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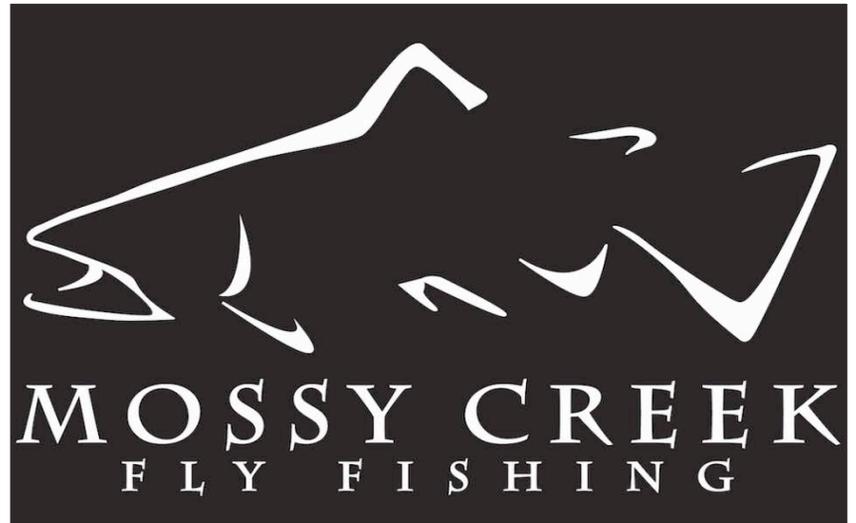
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## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Meeting Starts ~ 7:00 PM

VDFIF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
7870 Villa Park Drive Henrico County



## BACKLASH

Commentary from the  
Board of Directors  
-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.

## NEXT-UP ANGLING ACTIVITY ALERT

Membership Meeting: September 26  
- Colby Trow – Fly Fishing Guide

Expedition: Sept. 30  
- Trout Fishing the South River in  
Waynesboro, VA

Tournament: Oct. 21-29 –  
VA/NC Spot and Speckle Trout

## SEPT. MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKER GUIDE COLBY TROW

Colby will present a program titled  
“Fly Fishing the Shenandoah Valley”.  
The very complete presentation will  
cover mountain trout fishing, spring  
creek trout, smallmouth bass, carp,  
and musky fishing. For a short bio on  
Colby, please see page 5 of this issue  
of The Angler.



## SPECIAL RAFFLE – GUIDED TRIP WITH COLBY TROW (B-B)

ONE MONTH LEFT TO ENTER!

Winner Drawn at September Membership Meeting

Fishing Guide Colby Trow (Mossy Creek Fly Fishing), our speaker for September,  
has generously donated a guided trip to the Virginia Anglers Club to be raffled off in  
conjunction with his September visit.

Special Activities Chairman Don West is running this trip raffle and will be selling  
raffle tickets before and during the September Membership Meeting. The winner will  
be drawn at the conclusion of Colby’s presentation.

Details of this Special Raffle appear on page 5 of this issue of The Angler.

Raffle Ticket Prices – One for \$5.00 / Three for \$10.00



James River Flathead Catfish - August 19th thru 27th							
Points Results							
	Angler	Species	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight		Points
					Lbs.	Oz.	
1st. Place	Glenn Carter	Catfish, Flathead	General	4	23	8	318

Weight Results							
	Angler	Species	Tackle Class	Line Weight (#)	Weight		
					Lbs.	Oz.	
1st. Place	Steve Knox	Catfish, Flathead	General	20BR	21	8	
2nd Place	Bob Brown	Catfish, Flathead	General	6	15	0	
3rd Place	Glenn Carter	Catfish, Flathead	General	4	9	8	

**SEPTEMBER 30th EXPEDITION  
TROUT FISHING THE SOUTH RIVER  
IN WAYNESBORO, VA**

(By Expedition Leader Eric Webster)

Eric Webster will lead the final fishing expedition of 2017. He'll be taking the group to the Catch & Release section of the South River in Waynesboro, VA for a day of trout fishing on Saturday, September 30. The expedition will leave from the Parham Road Park & Ride lot at 8:00 AM SHARP. The lot is at the intersection of N. Parham Road and Fordson Road, just south of I-64. The trip to Waynesboro takes ~ 90 minutes. The group will park in the temporary lot just south of Constitution Park (the park is closed while the Main St bridge is being replaced), gear up and fish from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. After fishing, the group will head two blocks up W. Main Street to the Heritage on Main Street restaurant for a bite to eat.

**NEXT TOURNAMENT –  
VA/NC SPOT AND SPECKLED TROUT  
Oct. 21-29 – FOUR CHANCES TO WIN!**

Fish any VA or NC waters for spot and speckled trout. Awards will be given for highest point and heaviest catches of both species. Complete details will be presented in the October Angler.

**ANNUAL CALENDAR SALE UNDERWAY – GET  
YOUR SUPPLY TO SELL**

Special Activities Chairman Don West will have 2018 DGIF Outdoor Calendars for our annual calendar sale at the September Membership Meeting. The VAC selling price remains the same as last year... \$8.00 each. Please have your customers lined up and see Don for however many calendars you need. Generous terms are available for multiple copy "orders". Pay by cash, check or word of honor when picking up your calendars.

Prices of the Calendars on "the open market" are noted to be from \$10.00 to \$13.00, a good point to make when selling Calendars at our price of \$8.00.

Don West will personally deliver to you any number of 2018 DGIF Outdoor Calendars you will need for your sales. Contact Don at 897-8723 (H), (804 -572-8268(C) or by E-Mail at donaldleewest@gmail.com, and let him know how many copies of the calendars you will need and where to deliver them.

**TWO POPULAR TOURNAMENTS TO BE BLENDED INTO THE  
2018 EXPEDITON SCHEDULE**

At the September BOD Meeting, the Directors voted that, in 2018, the popular yellow perch and shad/white perch tournaments will be fished as Expeditions. Expeditions are fun fishing trips in which no awards are presented for catches made during these trips. Fish caught during an Expedition (and at any other time) can still be submitted for club records, annual awards and individual Angler's achievement awards.

Participation in tournaments, as indicated by tournament card submission, has not met expectations. No tournaments will be scheduled during the 2018 Angling Year.

**HUMOR FROM THE TACKLE BOX**



**" ARE YOU SURE THE BIG ONES  
ARE BITING HERE, BOB? "**

For The Leadership Team,  
John Wetlaufer, Sr.  
Membership Chairman



Steve Knox - 1st Place Weight Flathead - 21-8



Glen Carter - 1st Place Points Flathead - 318 pts



Jumping cobia - Rob Choi



## “Catchy Comments”

By *Stuart Lee*



It is exciting to me to learn of a new fishery that is being developed and explored. In a world where all fish stocks seem to be exploited, it is nice to hear about a place and a fish, whose reported numbers seem to be almost too good to be true. The fishery that I refer to is for Blue Marlin far off the coast of Costa Rica. Many years ago, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, became the mecca for Atlantic Blue Marlin around the full moon in August of every year. I fished there, and the fishing was very good, but nothing like what is now being experienced offshore of Costa Rica.

The reports that I have gotten are all from fly fishermen that have fished this area. For the last few years, Jake Jordan of Havelock, North Carolina, has been conducting what he calls his Blue Marlin Fly Fishing School with great success. He takes his clients on George Beckwith's boat *Dragin Fly* out of Los Suenos, Costa Rica. As I understand, they are fishing some high peaks and anchored FADS (fish aggregating devices) 100 or more miles offshore, which require multiple day trips and favorable weather.

This brings me to the story that I find so exciting. Two friends of mine have returned from two days fishing in early September; their report was nothing short of amazing. This pair host trips each year to Casa Vieja Lodge in Guatemala to fish for sailfish on fly, and I have been on this trip a few times. The Guatemala sail fishing is very good, and these crews have honed their tackle set-up and technique to almost perfection. They troll hookless baits and tease the fish to within 30 feet from the stern where a switch to a cast popper fly is made. They do catch some marlin in Guatemala, but they are largely incidental catches while targeting sailfish.

My friends were able to convince one of the captains from Guatemala, Chris Sheeder, to bring a boat south to Costa Rica to try this Blue Marlin fishery. In two days fishing, 100-140 miles offshore of Quepos, they released 10 Blue Marlin, 1 Striped Marlin and 1 Sailfish all caught on fly on 20 lb. tippet. While this is amazing, even more amazing is that one day they raised or saw, 36 Blue Marlin, which is an extraordinary number.

I sometimes wonder what the fishing would be like if we could go back in time, with our current gear and boats, and fish about the time Captain John Smith was arriving in Jamestown. In my imagination I always see fishing that is similar to this current Blue Marlin fishing in Costa Rica.

Stuart



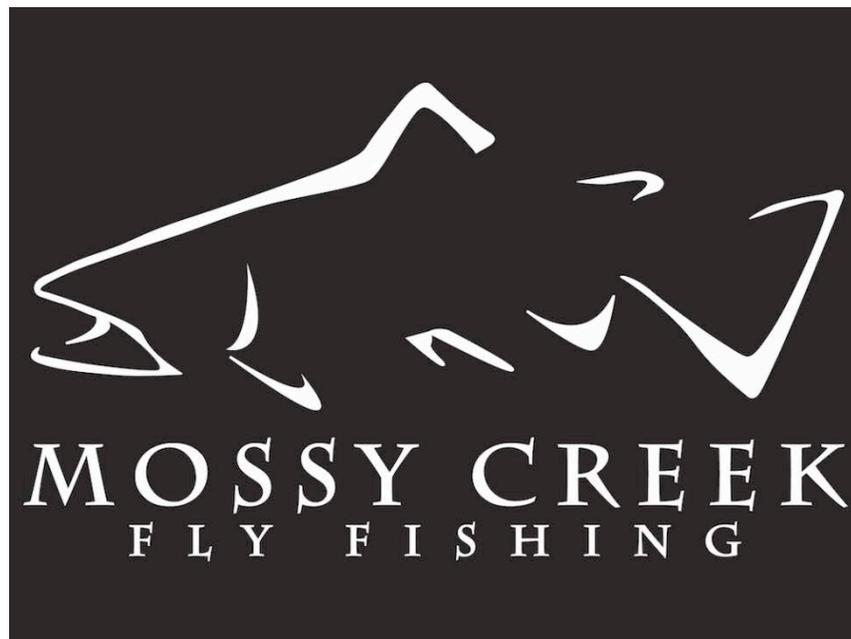
“Tarpon Portrait” - Oil painting by Rob Choi



**MEET GUIDE COLBY TROW**

Colby Trow is the 36 year old co-owner of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing, American Fly Fishing Trade Association Board member, Massanutten TU Board, Fly Fisher’s of Virginia Technical Advisor. Colby and his brother Brian opened up the shop together in 2003. He started guiding and instructing in Virginia in 1999 and has fished almost every day since 2003. When he isn’t fishing he’s at the vise tying flies. He started tying flies for local Virginia fly shops at age 13 and was featured at many fly fishing trade shows through his teen years. Although based in the Shenandoah Valley, Colby always has ‘salt’ on his mind. When he isn’t hosting a trip in the Bahamas or Belize chasing bones, permit, tarpon, and cudas, he is out with his buddies chasing stripers, big drum, cobia, or billfish off the Virginia coast!

Colby has donated a guided trip for two for raffle to the Virginia Anglers Club. The final chance to buy raffle tickets will be anytime during the September Membership meeting. Colby will draw the name of the winner at the end of the meeting



**SPECIAL RAFFLE**  
**GUIDED TRIP BY COLBY TROW DETAILS**

The Special Raffle is a rare opportunity to fish guided by a very famous Fly Fishing Guide, Colby Trow. Here are some details about the trip being raffled:

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of Trip               | Winner arranges with Colby  |
| Number of Anglers Included | Two (max.)                  |
| Travel, Board, Food, Etc.  | By Participating Angler(s)  |
| Cost of Guided Trip        | Donated by Colby Trow       |
| Guide’s Tip                | By Participating Angler(s)  |
| Tackle, Bait, Etc.         | Winner Discusses with Colby |



**SPECIAL ORDER – SWEATSHIRTS AND SUN SHIRTS**

**SAMPLES AT SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Stuart Lee will have samples of a Fruit of the Loom hooded sweatshirt and a Patagonia sun shirt for a special order he will get up for these items. These garments will come with the Rob Choi Gyotaku Sheepshead print image on the back and Virginia Anglers Club on the front. Stuart will have all the ordering and pricing information at the meeting.

**Fruit of the Loom Hooded Sweatshirt**  
(Similar to the below image)



**Patagonia Shirt Information**

For details color availability, construction, etc, of these shirt, go to <http://www.patagonia.com/shop/mens> and enter the description's below in the "what are you looking for" box.





**CALL FOR ANGLING RULES CHANGE SUGGESTIONS**

Angling Rules Chairman Stuart Lee want to start collecting ideas for changes in Angling Rules, Basic Weights etc. for the coming 2018 Angling Year. The Angling Rules Committee will meet in the early Fall to consider all suggestions and the best source for ideas is what Members have on their minds for changes needed. Please think back over the year and E-Mail any suggestions you have to Stuart at: stulee37@gmail.com.

**2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE**

September 26	Colby Trow – Fishing the “Valley”
October 24	Andrew Stiles – Joe Brooks in the history of fly-fishing
November 28	VA DGIF Master Angler Program
December	No meeting

**2017 VAC COMBINED TOURNAMENT & EXPEDITION SCHEDULE**

Sept. 30  
Trout Fishing the South River in Waynesboro, VA  
(Eric Webster)

Oct. 21-29  
VA & NC Spot and Specs  
(Glenn Carter)

Fish any VA and NC waters. Highest point  
and heaviest Spot and Speckle Trout

**HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS**

**Freshwater**

**If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to  
VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.**

**Saltwater**

**If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency,  
boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center  
toll free at 1-800-541-4646**



## ANNUAL AWARDS 2017

## President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	7/12/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad

## President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	5/27/17	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler

## Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	17lb-0oz	4	FLY	297	1/19/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Clouser
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	23lb-8oz	4	GEN	318	8/25/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bream
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	7/12/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	15lb-4oz	2	PLUG	554	12/26/16	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

## Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	12/20/16	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	11lb-8oz	12	PLUG	127	4/28/17	OFF OREGON INLET, NC	Kinnard Popper
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	12lb-8oz	6	SPIN	250	8/12/17	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Green Grub
DOLPHIN	SC LEE	11lb-8oz	12	FLY	143	6/17/17	OFF OREGON INLET, NC	Deceiver
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	5/27/17	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler

## "Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	4lb-4oz	2	SPIN	283	1/25/17	CHICKAHOMONY RIVER, VA	Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	4lb-1oz	4	PLUG	294	2/13/17	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	RL WHITE	2lb-15oz	4	SPIN	111	3/30/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	crappie jig
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	39lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	201	2/7/17	JAMES RIVER RICHMOND VA, VA	Cut shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	23lb-8oz	4	GEN	318	8/25/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bream
CRAPPIE, ALL	W MOSLEY	1lb-8oz	2	SPIN	238	3/19/17	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	TRD
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	7/12/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	4/1/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1lb-1oz	2	PLUG	279	2/17/17	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	2lb-12oz	4	SPIN	202	2/3/17	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
SHAD, AMERICAN	F COUSINS	3lb-13oz	2	SPIN	305	3/9/17	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	shad dart
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	1lb-14oz	2	FLY	267	4/3/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	3/28/17	POND, VA	Z Man
TROUT, RAINBOW	DL NOBLES	3lb-4oz	2	FLY	253	3/9/17	SPRING CREEK, VA	nymph

## "Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

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BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	41lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	136	12/20/16	YORK RIVER, VA	Eel
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	12lb-8oz	6	SPIN	250	8/12/17	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Green Grub
COBIA	W MOSLEY	50lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	121	9/4/17	CAPE HENRY, VA	Eel
DOLPHIN	GN CARTER	10lb-4oz	6	SPIN	227	6/17/17	OREGON INLET, NC	Bucktail Jig
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	5/27/17	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler

## "Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	1/27/17	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	GN CARTER	4lb-1oz	4	PLUG	294	2/13/17	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Bomber Model A
BOWFIN	RL WHITE	2lb-15oz	4	SPIN	111	3/30/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	crappie jig
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CRAPPIE, ALL	SC LEE	1lb-8oz	4	SPIN	187	2/13/17	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Tube
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	16lb-0oz	2	SPIN	581	7/12/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gulp 6 inch while shad
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	4/1/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1lb-1oz	2	PLUG	279	2/17/17	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	2lb-12oz	4	SPIN	202	2/3/17	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
SHAD, AMERICAN	F COUSINS	3lb-13oz	2	SPIN	305	3/9/17	ROANOKE RIVER, NC	shad dart
SHAD, HICKORY	SC LEE	2lb-3oz	8	FLY	193	4/3/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred's Shad Fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	3/28/17	POND, VA	Z Man
TROUT, RAINBOW	DL NOBLES	3lb-4oz	2	FLY	253	3/9/17	SPRING CREEK, VA	nymph
WARMOUTH	B BROUGHTON	0lb-5oz	4	SPIN	67	3/4/17	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade Bait

# Virginia Anglers Club



### "Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

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COBIA	W MOSLEY	50lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	121	9/4/17	CAPE HENRY, VA	Eel
DOLPHIN	SC LEE	11lb-8oz	12	FLY	143	6/17/17	OFF OREGON INLET, NC	Deceiver
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	36lb-0oz		SURF	257	5/27/17	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Peeler

### New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	1/27/17	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
PERCH, WHITE	GN CARTER	0lb-14oz	2	PLUG	230	4/1/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
SUNFISH	JL WETLAUFER, JR	0lb-9oz	2	GEN	119	6/4/17	PRIVATE POND, POWHATAN, VA	Live Worm

### New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
COBIA	W MOSLEY	50lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	121	9/4/17	CAPE HENRY, VA	Eel

### Pajchak Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
MARLIN, WHITE	BW STRUM	0lb-0oz	20	GEN	189	8/16/17	OREGON INLET, NC	Ballyhoo

### Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	RL WHITE	4lb-4oz	4	FLY	386	6/2/17	LAKE ST CLAIR, MI	Sexy Shad Clouser Minnow

### New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	G ALVIS	8lb-4oz	12	PLUG	206	1/27/17	KENT LAKE, VA	Suspending Jerkbait
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	1lb-14oz	2	FLY	267	4/3/17	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
<b>Total</b>					<b>473</b>			

# Robert Thomas

## Fishing Adventures

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Equipment: Rods, Reels, Lines, etc.  
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Hosted Trips

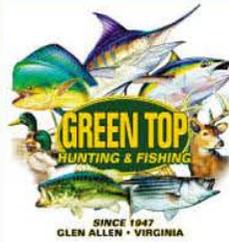
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