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## Looking Forward

2013 is going to be another busy year at the Club. The Salad Bar refurbishment starts this month and subject to approval at the AGM the main kitchen refurbishment will start in February. The Rear Commodore House and his team have made arrangements to ensure there will be as little disruption as possible to the catering and Members will be able to enjoy normal lunchtime and evening service. All the social activities such as lecture nights, quiz nights, movie nights and social events including Dave Horler's excellent Jazz Evening on the 19th January will continue as usual.

There is a series of Race Management sessions for everyone from the complete novice to the racers who should be interested on what goes up and down on the various flagpoles on the Starting Platform and Clubhouse. Come and join the fun and keep the spirit of volunteering going.

Ann Brunskill

## Congratulations to Sir Ben Ainslie



Full details of the citation are on the [website](#)

## Stop press

Club Member Tim Riley and his crew Luke Burywood have won the 420 Class at the International Grand Prix Vila de Blanes winning five of the nine races and finishing nine points ahead of their nearest rival..

## Club

**Annual General Meeting Saturday, 8th February, 11.00 am**

The calling notice is on the Club board, along with the General Committee's proposals for nominations for Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore House and four General Committee members. Please check the voting papers when you receive them and make sure they are returned by the due date.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Staff changes continue

Adam Kelly has left for a new post as an IT consultant in Poole. We thank him for his work over the last year in specifying the new system which will replace and considerably improve on our current Enterprise management database in the next year. We have extended our support contract with a local company and Kirsty Timmis will provide the daily oversight. Vicky Leen will move down to the office to provide much needed extra cover on Reception, improve the training and general office support and continue her valuable input to Junior Sailing.

I sadly have to report that our Membership Secretary, Karen Blachford, has given her notice to leave us, for personal reasons. Hers will be a very tough act to follow, but the new IT system should make our lives a lot easier.

Our new House Manager, Iain Robertson, is gradually easing his feet under the table, as time has permitted during this hectic autumn social season. He is working well with Matt and the 1st floor team and has learnt a lot about the way the Club works. He has plenty of ideas for the future and is looking forward to putting them in place, alongside the new kitchen project.

*Kevin Podger, Secretary*

## Social

### Dates for the Diary for January and early February 2013

Tuesday 8th January, Movie Night "The Lady"

Thursday 10th January, Ladies' Informal Lunch

Monday 14th January, Bridge Supper



Tuesday 22nd January, Movie Night "War Horse"

Thursday 24th January, Gentlemen's Informal Lunch



Monday 28th January, Bridge Supper

Thursday 7th February, Quiz Night

[Click on the relevant banners for details of those events](#)

## Reminder

Members who sign up for these events are requested to treat their bookings just like they would normal restaurant bookings. If you are unable to come or may be not staying for food, please let us know in advance by calling the office. This will enable others to come who may have been excluded because the event is full, and save wasting food prepared in the kitchen.

Members should also sign in any guests prior to the start of the Quiz.

## House

## Kitchen Project

### Salad Bar and Kitchen refurbishment project: normal service during the first phase of the refurbishment

As has been announced previously, the Club needs to renovate the Salad Bar and Kitchen. This is essential and, after a year of research and preparation, the Flag Officers and General Committee have approved a two phase project. The first phase, the Salad Bar, should take just under three weeks and will commence on Monday 21st January. During this time there will be normal service for sandwiches, snacks and lunches from the kitchen. We hope there will be minimal disruption for you.

At the AGM on 9th February Members will be asked to approve the release of part of the Capital Reserve to enable the second phase, the Kitchen proper, to be refurbished. A list of questions and answers and a drawing of the project is to be found on the temporary noticeboard in the Bar, or may be read online by clicking [here](#).

Peter Mills is generously acting as Project Manager. If all goes well the whole project should be finished by Easter. Arrangements have been made to for our chefs to support the Club's full range of winter activities from the Slipway Lounge and through the kind offer of the LTSC for the periodic use of their kitchen.

### Any Questions - Saturday 12th January, 11.00 am

If Members have any further questions, I will be available in the Island Room on Sat 12th January to answer questions about the Kitchen project.

*Neil Eccles, Rear Commodore House*

As we go through January with the prospect of miserable weather for the foreseeable future, Club Chef, Matt Doe, has given us the recipe for one of his winter warmers that delight us at the Club and what better ingredient to use than venison - something on our doorstep. Venison is a very lean red meat, lower in fat, calories and cholesterol than other red meat so it's not only delicious but very healthy. Cooked slowly, it is perfect for those cold winter nights sat in front of the fire.

## Matt's Recipe for Venison Casserole

### Ingredients

For the stew

800g of diced venison (shoulder or haunch)

Olive oil for frying

Sea salt and black pepper

2 white onions, diced

3 cloves of garlic, finely chopped

To finish

2 tablespoons cornflour and water to mix

For the sauce

500 ml red wine

Sprig of thyme

Sprig of rosemary

2 bay leaves

250 ml fresh beef stock (bought if you don't have time to make it)

2 tablespoons redcurrant jelly

### Method

Preheat the oven to 150°C. Place the red wine, thyme, rosemary and bay leaves in a saucepan and reduce by half. Add the beef stock and redcurrant jelly and cook on a low heat until the redcurrant jelly has melted.

In a separate frying pan heat the oil and seal the diced venison in small batches to ensure they get a nice brown colour on them. This is important to bring out the flavour. When coloured remove from the pan season with sea salt and freshly milled black pepper and keep on one side with any pan juices. Using the same pan add a little more oil and gently fry the onions until they are starting to become translucent, then add the garlic and cook for a further minute.

Place the venison and onions in an ovenproof dish, pour over the sauce and put the lid on. Put the dish into the preheated oven and cook for 2½ to 3 hours until the meat is tender. When the venison is cooked, remove from the oven and if necessary thicken the sauce with a paste of cornflour mixed with cold water to the required consistency.

Check seasoning and serve with mashed potato and steamed broccoli. Delicious!

## Wines



### Two new Special Section wines for you to try

First we have a good Muscadet Cuvée des Croix Blanches, Loire Valley. At 11.5% it is on the less alcoholic side which we think will suit many, though it is perhaps a wine best accompanied with food. Majestic's tasting notes for this wine are: "Bright, clear with yellow reflections. A light citrus character on the nose with floral touches. The palate is crisp and clean with a fine texture and subtle spritz." While it's not 'sur lie', we thought it good and it will take the place of The Ned Sauvignon Blanc as stocks run out, though doubtless we'll get The Ned back sooner or later.

The Baron de Baussac will be replaced by a really excellent La Plata Malbec from Argentina at 12.5%. Majestic says: "Deep ruby coloured with smoky black fruits of cassis, blackberry and spice. The wine has a concentrated richly textured palate with soft tannins and long finish." Both wines will sell at the usual Special Section price by the glass and by the bottle.



*Michael Coombes, Wine Sub Committee*

## Cruising

On behalf of myself and the Cruising committee I wish you all a Happy New Year and safe sailing for 2013. May I also thank you for supporting our events in 2012 and we look forward seeing you on the water or in the Club throughout 2013.

### Past Events

#### Day Sail to East Cowes 4th December 2012

A poor weather forecast of near gales relented to give a sunny winter's day with force 4 to 5 only. Seventy Club members set out in 14 boats of which 8 were under sail and 6 under motor. Everyone had arrived by mid-day mooring in East Cowes Marina and made their way to the Lifeboat Restaurant. Consensus of opinion dictated a return trip to the same venue next year! There was a brisk and enjoyable return trip for the sailing boats and everyone arrived home before dark. Thanks to Bob Woolley

#### Needles Relief December 15th 2012



Another very successful day whether you were racing, cruising or joined the party by ferry. Eighty Club Members enjoyed lunch at the Royal Solent Yacht Club where the annual impressive RNLI display was watched from a sunny balcony.

My thanks to all who supported our raffle. The winner this year of the 'Guest crew on the Lifeboat' raffle was Jenny Wilson (seen on the right with the Commodore who presented the prizes). The second and third prize winners being Gareth James and Kit Layman.



### Future Events

#### Sunday, 13th January 11.00 am - Seminar on Keeping your Boat Abroad

John Priestley, Neil Eccles, Sir Nigel Southward and Clive Sparrow will give brief presentations on their experiences of cruising the South and West coasts of France, Croatia and Greece; followed by information on yacht transport options from Nick Olney. The meeting will then be thrown open for questions. We hope all interested boat owners will come along and I would ask if you could complete the sign-up sheet on the notice board or [email](mailto:epn@rlymyc.org) me and also indicate if you intend to stay for the Club's carvery lunch.

#### Tuesday 15th January - Cruise to Shalfleet via Newtown Creek

Details are on the [website](http://www.rlymyc.org). Please sign up on the noticeboard.

### Diary Dates:

Friday, 15th February, Day sail to Cowes, Lunch at the Island Sailing Club

Saturday, 2nd March, Annual Cruising Dinner

*Clive Sparrow, Captain of Cruising*

## January Lectures

Wednesday 9th January - Admiral John Lippiett 'The story of the new Mary Rose Museum'

Wednesday 16th January - 16th David Shepherd 'Finns ain't wot they used to be' An Archipelago cruise to Helsinki in 2011

Wednesday 23rd January - Dr. Dominic Fontana 'The Battle of the Solent 1545'

Wednesday 30th January - Phil Batten 'Is it boring being an airline pilot?' Tales from the Captain's seat.

Full details on the [website](#) of these and other forthcoming lectures.

*Nick Olney, Cruising Sub Committee*

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## New Year's Resolution - Cruising Awards

You will have seen in the last ePotterNews that we are encouraging those who had been cruising to use the new simplified system to give us details of the cruising adventures they have carried out this year or indeed in previous years. Due probably to the festive celebrations we have to date received very few such submissions. Please make it one of your New Year's Resolutions to have a crack; it shouldn't take too long to put it all together. Many thanks and have a very happy New Year.

*David Houlton, Cruising Sub Committee*

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## Chart Room

The 2013 Reeds is now in place, as are latest editions of the UKHO Leisure Chart Folios for "East Devon & Dorset coast", "West Country, Falmouth to Teignmouth" and "Chichester/Ramsgate to Calais/Oostende". These complement the Leisure Folios for the Thames Estuary and the Channel Islands.

Once again, members are reminded that charts should not be removed from the Chart Room, please.

*Peter Lowe, Cruising Sub Committee*

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## Volunteers - 2013

The January mailing contains a couple of items concerning volunteers. Firstly you will read in the PotterShip that 2012 was an exciting year for volunteers. Unfortunately this also means that our cover has been blown and you will find out what a lot of fun we have had under the guise of running races both at the Club and further afield.

Secondly there is the 2013 Volunteers form, which is also available on the website. If like me you normally file this in the 'all too hard' bin, please take a moment to read it this year as the format has been simplified and the process has been made more user friendly. We would like Members to give an indication of which events they may be able to support as early in the year as possible. By doing this we recognise that availability can change, but rest assured that, if you subsequently find that you are no longer available, it is much easier for us to find one or two substitutes rather than a whole team at short notice. Also we hope to support new team members by having spare capacity in the team, so that no one finds themselves responsible for a role before they have had sufficient experience.

If you are unsure about volunteering please give it a try, as a Club we have an enviable reputation for running good racing at all levels and to ensure that this continues we are always on the lookout for new expertise. If you need any further information please contact me via [Kirsty](#) or [Sophie](#) in the office, and do attend one or more of our winter training sessions, details of which are below, where I can answer questions.

*Jane Corden, Volunteer Co-ordinator*

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## Race Management Training

Below are details of the courses that the Club will be running this winter. Each session can stand alone but preferably should be seen as part of a complete course. Please let the office know if you plan to attend – standing at the back is uncomfortable!

**Venue:- Sail Loft - 1800 hours**

Tuesday 8th January      Flags and Guns, Whistles and Bells

How the Race Committee talks to competitors.

John

Evans

Tuesday 5th February

Good Recording = Accurate Results = Happy Racers

Role overview and process. Equipment (traditional and modern technology) and preparation. On the course (pre start, start sequence, during and finish). Post Race.

Alastair

Wilson

Tuesday 12th February

Keeping Time

An introduction to the vital role of the Timekeeper in the race team. Preparation of equipment, procedures before, during and after racing. Key interaction with other team members.

Jane

Clegg

Tuesday 5th March

Briefing on the Club's Event Risk Assessment documents.

Kevin Podger, Club Secretary

## Marine Conservation Zones

### Newtown Anchorage Update and request for comments

DEFRA has now published its consultation document on Marine Conservation Zones but has deferred any decision on how to tackle the various zones in and around (amongst others) the Solent and Studland Bay. However this doesn't mean we can put up our feet and relax, far from it. There is a possibility that the East Coast sites may not be as controversial as those on the South Coast and that DEFRA may be testing how changes can be implemented on the less debatable sites before tackling the rest.

The link to the DEFRA report and some initial comments, both as regards the RYA's general approach and specific to Newtown are available on the RYA [website](#). It's a lot of reading, but the better we all understand DEFRA's approach the better the Club, the RYA and we as individuals will be able to argue our case. The RYA would greatly appreciate feedback on the effectiveness or otherwise of their website and its content so as to help them improve their response. An internal RYA planning meeting is being held on 16th January to discuss strategy. Please visit the website and, if you are happy with the RYA recommendations please tell me. Equally if you are not happy give me your comments. These should be [emailed](#) to me by 11th January 2013 and will be passed on to the RYA for their meeting on the 16th January.

*David Brunskill*

## Racing

The racing boats are now mainly laid up for the winter and their maintenance is underway. The programme for 2013 is nearly ready, so look out for it later this month. The draft is on the [website](#) for the early planners.

*Robin Taunt, Captain of Racing*

## Cruiser Racers

I hope everyone has had a wonderful break and a Happy New Year! For cruiser racers thoughts will soon be turning to preparing their boats for the year ahead. Look out for the exciting racing programme of events that has been prepared for 2013. Most notable is the new Saturday series of races designed specifically for Cruiser Racers.

*Charlie Roberts, Captain of Cruiser Racers*

## Needles Relief 2012

Sixteen boats in two classes competed in the annual 'friendly' race. The staggered start from the river start line dispersed the fleet safely down the river to where the race really started. With a flood tide and a 20 to 25 kt SW breeze the fleet tacked along the shore to Hurst Spit. Unfortunately in Class 1 Bob Baker's Brightwork ran aground when well placed, letting Jelly Baby, Jibe and Jitterbug come to the front. Negotiating Hurst Spit successfully with the adverse tide was where the race was won and lost with two boats unfortunately colliding at

this point. The reach to North Head and back was were Jitterbug passed Jibe, but neither of them caught Jelly Baby. From Hurst spinnakers were set for a fast run to the finish of the Royal Solent YC.. In spite of a dramatic broach in front of the Royal Solent Yacht club Jelly Baby held on to win the race.

In Class 2 Kevin Podger in Pallas Athene tried too hard to eke out his meagre one minute's head start over David Houlton's Elinor and the following cavalcade of Unity, Zarik and Aquaholic on the downtide leg to Solent Bank. The fierce tide made the spinnaker reach a little too fine, prompting some female squeals and a hasty drop! Richard Truscott in Unity and Jeremy Vines in Pickle put in neat gybes and the long beat against the tide allowed the bigger boats to stretch their legs. The tide was still running so strongly past Lymington Bank that there was hardly enough time to work up a thirst before the finish line rushed up and it was all over. Unity won by nearly four minutes from Pickle and Zarik, with Pallas Athene, Elinor, Solo, Aquaholic, Contessa Catherine and Ocean Lore following shortly after.

## Dinghies

### Dinghy Park - Annual Maintenance Saturday 19th January

For those with a dinghy in the Dinghy Park, don't forget that the annual maintenance is on Saturday morning the 19th January from 0930 am to 1230 pm. It is basically gardening - picking up weeds, leaves etc plus some pruning and spreading gravel into holes. Many hands make light work. Please bring gloves, gardening bags/bins, gardening tools etc if you can. Any queries should be addressed to Stuart Jardine.

### Setley Pond - Boxing Day

There were three consecutive days of exciting small-boat racing after Christmas. On Boxing Day almost 50 model yachts and their owners



assembled for the annual Setley Cup together with a large crowd of spectators. The event was organised by several of the Club's top race team, including a highly experienced rescue team on the pond. Boats are built to a simple box rule (often from scratch on Christmas day): 66cm long, 0.5 square metres of sail and no stored power or radio control, and are launched by under-16s. A



good proportion of the boats made it to the other side of the pond, which proved a problem for their owners as the car park was flooded to welly depth so getting

to the other side in time was tricky. Annabel Hutchinson's Skittle Boat, honed with a new rig and rudder since it came 2nd last year, won the monohull division comfortably while Emma Bennet's Wild Cat narrowly beat Daisy Baker's Tri Tube in the multihulls. For a full report see <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/167275>.

### Peter Andreae Trophy

Ten of the Club's young sailors braved the weather to compete for the Peter Andreae Trophy, which is sailed in Scows, kindly lent by their owners. Winds from the south west averaging 20 to 22 kts with gusts of over 30 kts provided challenging conditions. It was crucial to judge how far out in the river the wind shadow of the Club stretched as getting that wrong meant losing several places on the very short



legs of the triangular course in the river as several of the 'hot shots' found out.

The last race of the finals was very exciting with a big wind shift to the north combining with a gust of over 30 kts to catch most of the six finalists out; three capsized but showed their ability to right a boat quickly which many of the more mature Monday Night Scow sailors watching would love to emulate.

Stuart Jardine was ably supported by John Evans, Robin Marks, James Walters and Ann Brunskill on the pontoon.

Mary Ann Jardine and Jane Pitt-Pitts took care of registration, allocation of Scows, results and calculating the annual cash prizes to all. Ian Jarman was in charge of boats on the pontoon with Bob Burney/Chris Knox and Peter Mills/Nick Eales and David/Nicholas Brunskill in the RIBs. Kristy Powell organised the seven loan Scows.

Results: 1st Sarah Jarman, 2nd equal - James Dodd and Danielle Thomas, 4th James Marsh, 5th Henry Marsh, 6th James Eales, 7th Emily Walters, 8th Charlie Dodd, 9th Stephen Jarman and 10th Nicholas Walters.



The next day was the Penguin Trophy for senior helms racing two-handed with a minimum combined age of 35. Richard Mason and Chris Sanders won both races in the final, which was otherwise closely contested with three teams tied for second place.

## Penguin Trophy



Several of the Peter Andrae Trophy competitors turned out for the Penguin Trophy the following day, keen to further hone their skills and show the older generation how to do it. Competition was fierce and the watchers on the pontoon had to move on several occasions as the boats skimmed past the end of the pontoon to the finish. The starts provided much entertainment, some of the pre start manoeuvres were worthy of the Americas Cup. The wind was less strong than the previous day and, although no-one capsized, a lot of water was bailed out after some of the mark roundings, leading at least one competitor to complain that he had so much water in his boat it wouldn't go fast enough.

PRO John Evans was assisted on the pontoon by Jane Clegg, Frances Evans. Robin Markes and Jane Pitt-Pitts; Ian Jarman, Stuart and Ado Jardine ran the changeover of boats and technical help on matters such as reefing. Bob Burney and Chris Knox were the mark layers with the support RIB's manned by David and Nicholas Brunskill, Peter Mills and Ann Brunskill. Cherie Dodd dispensed hot coffee and mulled wine with mince pies and produced another magnificent 'Penguin Trophy' Christmas cake which was enjoyed by everyone.



Results: 1st Chris Sanders and Richard Mason, 2nd equal were: Ben Paton and Charlie Dodd, Luke and Emma McEwen and Ben and Hannah Muskett, 5th Phil Lawrence and Sarah Jarman, 6th Jeremy and Maxine Vines.

*Luke McEwen, Captain of Dinghies*

## LR Scows

The Scow Members' appetite for enjoyment and activity continued through December with over 60 sitting down to our Christmas Cheer supper. On the water the year ended with the Penguin Trophy on the 28th December which for some of our new Members was their first race in a Scow! Now that is what I call enthusiasm. 2013 will be another active year of racing and pottering, the details of which will be communicated later this month.

A happy and successful New Year to all in the Scow Division both on and off the water.

*Dunlop Stewart, Captain of Scows*

## Lymington Oppies

### Lymington Youth and Junior Christmas Regatta



This inaugural event was blessed with an exceptionally high tide and plenty of wind. Mixed teams from all or most of the Youth and Junior classes battled it out in Scows over nine back to back races. Each start was cutthroat, every mark rounding a battlefield and every yard hard fought, but Will Bedford (Team Iona Dingle), crewed by Tadhg O Farrell and Millie Boyle showed them all how to do it. 2nd place Fionn O Farrell (Lymington Lifeboat) crewed by Henry Heathcote and Louis Giron, squeezed ahead on count back to Sarah Jarman (Yeah But No But), crewed by Jonah Rogers and Freya Cox. The six other teams all had their moments



of glory, including a spectacular capsize by Robbie Boyd (Teras Rule) with crew Charlotte Bassett and Kai Rogers.

After well earned hot dogs we all retired to the bar for the year's prizegiving, where each class gets the opportunity to highlight some of the outstanding achievements from the year. Needless to say there is not room here to describe such a long list. (The pictures show where Oppies get to when away from Lymington.)

The Oppies have had a surprisingly busy month. The Club hosted almost 60 Oppie sailors for a weekend of winter training, and our sailors have been charging off around the world, training in Greece and flying the flag at major regattas in Mallorca (Trofeo Ciutat de Palma),



Malta (Euromed) and Miami (Orange Bowl Regatta). In Palma, of the 367 sailors from 19 countries, the Lymington boys did Great Britain proud; Robbie King (29th), George Ford (32nd), Milo Gill-Taylor (45th) and Benno Marstaller (74th).

Happy New Year from all the Oppies. Let's hope 2013 is even half as good as 2012!

*George Heathcote*

## Entries now open for the 2013 Lymington RNLI 10K and children's 1K and 2K events - Sunday 12th May

Make this your New Year's Resolution and sign up today at the Lymington Station [website](#) for the 12th 'Run in the Sun'.

This is a family event for all levels of fitness and competitiveness and although the course is not suitable for wheelchair or physically impaired entrants - there being some rugged sections to get up onto the seawall, we have in the past had competitors dress up, push buggies, carry flags and even walk but most enter just to beat their target, their neighbour, their running club hot shot or their rival crew member.

Building on the success of the previous years children's races organised by our friends in the Lymington Triathlon Club - the 1 and 2K fun races have for 2013 increased entry number limits and a team trophy for schools and youth groups entering in the 12 - 14 year old category.

Event sponsors have committed to provide everything from bottled waters to worthy prizes thus ensuring that all entry fees, donations and sponsorship go towards the RNLI at Lymington.

Our ideal is to see you taking part, but if running is not your thing, then please make a note of the date in your diary to come and cheer on the participants.

## RNLI Bridge Drive and Lunch - Monday 4th February

£40 per table from 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. To book your table call Sandra Allpress on 01590 643268.

### FOR SALE

Share in Bavaria 42 'ANAKAO'



A quarter share is available for sale

'Anakao' is based in Lorient, Southern Brittany

Full Cruising Inventory can be sent but briefly includes:

New furling main and genoa 2012

Electric windlass

Liferaft 8 Man serviced 2012

Horizon cockpit-mounted chart plotter 2012.

Vetus bow thruster new 2013.

This is the three cabin layout with master cabin with central double berth and en suite WC basin and shower

Separate aft WC and shower for two double berth guest cabins

'ANAKAO' (more)



A Quarter Share is £25,000 but half is repayable to CGI (The French Societe General Bank over 36 months on a nil interest French Government boatbuilding support scheme). £12,500 cash and the balance of £12,500 over 3 years. Annual running costs, which include marina fees and maintenance are £1500.

Quarter share will give one week a month: March to late October and two weeks in the July and August.

Contact [Peter Fryer](#)

### Small Ads

Email me the details and any photos and the ad will be in one month's ePotterNews. If you don't want your contact details published, interested parties can be asked to contact you via the club pigeon holes in Reception.

Satisfied customers will be requested to make a small donation to Sailability or the RNLI.

The listing of items for sale or wanted in ePotterNews does not indicate that RLymYC has knowledge of the authenticity of the advertisement and does not recommend or guarantee the items advertised and the Club cannot accept any liability in this regard.

Ann Brunskill

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