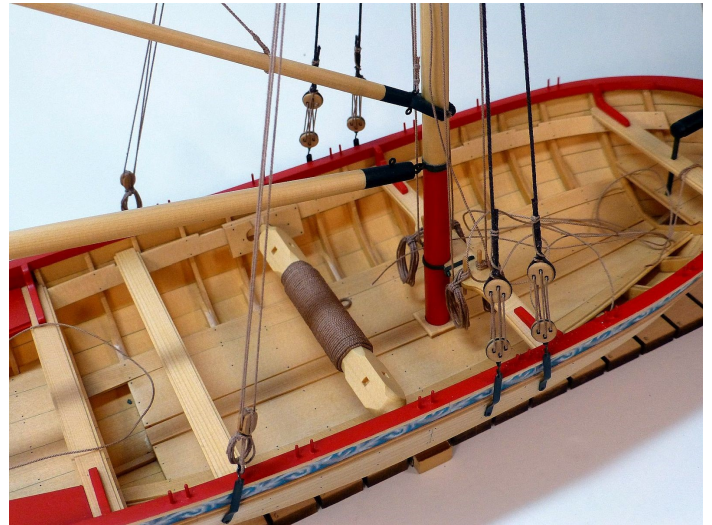
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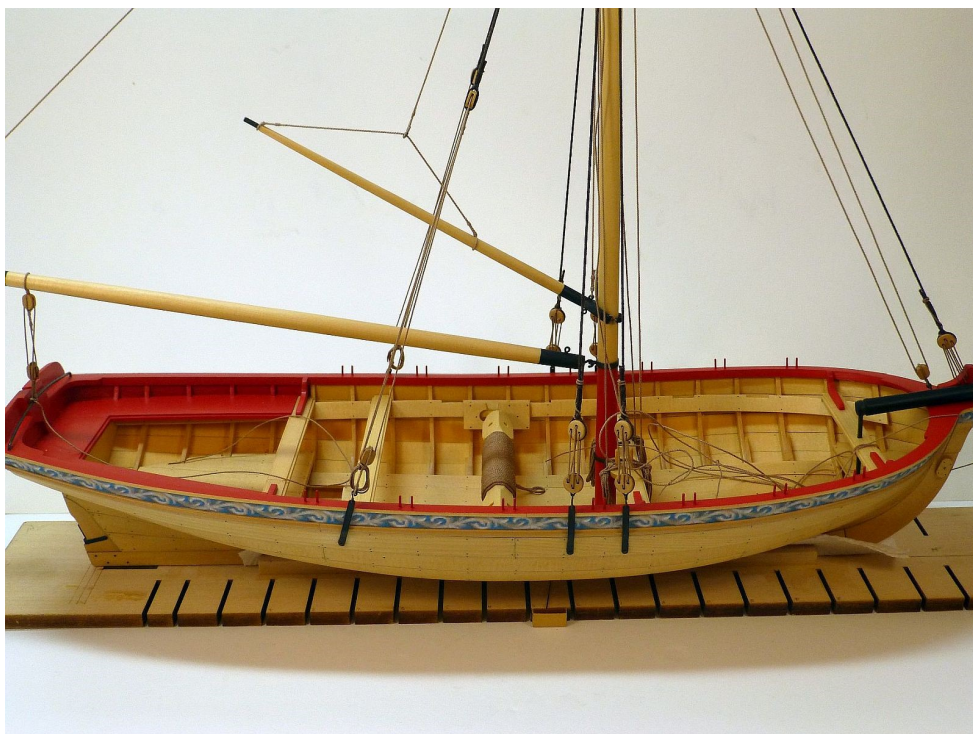
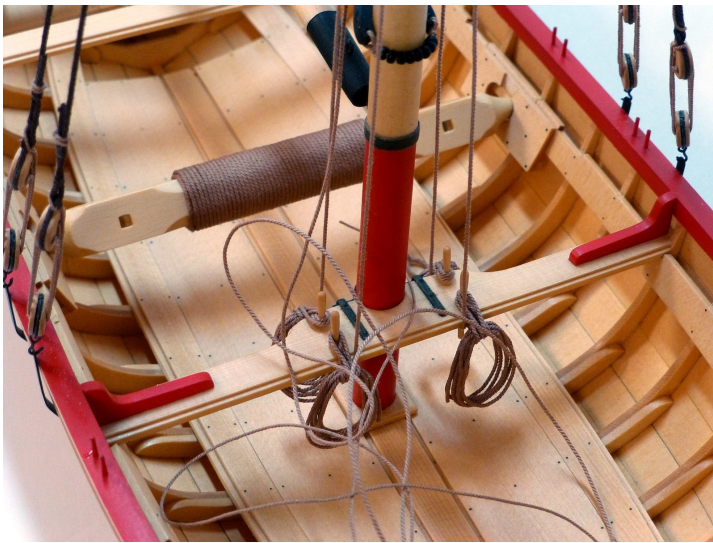
Medway Longboat, English, 1742, 1:24

- Ryland Craze

Ryland has completed rigging his long boat. He is making rope coils and placing them in the boat and



hanging at the belaying pins. Next come the oars, grapple, and windlass bars and raising the flag. Excellent work Ryland. (Ryland brought the model to Modelcon. It looks great! Editor)





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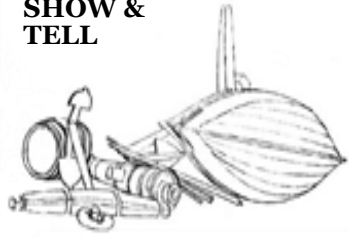
### HMS Victory, English 1st Rate, Scale 1:72, Modified Caldercraft Kit (54 x 21 x 37 inches)

- Mort Stoll

Mort completed the stern consisting of the stern fascia - the false baluster patterns, lined and installed window frames, decorative molding, various artifacts, and trophy of arms. Next was the quarter galleries - false baluster patterns, lined and installed window frames, decorative molding, lower finishing and drop decoration and finally the top decoration patterns. Lastly I mounted the flag lockers - 2 months work in total. Now on to the entry port ports and steps. Very good progress Mort.



## SHOW & TELL



Dapper Tom, 1812, USA, 1:75

## Model Shipways Kit

- Eric Marshall

Eric has sanded the solid hull. He says that this is the fourth attempt that he has made to plank the hull. After consultations with Chuck, he hopes that this time is the charm.

Meanwhile, he found a mobile that he had put together as a teen. It had been in pretty tough shape and Eric has managed to get it back into operation. That has cleared his mind to get back to planking Dapper Tom.





# ***The Broadaxe***

## **SHOW & TELL**



### **Yankee Hero,- USA 1754,1:48 - Mike Waller**

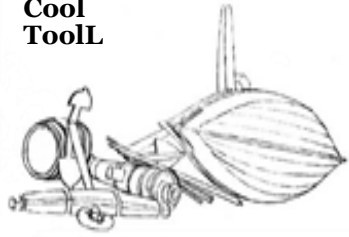
Mike continues the work on Yankee Hero. He has completed the hull, interior, and installed the bowsprit and sheet iron. He is proceeding to the spars. Good progress Mike.



The second item that Mike displayed is a pond yacht that his late Father got from Snugg Harbor. It is sailor built and Mike's Farther acquired it when he was 13. It will sail, but Mike doesn't yet know if he will refurbish it or just clean it up.



## **Cool ToolL**



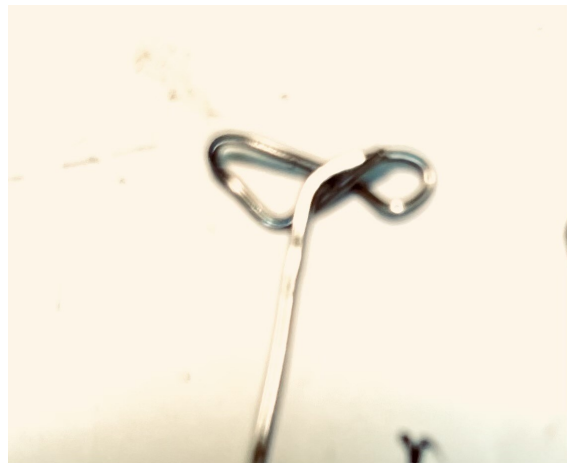
Member Barry Rudd emailed me the following. It looks very interesting and useful. Thanks Barry

### **Cheap and Quick Paint Stirrer**

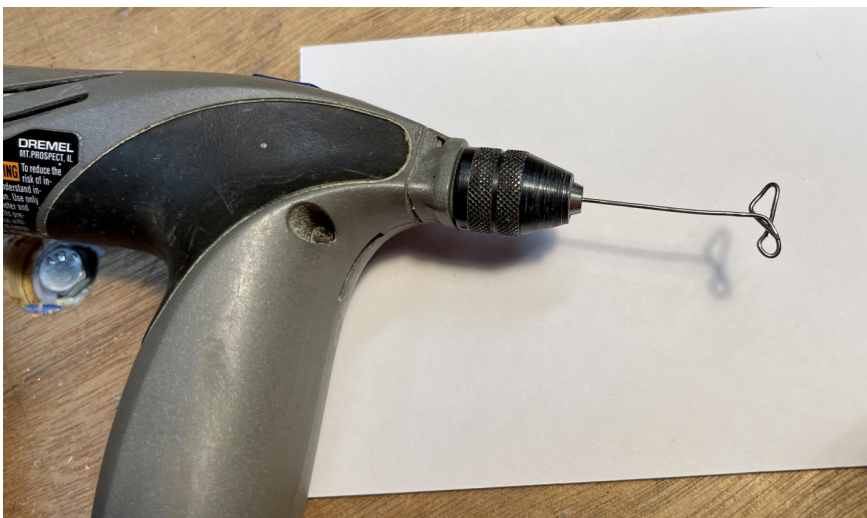
I had some old bottles of Floquil paint that I wanted to use. But the paint had settled to to bottom of the bottle and had become very thick. After a few minutes of stirring it with a wooden coffee stirrer I was getting nowhere.

Then I got an idea

I straightened a paper clip, bent the end like this:



Insert it into a roto tool and you have a stirrer.





# The Ship Model Society of New Jersey



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