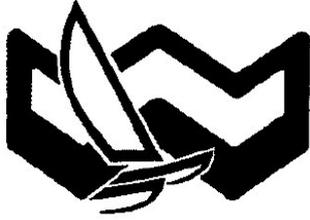


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1.0 WINDRUSH FACTORY NEWS

News from the Factory

Spinnaker kits are starting to gain some interest with another recently sold for delivery very soon, look out for a brightly coloured Windrush 14 with its spinnaker up on the water near you soon, and yes it is bright, bright.

The new boom recently unveiled in Dongara has been going great with several now on order and new sails will now be supplied with the webbing loop which will suit either the new or old booms and no longer with the slug at the clew. We have plenty of stock of the new section and can even do these in black as we had the material pre anodized with half the order black and half in silver as we use the same section on the Tornado in black and F18 Edge in Silver or Black.

The new square top sails seem to work very well on the new masts and I believe someone in Carnarvon is keen to get one up that way soon after he struggled for his usual dominance

The season is drawing to an end and I would like to thank you all for your patronage over the last season and look forward to being able to continue to supply you all with parts as needed next season.

There a few things that we will be gradually changing on the boats as stock of some components becomes no longer available in some areas of the Windrush 14 but we are expecting to be able to continue to supply boats and parts for many more years still to come.

See you on the water,

Regards

Brett Burvill
Windrush Yachts

2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In my last report I forgot to mention the efforts our Editor Peter Robinson went to last December to run around Sydney and retrieve our National Cat Shield, then to mail it back to WA. So we thank you Pete on a job well done.

On the subject of Sloop weights, I have read all the emails and the majority of replies are in favour of leaving it as is no weights, then four replies were in favour of some amount of weights being added and one suggestion was looking at adding a trapeze for the crew to use. I could add to this and say we only allow the trapeze on a sloop for the crew if the boat is fitted with a kite kit and therefore keep the sloop as is, no kite no trapeze, just food for thought.

Cat and Sloop fleets have dropped off in numbers on the water and with no good second hand boats on the market for sale it is very hard to grow the fleets. The only answer is new boats.

The Port Denison Labour Day regatta was a great success, 22 boats on the water, the conditions were testing, too strong Saturday afternoon, then nothing Sunday morning but like clockwork the sea breeze was back after lunch and we did five races back to back in fairly tough conditions, so with Invitation race and Heat 1 sailed Saturday, we had a full series. Congratulations to Quin and his PDYC committee for a wonderful weekend.

I must welcome Gareth Brown from JBSC to the Windrush family and hope he enjoyed his initiation into Windrush sailing; it was a tough learning curve.

Heard on the grape vine, Cliff Rolfe was seen sailing in the Walpole Regatta which was also on the Labour Day weekend. Cliff is a contender for a new boat; really hope he does come back into sailing.

I see from the last newsletter Shelley sailing club has some new members and sailing well, it would be good to see some new faces and a few old ones at the various regattas that are held.

There was to be a June regatta in Carnarvon, but with the cyclone flattening the area we will have to wait and see if Benny can still manage to put it together, I certainly hope so.

Keep in mind the next States are by SBYC the 3rd to the 10th January 2016 in two series Cat & Sloops first with one Lay Day then the Super Sloop series.

Thanks to the scribes for articles in this newsletter, Pete is always looking for more!

Hope to see you on the water

Rob Thompson
President

3.0 NATIONAL SLOOP SHIELD HAS GONE MISSING

The National Sloop Shield from 197X To 1999 has gone missing.

We thought it was at NYC but after a search through the old trophies it was not found.

We had it in Yarrawonga in 1998, as I won it with Jayden Mair, then in 1999 Greg and Tian Mair won it at Lake Bonney in South Australia and in 2000 Benny Dei Gucci donated a new shield as the old one was full.

There the story ends: - so if anybody can shed any light on the whereabouts of this old shield it would be greatly appreciated as we need it to complete our "Hall of Fame" on the Windrush web site

Rob Thompson

4.0 AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th December 2014 at Princess Royal Sailing Club, Albany.

Opening: 6:15pm

Present:

Robert Thompson, Cherie Saw, Simon Ellis, Anthony Saw, Ben Dei Giudici, Huon Morgan, Ray Hughes, Mark Dawson, Paul Todd, Malcom Buzza, Robin Holmes, Nadia Holmes, Martyn Hewitt, Dion Alston, Lenny Holbrook, Janette McDaid, Richard Dunne, Bob Lowther, Keith Saw, Troy Hobbs, Ben Hughes, Vicki Thompson.

Apologies:

Quinn Plozza, Justin Bellanger, Mark Heyink, Abi Paterson, Steve Davies, Helen Minards.

Business Arising:

Discussion about review of sloop weights and crew proficiency certificate.

Decision made to move on and discuss at a later date due to not having competed a state titles using this format, therefore, sailors were unable to provide effective feedback.

Previous Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the AGM 2nd March 2014 are accepted as a true and accurate record and that the chairperson be authorized to sign them.

Accepted: Keith Saw

Second: Anthony Saw

Election of Office Bearers

All positions declared open. Cherie, Rob, Simon, Justin and Peter all expressed that they are willing to continue in current roles.

Anthony Saw nominated as Vice President.

Lenny Holbrook Nominated as Trophy Officer

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	Robert Thompson
Vice President	Anthony Saw
Treasurer	Simon Ellis
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Measurers	Anthony Saw
Results Officer	Cherie Saw/Vicki Thompson
Trophy Officer	Lenny Holbrook
CLUB REPRESENTITIVES	
Port Denison YC	Troy Hobbs
Carnarvon YC	Benny Dei Giudici
Denmark YC	Justin Bellanger
SBYC	Bob Lowther
Koombana Bay YC	Helen Minards
Augusta YC	Mal Buzza
Shelley SC	Alec Duncan

Treasurer's Report:-

- As per attached Statement
- Accepted: Richard Dunne
- Second: Vicki Thompson

Club Reports

- Safety Bay – Australia Day Regatta 23-26 January.
- Port Denison: March Long Weekend Regatta
- Carnarvon: June Long Weekend Regatta
- Augusta: Easter Regatta

YAWA Delegates Report

- No delegates report

Wavelengths

- The next issue planned for end of January.
- All club representatives are required to submit reports for each wavelengths edition.

States

2016 Safety Bay Yacht Club

- *States format same as nationals. Held over 1 week; cats and sloop together super sloop after.*
- *Problems discussed: cost, extra time required for people taking leave.*
- *Positives: more sailing time. Extra opportunities to build classes.*
- *States to be run over the first week of January.*
- *Voted on: 14 votes for running split classes, 3 against, 4 non votes.*

2017 Carnarvon

- *Can it be run the same as nationals?*
- *Concerns with travel time and being able to get time away from work over Easter.*
- *States will be run over Easter at Carnarvon as 1 series not split classes.*
- *Voted for single series over 4 days: 17 votes for, 4 votes against.*

General Business

Windrush Trailer

- Bob Lowther has been looking after it for 4 years.
- SBYC are happy to store and use it pay rego. Anthony Saw indicated this would need to be discussed at a committee meeting as the situation may have changed.
- Vicki Thompson questioned value. Value unknown.
- Vote to sell it if SBYC don't want it; 11 against 2 for selling. Decision to keep trailer.
- Bob Lowther is happy to continue storing it.
- Mark Dawson would be interested in buying it if it ever went up for sale.

Port Kembla

- Mark Dawson reported that Port Kembla have a growing fleet of Windrush and we should look into inviting them for an interstate competition.
- Cherie saw to email looking for expression of interest.

Sloop weights

- Benny Dei Giudici brought up discussion regarding sloop weights.
- Suggestions to email feedback after states and discuss at next Windrush committee meeting.
- Should weight stay open or have a minimum crew/skipper combined weight?
- 125-130kg combined minimum weight.
- Crew proficiency certificate will stay in place regardless of decision on weight for safety reasons.
- Mark Dawson suggested implementing a formula and yardstick for weight differences.
- Yardsticks would be based on information provided by clubs across the season.
- Keith saw moved against yardstick as it would have to be applied for all fleets and we already have handicaps.
- Keith Saw moved a motion to move on from the subject and wait until after next states to discuss it again.
- Mark Dawson moved a motion against Keith's motion as the decision needs to be made before next states.

Australian Masterships.

- Next regatta in Adelaide.
- Cherie Saw to get information and send to members.

Next Meeting: State Titles 2016

Closure: 7:00pm

Chairperson: Robert Thompson Date: 30/12/2015

5.0 REGATTA REPORTS

5.1 Port Denison Regatta results

PDYC 2015 Regatta																
Results																
Entries: 22																
Races Sailed: 6																
Discard: 1																
							Series									
Sail No	Boat	Type of Boat	Class	Owner	Crew	Handicap	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6		
6405	Cool Change	W14	SLOOP	Ryan Duffield	Erica	92	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	23	
6393	Badboy	W14	SS	Quin Plozza		88	11	2	2	3	2	3	3	1		
6400	Blue Stone	W14	SLOOP	Benny Dei Gudici		92	13	3	3	4	3	4	1	2		
6390	Strawberry Wave	W14	SLOOP	Rob Thompson	Bailey Alston	92	16	4	4	1	5	2	4	5		
6368	Emily Jean	W14	CAT	Keith Saw		93	25	5	5	5	9	6	5	4		
6367	Wendy B	W14	SS	Anthony Saw		88	28	6	9	9	4	5	7	3		
6362	Absences of mind	W14	SS	Troy Hobbs		88	35	7	7	8	8	8	6	6		
6402	Happiness Is	W14	SS	Robin Holmes		88	49	8	23	10	12	10	9	8		
6309	Rippt n Stitched	W14	SSV	Vinni Sayers		90	53	9	8	15	14	13	11	7		
6360	TOMCAT	W14	SS	Kit Lambert		88	54	10	11	14	13	9	8	13		
6310	Game On	W14	SS	Mark Dawson		88	55	11	23	13	7	12	13	10		
6389	Livewire	W14	SS	Ray Hughes		88	60	12	23	6	11	11	23	9		
6366	Cream pie	W14	SSV	Chris Collier		90	60	13	6	12	18	14	10	23		
6395	Cat Splat	W14	SS	Huon Morgan		88	61	14	23	7	10	7	14	23		
6263	No Remorse	W14	SSV	Dion Alston		90	66	15	23	11	6	23	12	14		
269	Suzzie Jane	Nacra	N16	Simon Ellis		80	68	16	10	21	16	16	15	11		
6342	Big Ben	W14	SSV	Ben Hughes		90	79	17	23	17	17	17	16	12		
6371	4Teen	W14	SLOOP	Campbell Spry	Jesse Commons	92	81	18	12	16	15	15	23	23		
6291	Eagle	W14	SSV	Roger Speck		90	108	19	23	20	19	23	23	23		
6302	Right of way	W14	CATV	Rowan Collier		95	110	20	23	18	23	23	23	23		
6408	Zepher	W14	SDS	Gareth Brown		86	111	21	23	19	23	23	23	23		
6293	Infinity	W14	SSV	Liam Plozza		90	114	22	23	22	23	23	23	23		

PDYC 2015 Regatta (Handicap)																
Handicap Results																
Entries: 22																
Races Sailed: 6																
Discard: 1																
							Series									
Sail No	Boat	Type of Boat	Class	Owner	Crew	Handicap	Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6		
6367	Wendy B	W14	SS	Anthony Saw		77.7	16	1	9	6	2	3	4	1		
6390	Strawberry Wave	W14	SLOOP	Rob Thompson	Bailey Alston	80.2	22	2	4	1	9	2	8	7		
6368	Emily Jean	W14	CAT	Keith Saw		82.3	27	3	5	6	14	8	3	5		
6362	Absence of mind	W14	SS	Troy Hobbs		78.9	32	4	7	9	10	9	1	6		
269	Suzzie Jane	Nacra	N16	Simon Ellis		81.2	43	5	10	21	3	10	12	8		
6360	TOMCAT	W14	SS	Kit Lambert		84.6	43	6	11	13	6	6	7	14		
6309	Rippt n Stitched	W14	SSV	Vinni Sayers		84.7	51	7	8	15	15	13	11	4		
6402	Happiness Is	W14	SS	Robin Holmes		81.2	51	8	23	10	12	11	9	9		
6310	Game On	W14	SS	Mark Dawson		83.6	60	9	23	14	7	14	14	11		
6389	Livewire	W14	SS	Ray Hughes		81.4	62	10	23	5	12	12	23	10		
6366	Cream pie	W14	SSV	Chris Collier		85.9	62	11	6	12	18	16	10	23		
6395	Cat Splat	W14	SS	Huon Morgan		82.9	65	12	23	8	11	7	16	23		
6263	No Remorse	W14	SSV	Dion Alston		87.1	68	13	23	11	8	23	13	13		
6342	Big Ben	W14	SSV	Ben Hughes		90.2	78	14	23	17	17	17	15	12		
6371	4Teen	W14	SLOOP	Campbell Spry	Jesse Commons	89	82	15	12	16	16	15	23	23		
6291	Eagle	W14	SSV	Roger Speck		199.2	108	16	23	20	19	23	23	23		
6302	Right of way	W14	CATV	Rowan Collier		96.2	110	17	23	18	23	23	23	23		
6408	Zepher	W14	SDS	Gareth Brown		87.1	111	18	23	19	23	23	23	23		
6293	Infinity	W14	SSV	Liam Plozza		99.7	114	19	23	22	23	23	23	23		

What a great Labour Day weekend regatta we had at PDYC. First of all thank you to the tireless volunteers that helped put on yet another successful regatta and these didn't just come from our local people but also from other clubs that came and sailed with us, thank you.

It was a casual Friday night with bbq and a few drinks and a lot of laughs as there always is when we all catch up which is such a highlight of our association.

to the sailing it was a great turn out for the Gary Mason Memorial race (invitation race) it was a pleasant breeze to get things off to a good start with it being a single start all in Mallee for the start line with all classes on the start line. This was won by Ryan and Erica who it was their first regatta they had sailed together on the Windrush congratulations, all races over the regatta were done on yardstick so this made it for interesting results over the weekend. so after Gary Mason race we did a series race which was still in a good breeze with good close racing with some interesting buoy rounding with some interesting ways people tried sailing their boats in upside down positions drifting on their sides so that something different watch.

but as is the case here the breeze starting puffing a bit and it wasn't for the faint hearted so it was canned as 27 knots wasn't ideal conditions, so it was a early day and time to a few more stories and drinks on the beach.

It was a relaxing evening with great food lots laughing (Paula's laugh was heard by all, which has been missed at the last couple of regattas). Sunday was a different day again as we limped out the start line with not a breath of wind so it was a slow paddle or blowing on your own sails to make you get back to the beach for an early lunch and wait for the breeze to come in. That didn't take long as is the case in Dongara so it was slam down lunch and off we went.

And it was, an iron man series of sailing in the afternoon with 5 back to backs. This made us all feel like rag dolls (or maybe it was just me NOT.) (CATSPLAT will know this feeling well im sure LOL). There was good breeze for these races which saw some great racing and more close quarter racing at the start line.

If you haven't seen the video from the committee boat you need to get hold of it, it comes with a blistering commentary from the queen the Windies its priceless ha-ha.

There was some funny styles of sailing which I was one of, since I'm obliging sailor giving way to my fellow sailor Anthony (I'm sure he used his little voice to call me #***) and went for a swim just because I could while avoiding him. This brings me to another sailor of a bigger class of trailer sailor on his 16 square which I'm sure we all looked on with awe as he headed out to battle the fresher breezes on the bismark (only seen him swimming for it once (you are a friggin legend Mr Ellis). it was great to see you sailing in tho Simon and glad you brought it up.

So after great sailing in the afternoon and totally exhausted we all found an ice bath or icepacks and bevie and help with aches and pains of the day.

The presentation went great with more great food drinks and laughter the normal tall stories and near misses and i nearly had you on that rounding tales. Congratulations to all the winners, for the rest of us I think we all had a win in great weekend in the sailing and social parts, a big thank you to all sailors and there groupies who travelled to our regatta it was fantastic to see you all.

People don't forget Carnarvon have their regatta coming up and we hope to see as many of you as possible up there, they put on a great regatta and a great bunch of people so let's support them.

That's all from me till next time stay safe and look forward to seeing you all next time.

Troy Hobbs

5.2 Walpole Regatta



WALPOLE YACHT CLUB

Final Result for DIV 6 Walpole
in the Trees 2015
after 5 races with 4 races to
count

MIXED CATS

Pos'n	Boat No	Boat Name	Skipper/Crew	Total	Nett	28/02/15	28/02/15	01/03/15	01/03/15	01/03/15
						1	2	1	2	3
1	6398	CHARDONNAY	ROGER THURECHT	9	5	1(1)	1(1)	4	2(2)	1(1)
2	6262	FEELING LUCKY	CHRIS THOMPSON	17	10	3(3)	3(3)	3(3)	1(1)	7
3	6256	MADNESS	Cliff Rolfe	22	10	[12](DNF)	2(2)	2(2)	4(4)	2(2)
4	6399	Ramshackle	Justin Bellanger	27	16	8(8)	[11](RET)	1(1)	3(3)	4(4)
5	6125	MISCHIEF II	MICHAEL THOMPSON	27	19	2(2)	4(4)	7(7)	8	6(6)
6	6319	MATI BABI	BOB GRETTON	35	24	4(4)	5(5)	8(8)	7(7)	11
7	6347	SHECANTOO	STUART YOUNG	31	24	7(7)	7	6(6)	6(6)	5(5)
8	6349	CATATONIK	FRANCESCO ZOVI	48	33	15(DNC)	[15](DNC)	10(10)	5(5)	3(3)
9	6411	Buzz Off	Frank O Keeffe	46	34	6(6)	11(RET)	5(5)	12(DNF)	12
10	6238	Hughie2	Rob Freeborough	47	36	10(10)	8(8)	9(9)	11	9(9)
11	2383	Easy Tiger	Michael Cameron	52	37	5(5)	6(6)	11(11)	15(DNC)	[15](DNC)
12	108366	RAMBLE ON	ANDREW GILL	50	37	11(11)	9(9)	13	9(9)	8(8)
13	6220	Flying Unicorn	Mark Heyink	51	39	9(9)	10(10)	12	10(10)	10(10)
14	5099	Estelle	Jayson Watchorn	75	60	15(DNC)	15(DNC)	15(DNC)	15(DNC)	[15](DNC)

The Walpole regatta was a great weekend of sailing, it was a mixed fleet regatta with about 85 boats on the water, all sizes from little dinghies to trailer sailors and yachts. It was very well run with well-set courses and slick starts one division after another.

In the cat division we had 1 Hobie tiger (without spinnaker), 1 Hobie 16, 1 x cat rigged Windrush, 2 x sloop rigged Windrush, and the rest of the Windrush sailing super sloop. None of us are really sure how the handicap system works, and the results are a handicap result. It's very much a participation regatta not a sleep station one.

Sat was 18 to 20 knots with a few stray bullets, so great sailing but testing, there were a few capsizes especially in the smaller dinghies, though there was even a trailer sailor cat that went over! Took a couple of rescue boats about 25 mins to get up. In the cats there were only a few of us who avoided a swim on the Saturday. The heavier conditions certainly suited me that day with a win and a 2nd behind the Hobie tiger.

Sunday was 15 to 20 knots so fantastic cat sailing, Justin was back to his best in race three and pipped the 14 ft. cats, only the tiger ahead of him. Race 4 was a close tussle between Justin and me, with lead changing numerous times, eventually I rounded the bottom mark ahead, and Justin tried tacking away but the shifts didn't favor back inshore, Chardonney managing another win. Race 5 was similar, but with Catatonic from Denmark in the mix as well, nudging out Ramshackle for second behind Chardonney.

YouTube of the Walpole Regatta 2015. 9 minutes in length with footage from all 5 races over the 2 days of sailing. <https://youtu.be/enKuZO4elzQ>

Thanks to the Walpole yacht club for a great weekend, and catching up with cat sailors from Albany, Denmark, Augusta, Walpole, and Busselton.

Roger Thurecht,

Chardonney.

5.3 Augusta Regatta

Easter regatta at Augusta Yacht Club saw a big fleet of Windrush Catamaran's compete in a six race championship event over the Saturday & Sunday of the Easter weekend.

Yachts and crews came from Safety Bay, Shelley & Geographe Bay yacht clubs and together with our local yachts made up the big fleet to hit the water on both days.

Saturday saw 4 heats completed (two in the morning & two in the afternoon) in light to moderate breezes.

On Sunday morning the final two heats were sailed in strong to heavy breeze seeing several of the crews changing their boat setups. In these types of conditions it certainly wasn't "watching grass grow!" with the lead changing several times and sailors finishing quite exhausted but jubilant

The weekend program was concluded with a barbeque lunch followed by presentation of trophies by the club commodore.

Championship results.

1 st	Buzz Box	Mal Buzza	Augusta Y C
2 nd	Moment of Madness	Alec Duncan	Shelley Y C
3 rd	Fragile	Cliff Rolf	Geographe Bay Y C

Handicap results

1 st	Plastic Toy	Steve Gallagher	Shelley Y C
	Flying Unicorn	Mark Heylink	Augusta Y C (tied)
2 nd	Back Cat 2	Simon & Angela Middleton	Shelley Y C
	Yee Ha	Martyn Hewitt	Safety Bay Y C (also tied)
3 rd	Yellow Cat	Eion Lindsay	Augusta Y C

The weekend was a great success and the club is looking forward to running this event again next year with even more cats.

The Pirate.

6.0 COMING EVENTS

6.1 Carnarvon Regatta – June Long Weekend Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE OFF THE BEACH

The Carnarvon Yacht Club invites entries to participate in our W.A Week Regatta from the 30th May to 1st June 2015.

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules of the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, Class Rules and the CYC Sailing instructions.

2. Entries

This Regatta is open to all off the beach classes. Including Junior's (Fire Bugs & cherubs) Five Boats to constitute a class.

3. Fees and Costs

Entry Fee per boat	\$35.00
All junior nominations	free
Saturday Night BBQ Pack & Salads	\$20.00
Social Functions-Music& Pirate Costumes Theme night.	
Sunday Night Presentation	
Adult	\$30.00
chn(12&under)	\$15.00

4. Sailing Instructions

Available at registrations. Saturday 9.30 to 11.00 at CYC.

Sailing instructions will be discussed at race briefing prior to Race 1(1230hrs).

5. Scoring System

Lowest point scoring system five races to count.

6. Trophies and Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in Championship and Handicap. Other trophies or prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the CYC.

7. Course

The course will be conducted in the fascine area directly in front of the club house. The course will consist of a triangle, sausage, triangle course or close too. (Shallow rudders ONLY required) CYC have blades available \$10.00 Pair

8. Accommodation/Camping

Camping is available on the CYC grounds at no cost. The Best Western Hospitality Inn is adjacent to CYC Contact No 99411600

9. Schedule of Events

Saturday 30th		Sunday 31 st		Monday 1st
Race 1	1300hrs	Race 4	930 hrs	Teams Event 0930hrs
Race 2	B/B	Race 5	B/B	
Race 3	1530hrs	Race 6	1300hrs	
BBQ	1800hrs	Presentation	1900hrs	

The CYC members look forward to seeing you on the waters to compete and enjoy the social events programmed.

For more information please contact

- Benny Dei Giudici MOB# 0418 412 039

Please notify by the 17th May 2015 for catering.

All entries received after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$20.00.

7.0 WANTED TO BUY

We have a new member at Shelly who is looking for a good condition boat preferably with foam sandwich hulls. If you know anyone who has one in their shed, wanting to upgrade, or about to retire it, can you email me and I will follow up.

Thanks

Stephen Gallagher

8.0 WINDRUSH ON THE WEB

8.1 Windrush online forum

There is a web forum site which is good and all about cats. It's mainly used by over east guys but us WA guy should get on there and start using it: <http://catsailor.net/forums/forum.php>

It's got a Windrush page now as well, maybe you could put it in a web site section

8.2 Windrush Association Website

Check out our association website: www.windrushassociation.com

If you want to add something or perhaps give Robin, (our website administrator) a hand with it get in touch with him.

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