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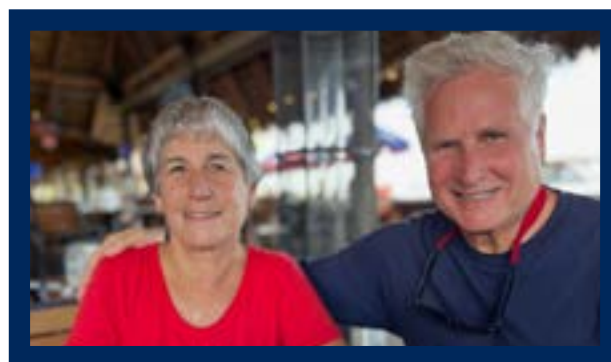
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Lights! Camera! Action!

by Tessa Buechler

This past January the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron moved into the world of movies. Some of our members were featured in six different boating safety videos filmed for Americas Boating Channel, and sanctioned by the United States Coast Guard. This is the third time in seven years that our squadron and members have participated in making these videos. The filming and video production was planned and executed by Marty and Sari Lafferty of Lafferty Productions. Marty spent his career as a professional in film production and he and his wife have now extended this experience into making boating safety videos to support safety in boating communities.

A call went out to all Cape Coral members asking for



Sari and Marty Lafferty

scripted to reflect and promote safety for various boating situations.

The week kicked off with a production brief dinner, followed by filming every day, and editing at night for the full seven days. Everything went relatively smoothly and as planned with the exception of some chilly weather for a couple of days and some unexpected low canal water levels. When needed, Plan B kicked in and an alternative boat and/or filming venue was found. As ever, the show must go on!

At the end of a hectic and fun-filled week all crew members and participants attended a cast party at the home of Tessa and Craig Buechler to celebrate the successful week, and to thank everyone for their time and involvement. We look forward to seeing the finished videos later this year and we hope to have Marty and Sari back with us soon for another filming opportunity.



Cast and Crew

volunteers to help make up the cast needs for the various scripted safety situations. Ten boat owners and about two dozen boaters from the squadron signed up to help out. The video scenes took place either on the water or at the dock. They were all

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COMMANDER'S REPORT



Scott Steele | Commander
ABC/ Cape Coral Sail
& Power Squadron

Let me start by thanking everyone who attended our February general meeting. We had a great turnout and were able to conduct elections and budget approval for 2023-2024. The Big 8 BBQ dinner also proved to be a great success.

It's that time of year where we reset out officers, plans and focus. Our new fiscal year starts on March 1st.

Thanks to Carl McGrath, Leo

Lalley, Leslie Corte-Real, Neil Pignatano and Jeff Maddy for their great leadership and commitment as members of the Bridge. All but Jeff and Leo will be continuing in their roles as we move into 2023-2024. Jeff and Leo have decided to take an official break after years of service, though they will continue to be valuable resources. Debi Swift and Jill Berger will share the Administrative Officer position and John Swift will become our new Executive Officer.

We also have a very solid group on our Executive Committee. This includes new members Richard Apfel, Jim Humphrey, Curt Collins, and Lee Corte-Real. Veterans Nancy Maddy, Connie Farmer, Jerry Ferrell, Jill Berger, Craig Buechler and Scott Fergen will also continue to serve.

We are still looking for folks who would like to work with the leadership as assistants and successors for key roles and committees. We have quite a few new members and we'd really like to get others involved. New people bring new ideas and we are always open to changes for the better.

We went into 2022-2023 thinking we'd have a normal year, especially after Covid. Things didn't quite work out that way. Before I talk about the current situation, let me recap some of the accomplishments of the past year. It's easy to forget all the progress we made before September 28th. We streamlined our meeting schedule while maintaining monthly social events. We now have four general meetings versus 10. Our by-laws were rewritten and updated, as we had been operating under by-laws approved in 2016. Our education group was conducting a lot of great classes and we had a robust schedule inclusive of many advanced classes. We added a couple of instructors and our ABC team continued to set the bar

for the best program in the country. Our rental program was going great and we were renting the banquet room on almost every weekend. We restarted orientation sessions for new members, restarted a few ABC graduation dinners and potlucks. Our entertainment group planned and conducted some really fun social events and we implemented a new system to streamline reservations and payments. We added Weekdayers to our boating groups, in addition to Weekenders. Co-op charting, fishing, kayaking and C&R also had great events and outings. We conducted a hurricane seminar at the Westin that was well attended. This proved to be very timely and beneficial. Last, but not least, we had numerous captains and members involved in the filming of different segments for America's Boating Channel. Suffice it to say we had a lot of changes and many accomplishments.

Our current situation includes rebuilding and re-starting. We are planning to restart Co-op Charting on a limited basis. As most know, we've lost a large number of markers in Cape Coral and Lee County. The Coast Guard has done a pretty good job of getting their ATONs replaced. We are starting to conduct some classes. We've got a few advanced classes and seminars scheduled in March and we are looking at the timing to resume ABC. Our banquet room, office and conference room are functional thanks to all the hard work from our members. We have received an advance from our insurance company and our roof installation is underway. We are in the process of planning next steps. It will take months before we get the second floor back in shape.

We are going to resume office hours on a limited basis. Our plan is to start in early March. Keep an eye out for email and website announcements. We are also looking to better understand our communication methods and delivery systems. We have multiple methods to forward information. The key is to get you what you need in a format that does not create redundancy or overload.

You'll see in this issue that we have a District 22 meeting on Saturday, April 22nd. The National Chief Commander will be speaking at this event for those who may want to attend. It should be interesting.

Thanks to all of you for your efforts in 2022-2023 and I look forward to a great 2023-2024.

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Secretary

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P/C Carl McGrath, P

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1st/ LT Ginny Lalley, S

Assistant Admin Officer
1st/ Lt Jill Berger, S
1st/Lt Debi Swift

Assistant SEO
1st/LT Betti Garcia, AP

Assistant Secretary
1st/ Lt Jan St. Pierre

Assistant Treasurer
1st /Lt Janine Whisler, S

Chaplain

1st/ Lt Tessa Buechler, S
Flag Lt
1st/Lt Paul Moses, P

Building Manager

Lt Terry Rosenstrach
Assistant Building Manager
Lt Larry Rich

Rental Chair

Vacant

Executive Department

Vessel Safety Check Program

Lt Craig Buechler, S
Lt Tessa Buechler, S

Co-Op Charting

Lt Denny Pearson, AP
Lt Barb Riordan

Farmer's Market

Lt Greg Kechik, S
Lt Tricia Kechik

Media Relations

Lt/C Jeff Maddy, AP

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Lt David J. Lawrence, S
Lt Gerry Whisler, S

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Lt Delores Buhner

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Vacant

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P/C David V. Eberle, S/N-CN/C

Administrative Department

Cruise & Rendezvous

Lt Delores A. Buhner
1st /Lt Paul Moses, P

Entertainment Committee

Lt Karen Collins
Lt Dani Fergen

Member Involvement

1st/Lt Jill Berger, S

Weekend Boaters

Lt Scott Fergen

Weekday Boaters

Lt Doug Brenton

Fishing Group

Lt John D'Esposito

Kayaking Group:

Lt Gary Brooks

Membership Chair

1st/Lt Carolyn Token

Pantry Inventory Mgr

Lt Karen Dipalmo

Port Captain

Lt John Farmer, P
Lt Ken Partsch

RANKS Cdr – Commander

Lt/C – Lieutenant Commander Lt – Lieutenant P/C – Past Commander
Found before the name of an officer or appointed assistant

GRADES S – Seaman (aka Boat Handling) P – Pilot AP – Advanced Pilot

P-Pilot JN – Junior Navigator N – Navigator SN – Senior Navigator
Indicates the highest level of education completed. Follows the name of the person.

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CHARCUTERIE AND WINE TASTING

**Thursday, March 16, 2023
4:00 p.m.**

Golden Rind Cheese & Wine

13251 McGregor Blvd #108

Fort Myers, FL 33919

\$35 per person includes charcuterie and three wine tastings. Gratuity included. **LIMIT 34 ATTENDEES**

RSVP before March 14:

Click here to order tickets online:

[https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/
charcuterie--wine-tasting-at-the-
golden-rind/](https://ccsaps.ticketleap.com/charcuterie--wine-tasting-at-the-golden-rind/)



SAVE THE DATE!



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SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023

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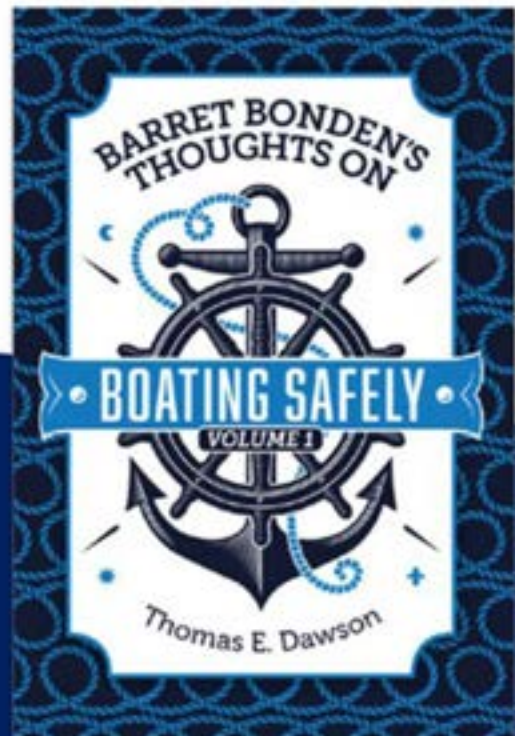
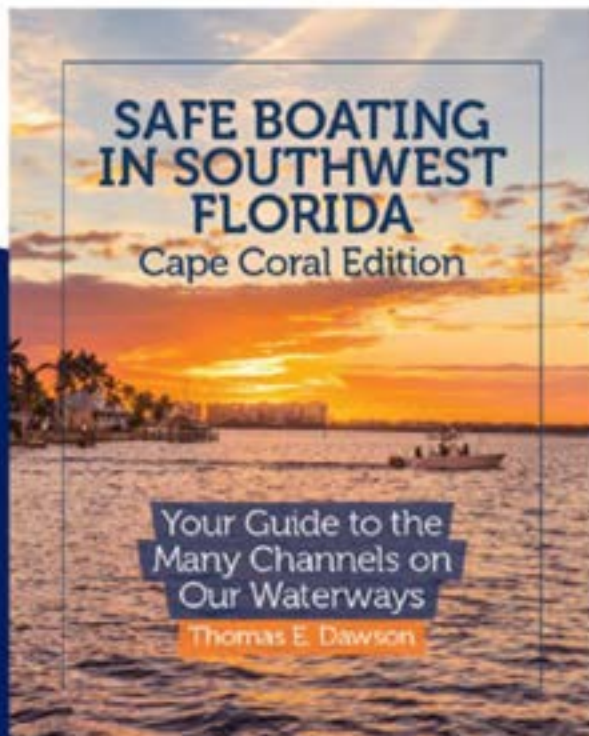
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Meet our new building manager, Terry Rosenstrauch.

I was born and raised in St. Louis, MO and lived there all my life until my wife and I moved to Fort Myers in 2020. Our 50th anniversary will be coming May. I moved into heat-cooling (ALRO Cooling found after col-sica and I subsequently ran the business together for about 25 years. I can be contacted at terryrosenstrauch@gmail.com. I'm presently involved with the squadron's insurance policies.



Terry Rosenstrauch



Available on Amazon & at the Squadron Office



SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

SEO's Notebook

Recovery is still going on. Advanced Classes resume this month to strong demand. More seminars coming in April.



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Both Boat Handling and Marine Navigation were in process when the hurricane struck. These classes will start again, from the beginning, on March 7. Marine Navigation will run for eight weeks, one class per week, at 2 PM. Boat Handling will be held over the course of seven weeks, one class per week, at 7 PM. Online registration is available for these two courses should anyone else wish to attend. Register here: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?L>

ABC remains postponed until further notice, pending restoration of the second-floor classroom. Here is the academic calendar, subject to change as situation warrants:

Advanced/Elective Courses

2023						
Month	Title	Date	Time	Location	Instructor	Duration
March	Boat Handling	03/07/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101	Garcia/Seaby	7 weeks
	Marine Navigation	03/07/23	2:00 PM	Rm 101	Pignatano	8 weeks
May	Boat Handling	05/09/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101	Schneider	7 weeks

Seminars

2023						
Month	Title	Date	Time	Location	Instructor	Duration
April	Wine & Knots			Rm 101	Garcia/Seaby	2 hr
	Intro to Charting	04/27/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101		2 hr
May	Hurricane Prep				McGrath/Dawson	2 hr
June	Weather	06/15/23	2:00 PM	Rm 101	Pignatano	2 hr
	Partner in Command			Rm 101	Garcia/Seaby	2 hr
	Intro to Charting	06/22/23	7:00 PM	Rm 101		2 hr

Until next time...

Looking Ahead

March 2023

Day	Date	Name	Time	Place
Thurs	2	Exec Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Harbor
Tues	7	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Monkey Bar
Tues	7	Boat Handling course begins	7:00 pm	Squadron Harbor, Rm 101 (7 weeks)
Tues	7	Marine Navigation course begins	2:00 pm	Squadron Harbor, Rm 101 (8 weeks)
Tues	28	Weekday Outing	10:00 am	TBD

April 2023

Thurs	6	Exec Committee	7:00 pm	Squadron Harbor
Tues	4	Entertainment Comm	4:30 pm	Monkey Bar
TBD		Wine and Knots		Squadron Harbor, Rm 101
Thurs	27	Intro to Charting seminar	7:00-9:00 pm	Squadron Harbor, Rm 101



She wore her yellow sun-
bonnet,

She wore her greenest gown;

She turned to the south wind

And curtsied up and down.

She turned to the sunlight

And shook her yellow head,

And whispered to her
neighbour:

'Winter is dead.'

A.A. Milne



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES HAVE RESUMED. CHECK OUT THESE LISTINGS AND GET INVOLVED!

*ROOMS IN THE SQUADRON BUILDING WILL
NOT BE AVAILABLE TO RENT UNTIL WE ARE
CLEARED TO REOPEN.*

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR E-MAIL OR PHONE

#? IF SO, SEND YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION

TO: CCSAPS Secretary: E-MAIL: secretary@ccsaps.org



Joette Humphrey

Hi, I'm Joette Humphrey. My husband, Jim, and I are fairly new to the Power Squadron. Because I enjoy computers and am active on social media, I volunteered to help with the club's social media.

I hope social media can help attract new members and create community awareness. Besides that, it's a fun way to stay in touch and stay informed. But I need help! Anything that is of interest to you regarding boating will probably be of interest to others. It can be related to our club or not. Please send photos and/or ideas to socialmedia@ccsaps.org. And if you are on social media and you happen to see our posts, please "like" it and/or "share" it!

So far, we have posts on [Facebook](#) and [Next-Door](#). I am hoping to post on Instagram in the future, but I'm having a hard time with that because our log in data has been misplaced. (Any help or advice would be much appreciated.)

Looking forward to meeting everyone in person!

Joette

SQUADRON HELP WANTED

RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Review rental files as they come in. This includes checking to be sure all payments have been received prior to rental, all documents have been signed, seating diagram is received and posted for setup crews, and door code issued to renters.
- Coordinate room setup crew for rentals.
- Give instructions to cleaning staff for before and after rentals.
- Act as main contact for renters before, during and after rental.
- Check the cooling (AC) system and cameras remotely during rentals. Remotely adjust room temperatures as requested by renters during event.
- Conduct building walk-through after rentals and report back to Treasurer regarding status of security deposit.

Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com

ASSISTANT RENTAL CHAIRMAN

- Assist Rental Chairman as needed to balance workload.

Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com

CERTIFIED VESSEL INSPECTORS

- Complete short training course
- Inspect vessels for safety and place CSV sticker

Contact: Craig Buechler buechlercraig@yahoo.com

EVENT SETUP

- With other team members, set up and take down chairs, tables (about once a month)

Contact: Marge Maciag margem5@gmail.com
Rick Clements retiredrick@yahoo.com

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

- Help in kitchen and hall, setting up for monthly dinner/social events. Have fun organizing our social events!

Contact: Jeff Maddy: adminofficer@ccsaps.org

LIFEJACKET LOAN COORDINATOR

- Organize, manage and maintain the life jacket closet.

Contact: Jeff Maddy: adminofficer@ccsaps.org

CCSAPS BOATING GROUPS

Plan to add your name to the roster of one of our boating groups:

WEEKENDERS & WEEKDAYERS

Weekenders boat-a-long to waterside restaurants and meet periodically to plan future trips. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact weekenderboating@gmail.com.

Doug Brenton leads the Weekdayers. This group goes out for lunch at a waterfront restaurant on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The next Weekdayers outing will be in February. For more information, or to get on their mailing list, please contact dwbrenton@gmail.com.

On Thursday, February 16, the Weekdayers enjoyed an outing to Cabbage Key. The eight boats and 25 people found the new and plentiful docks a breeze for docking and the weather delightful.



CO-OP CHARTING

The Co-op Charting Group normally meets the second Tuesday of the month at Squadron Harbor. If you are interested in joining Co-Op contact us directly. ccsapscoopch@gmail.com.

CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

Cruise and Rendezvous cruises to marinas and resorts for overnight stays and also sponsors two dinner events at the squadron during the year.

KAYAK GROUP

The kayak group normally paddles area waterways on the third Tuesday of the month. Do you want to participate in these monthly kayak trips? It's easy! Send your contact information to Jeff Maddy at adminofficer@ccsaps.org

FISHING GROUP

The fishing group normally meets at the Squadron building on the second of the month. These will resume when the building opens.

If you wish to receive notice of upcoming group meetings and other events, please send your name and current email address (phone number optional) as soon as possible to: fishingccsaps@yahoo.com



2023 Spring Conference

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Menu and

Change of Watch



8:00 am – 9:00am Complimentary Continental Breakfast

Luncheon – 12:15 pm

Choice of:

\$34.00 – Chicken Parmigiana – Bread Crumb and Parmesan Crusted Chicken
Topped with Marinara Sauce, Mozzarella and Parmesan Cheese

\$34.00 – Beef Brisket – Tender, Slow Roasted and Seasoned Beef, Sliced and Presented with Pan Gravy

Entrees will be plated and served with Garden Green Salad (Romaine and Artisan Greens garnished with Tomato, Onion, Carrots and Cucumber with Choice of Dressings, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Rolls and Butter, Water, Iced Tea and Assorted Fresh Baked Cookies - Coffee on request

Change of Watch Dinner – Social 5:30 pm / Dinner 6:00 pm

Choice of:

Change of Watch Ceremony 7:00 pm

\$48.00 – Bourbon and Bacon Tenderloin – Seared and Roasted Bacon Wrapped Tenderloin,
Sliced and Complimented with Bourbon Demi

\$50.00 – Shrimp Skewer – Jumbo Shrimp Skewered and Baked with Lemon Garlic Butter
Atop Rice Pilaf with Shrimp Scampi Sauce

\$46.00 – Chicken Marsala – Sauteed Chicken Breast Finished with Mushroom Marsala Sauce

Entrees will be plated and served with Caesar Salad (crisp Romaine, tossed with Caesar Dressing, Parmesan Cheese and Croutons), Loaded Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls and Butter, Iced tea and Water –
Coffee on request

Ice Cream Sundae Station!

Drinks can only be purchased with Credit Card - Event Center no longer accepts Cash

Purchase your meals using the D22 Website:

Sign in to the D22 website — <https://americasboatingclub-d22.org/>

Members Only – Registration/Purchase -
then follow the instructions (need your credit card)

No Reservations or Cancellations after **April 10, 2023**, please.



DISTRICT 22

2023

SPRING CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 21

- 0830 – 1200 Registration Desk Open 0900 – 1030 **Squadron Bridge Officer Meeting**
 1100 – 1200 **District Council Meeting** 1200 – 1330 Lunch on your own
- 1400 – 1500 **Procedure for Adoption of New or Amended Club/District Bylaws**
 P/D/C Ted Reiss and D/C Gene Burson
- 1500 – 1600 **One and Three Year Squadron/District Planning**
 P/D/C Sam Bonilla and D/Lt/C Matt Braatz
- 1600 – 1730 Social with Appetizers (cash bar) 1730 Dinner on your own



Saturday, April 22

- 0800 – 0900 Coffee and Pastry 0830 – 1200 Registration Desk Open
 0830 – 0930 – **Educational Updates**
 D/Lt/C Melissa Butler, SN, District Educational Officer
- 0930 – 1030 – **Safety and Recreational Boating**
 Scott Szczepaniak, Regional Boating Safety Specialist USCG 7th District, Prevention Division
- 1040 – 1200 – **Town Hall**
 Chief Commander Craig Fraser, SN and District Commander Gene Burson, JN
- 1215 – 1330 – **Luncheon**
 Speaker - Hans Wilson, President of Marine Industries of Southwest Florida
 SWFMIA sponsors the Go Boating Florida website which offers a wealth of information to recreational boaters
- 1300 – 1350 Registration Desk Open **1400 – 1600 District Conference**
- Change of Watch - social 1730 / dinner served 1800**
Change of Watch Ceremony 1900
Thank you D/C Gene and Welcome D/C Matt!



Dress: squadron shirt, khaki slacks, shorts or skirt
Change of Watch: squadron or district shirt with khaki slacks or appropriate attire

Wishing you safe travel home
See you at the Fall Conference, October 13 - 14, 2023



District 22 Spring Conference News *Update*

April 21, 2023 and April 22, 2023

Suggest you make your reservation NOW!



We were able to obtain 10 rooms at \$159 per night at the Wyvern Hotel

You may make your reservation on line or call our Reservation Specialist at 941.639.7700 and they can assist you.

Booking Link - <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/XU42K>

Information previously sent:

We have found that there is a large event in Punta Gorda the same weekend as our Conference. Like us, they love the convenience of Sheraton Four Points and SpringHill Suites. BUT they contracted for rooms before us. Four Points will not allocate any rooms to us.

SpringHill has allotted us rooms at \$159 or \$169 per night, after our allotment is used, the rate will be \$269 per night.

Rate available Thursday, April 20 thru Sunday, April 23

2 night minimum for this rate

Last day to book is March 30, 2023

The link is [Book your group rate for America's Boating Club](#)

Please be sure that you plan to attend before making a reservation, if you need to cancel, please let us know in order to allow fellow USPS members to use your place

You are free to check with other hotels in Punta Gorda, D22 does not have any info on rates nor availability.



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