The Acute Angler

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GOFC News

September Monthly Meeting

Sept 26th 7:00-9:00PM
UF Vet School

Join us for our monthly meeting, as special guest Dr. Mike Allen(UF IFAS Nature Coast Biological Station, Director) discusses various topics with us including their recent Spotted Sea Trout study, along with their current Snook study.

Dr. Allen will also discuss the station itself, including future plans and current needs.

As usual, expect great raffle and door prizes, so be sure to bring some cash!

Other Upcoming GOFC Events

Redfish Round-Up

Date: October 14th 7:00AM
Location: Steinhatchee

Awards

- Heaviest Redfish ($100)
- Second Heaviest Redfish ($75)
- Third Heaviest Redfish ($50)

Additionally, each winner will receive a free hat from "HomeRun Fishing 61: Quest to Catch the Best"

October Monthly Meeting
Date: October 24th 7:00PM
Location: UF Vet School

P&J Marine will provide a special guest to educate participants on ways help maintain their boats. Door prizes and raffle prizes abound, be sure to attend this one!

Important Reminders

- You can **earn Ellet Points** by submitting articles for the newsletter and magazine!
- Debby will be available to collect **membership dues** at the next meeting
- **New shirts are in!** They are available for purchase at the next meeting, only $15 each! Sizes S-XL are available but they are going fast!

The mission of the Gainesville Offshore Fishing Club is to promote and support recreational saltwater fishing in the Big Bend area; to provide educational and recreational experiences for its members of all ages; and, to promote responsible conservation of saltwater resources.

Fish Caught in August/September

Angler: Jerry Rose
Fish: Bluefish
Weight: 2.9 lbs
Date Caught: 8/04/17
Lure/Bait: Mirrolure Mirrodine
Location: Crystal River

Angler: Hal Wilson
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 3.70 lbs
Date Caught: 8/16/17
Lure/Bait: Hard Bait
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Marcia Ellet
Fish: Cobia
Weight: 16 lbs 10 oz
Date Caught: 9/03/17
Lure/Bait: Live Shiner
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Jerry Rose
Fish: Flounder
Weight: 1.41 lbs
Date Caught: 8/13/17
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Inglis Barge Canal

Angler: Hal Wison
Fish: Grouper– Gag
Weight: 7.00 lbs
Date Caught: 8/20/17
Lure/Bait: Pinfish
Location: Cedar Key 55'

Angler: David Patterson
Fish: Spanish Mackeral
Weight: 2.67 lbs
Date Caught: 9/17/17
Lure/Bait: Jig
Location: Steinhatchee

Angler: Phil Wagner
Fish: African Pompano
Weight: 8.0 lbs
Date Caught: 8/18/17
Lure/Bait: Threadfin Herring
Location: Cedar Key

Angler: Jerry Rose
Fish: Redfish
Weight: 5.48 lbs
Date Caught: 9/03/17
Lure/Bait: Shrimp
Location: Eyestalks River

Angler: David Patterson
Fish: Red Snapper
Weight: 13.9 lbs
Date Caught: 9/04/17
Lure/Bait: Live Bait
Location: Steinhatchee

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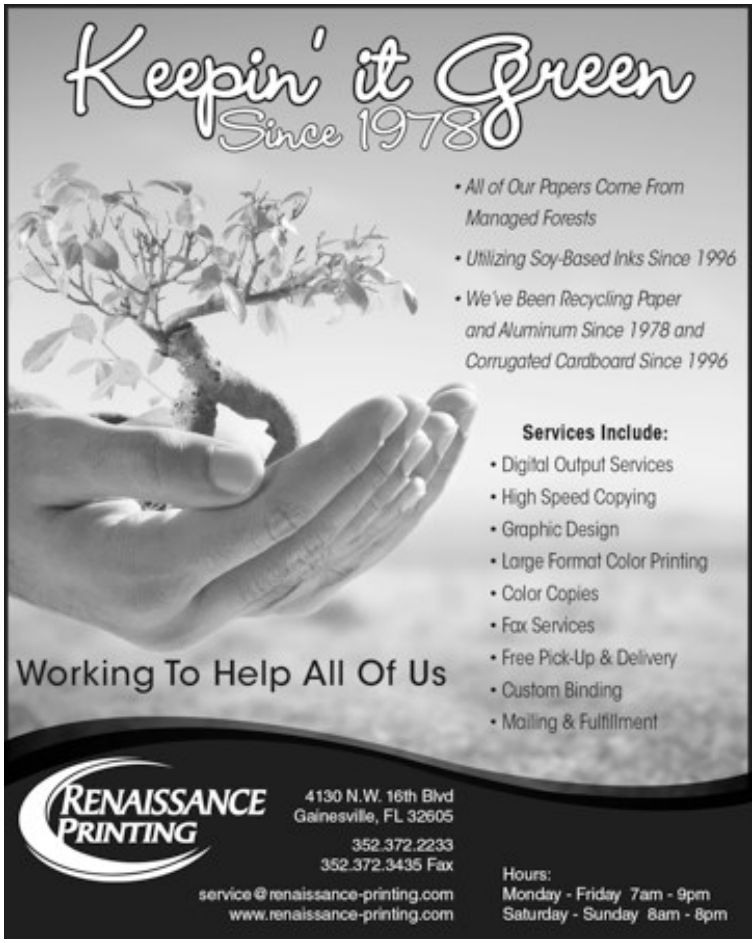

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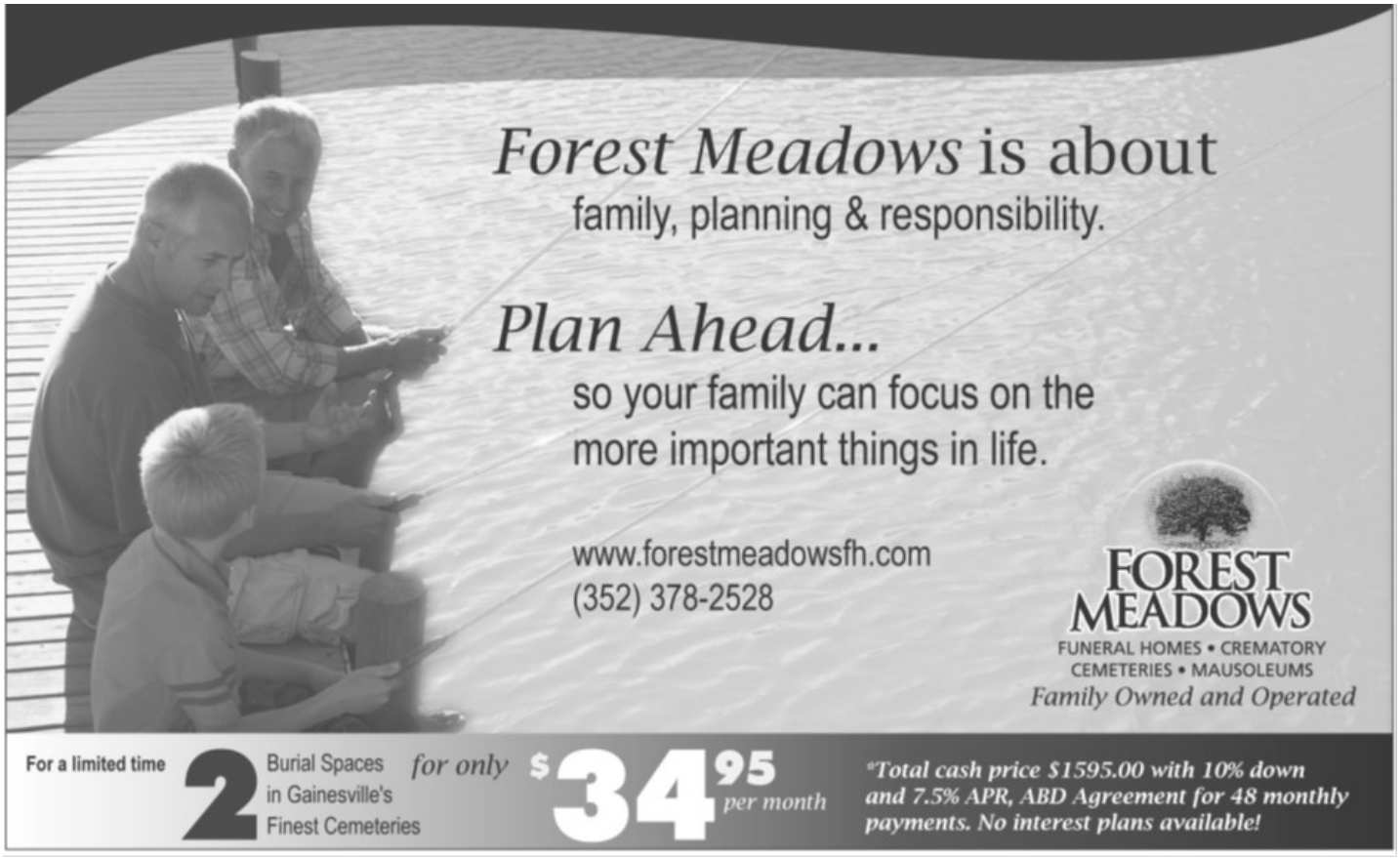

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2017 Shrimping Learn-a-ment

Ed Ellet

Participants relished the opportunity for above with high awareness, category 4, Hurricane Harvey was changing the lives of many the same day in the fine state of Texas! What a difference a day can make! Always, somewhat surreal to be having such a nice time on the water with calm mother nature, when elsewhere, at same instance, mother nature is stirred up and clobbering folks!

Weather conditions were ideal with light wind and cloud cover – not too hot for this time of year. Though shrimp numbers were not in the 50-75 count per multiple cast net throws of earlier scouting trip with Tom Bacsik and Ryan Kremser, the numbers were still good for all to come home with 2-4 gallons of shrimp – several throws in 10-20 range.

<u>Here are some trip highlights and pictures:</u>

The Virgil Cooper, Tim and Linda Pederson boat had most success with five gallon boat limit culling to three gallons of large shrimp. Not bad for half a day of throwing nets! Also, thank you for loaning my crew a webbed net – two had webbed nets and two did not – definitely made a difference!

Dominic Greco, wife – Myra Urso, and, children Desi and Katie definitely had the most colorful boat (especially, the Captain) and efficient shrimp harvesting system. Dominic was throwing two nets well, daughters Katie and Desi would bring them in, and, Myra would supervise team from pink bean bag chair in the front. Myra was heard multiple times asking the net thrower to speed up the pace.

Kevin Poe, wife – Anita, and daughter, Alayna employed a similar system, quite successfully, as the Greco boat. A net did happen to slip from Anita's wrist, Kevin hit the water in pursuit, and, the St. John's River now owns the net. Just don't understand why Kevin could not find Anita's net in 20 feet of dark water with current JMarcia Ellett, Mark Rustemier and others can relate to this experience – Anita you are not alone!

Brandey Andersen, with my crew, cast netted her first every shrimp (and many more). Also, my crew awaits our Costa buff modeling recognition from Costa as we all showed up wearing Costa buffs Ryan Cremser passed out at last month's GOFC meeting (not planned, just happened). Thank you Ryan and Costa – they came in handy! I guess Costa would, also, be very pleased if we all showed up with new Costa sunglasses too – maybe, this will happen on another trip.

Charlie Courtney was pictured briefly on the water with visiting son, Matt, and wife, Debby. The Courtney's were on the move having been to Steinhatchee the day before for boat ride and Roy's Restaurant visit, shrimping Saturday and back to Steinhatchee scalloping the following day. Talk about packing in the Florida experience for sons visit!

FWC Updates

Gray Triggerfish Recreational Season

Recreational gray triggerfish season will open to harvest in Gulf state waters Sept. 1-4, 9 and 10 and Oct. 7, 8, 14, and 15. The season remains closed in Gulf federal waters through Dec. 31, 2017.

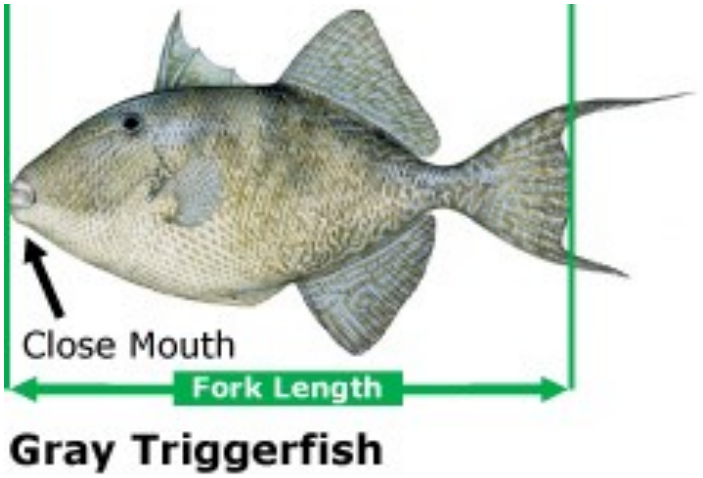
State Regulations and Harvest Seasons

Minimum size: 14” fork length

Daily bag: 2 per person

Gulf: Recreational gray triggerfish season will open to harvest in Gulf state waters Sept. 1-4, 9 and 10 and Oct. 7, 8, 14, and 15.

Atlantic: Open year-round



Gray Triggerfish

Federal Waters Harvest Season

Minimum size: 12” fork length

Daily bag: 10 per person

Gulf of Mexico: 14" FL; 2 fish bag limit within 20 reef fish aggregate. **Closed through Dec. 31, 2017, reopening to harvest Jan. 1, 2018.**

Atlantic: 14” FL; included in the 20 fish snapper grouper aggregate bag limit.

Gear Requirements

- Legal Gear: hook and line, spears, gigs
- Reef fish gear requirements apply

Habitat and Fishing Tips

Triggerfish inhabit hard bottom ledges and artificial reefs in water depths that exceed 80 feet. Because they prefer the same type of habitat, they are almost always found in association with red snapper. Triggerfish feed primarily on benthic invertebrates including crabs, sea urchins, shrimp, sand dollars and mollusks. Recreational anglers commonly catch triggers on squid or cut bait but they are also harvested by spear fishing. Triggerfish are notorious bait stealers and often frustrate anglers targeting larger snapper and grouper. Because triggerfish have a hard, bony mouth, it is very important to use a small, very sharp hook. Light to medium bottom fishing equipment with 20 to 50 pound test line is sufficient for triggerfish which average 2 to 4 pounds.

http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/triggerfish/

Goliath Grouper Workshops

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) needs your input on goliath grouper management, including the possibility of a limited harvest in state waters. Share your input and learn about the current status of goliath grouper by attending a workshop.

In-person workshops will be from 5 to 8 p.m. local time (except the Tallahassee meeting, which will be from 6 to 9 p.m.):

Oct. 9: Jacksonville, Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Blvd.
Oct. 10: Titusville, American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, 6350 Horizon Drive
Oct. 11: Stuart, Flagler Place, 201 SW Flagler Ave.
Oct. 12: Davie, Old Davie School Historical Museum, 6650 Griffin Road
Oct. 16: Pinellas Park, Bill Jackson's Shop for Adventure, 9501 U.S. Highway 19 N
Oct. 17: Port Charlotte, The Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St.
Oct. 18: Collier County Public Library - South Regional, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway
Oct. 25: Tallahassee, FWC Bryant Building, Room 272, 600 S. Meridian St. (6-9 p.m. ET)

Goliath Grouper Virtual Workshop

This on-demand virtual workshop includes the same content as what is being given at the in-person workshops. **To participate** in this on-demand virtual workshop, please **view the workshop presentation video first**, and then **take the workshop survey**.
Open-ended comments may also be submitted online at MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments.

http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/rulemaking/workshops/

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Bay Scallop Workshops

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) needs your feedback on the staggered bay scallop season structure that was implemented for 2017, as well as your input on the bay scallop fishery in general.

The following workshop will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time:

Oct. 12: Port St. Joe, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, Robert M. Moore Administration Bldg., 1000 Cecil G. Costin Sr. Blvd.

The following workshops will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. local time:

Oct. 16: Steinhatchee, Steinhatchee Landing Resort, 219 NE Highway 51

Oct. 17: Land O' Lakes, Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex, Meeting Rooms 3 & 4, 3032 Collier Parkway

Oct. 18: Crystal River, Crystal River City Council Chambers, 123 NW Highway 19

Oct. 26: Carrabelle, Franklin County Senior Center, 201 NW Avenue

If you cannot attend an in-person meeting, submit comments online by visiting MyFWC.com/waterComments

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Fishing Report

Jerry Rose

I was eager to get back on the water after a period of several weeks with bad weekend weather and family plans keeping me onshore. I invited a neighbor/friend David to join me. The plan was target some big redfish out of Crystal River.

We found the fish early. First fish was right at 26"(a nice 5.48lb fish to enter in the Ellet contest), second fish a 22", then a few break offs from giants on light tackle, and then a nice 29" over slot red fish. In the mix we landed a few trout, some big mangrove snapper, and some grunts.

With our reds in the box early and the day still young, we opted to leave them biting in search of some snook or trout. That plan did not exactly play out well. We only managed a little 14" snook-lite. Some oyster bars that will often give up good trout did no produce more than a big school of ladyfish for us today. Water temp was about 85 degrees, shrimp on a jig took most of the fish this day. The bite seemed to be the best early, as things got slow toward the noon hour.

Now to get out and work on knocking out some of the offshore species!

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20th Annual Boat Owners Tournament Results

LARGEST GROUPER:
1st place - Woody Bozeman 12.61lb
2nd place - David Bozeman 11.37lb
3rd place - Jeff Hess 8.57lb

GROUPER STRINGER:
1st place - Capt. David Bozeman & Crew 23.98lb
2nd place - Capt. Ryan VanWagner & crew 13.17lb
3rd place - Capt. John King & Crew 8.57lb

LARGEST REDFISH:
1st place - Donnie Harris 6.25lb
2nd place - Ruth Ballard 5.56lb
3rd place - Socrates Conomos 5.27lb

LARGEST SPANISH MACKEREL:
1st place- Bert Pilcher 2.64lb
2nd place- John King 1.80lb
3rd place- Missy King 1.69lb

LARGEST TROUT:
1st place - Nelson Smitty 2.88lb
2nd place - Cassie Smitty 2.09lb
3rd place - Donnie Harris 1.93lb

TROUT STRINGER:
1st place - Capt. Nelson Smitty & crew 8.92lb
2nd place - Capt. Eric Hasty & crew 6.40lb
3rd place - Capt. Donnie Harris & crew 1.93lb

KIDS DIVISION:
1st place - Cayden Nickel 4.53lb Red Snapper
2nd place - Chapman Stewart 3.88lb Redfish
3rd place - Will Peebles 3.12 Redfish
4th place - Evan Peebles 2.38lb Redfish

BASS STRINGER:
1st place - Capt. Billy Jackson & Crew 6.47lb
2nd place - Capt Jerry Brown & Crew 5.13lb

SLAM AWARD:
Capt. John King & Crew

LARGEST BASS:
1st place - Jerry Brown 2.30lb
2nd place - Greg Swearingen 1.68lb
3rd place - Gordon Moore 1.65

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Featured Seafood Recipes:

Creole Redfish Court-bouillon
Recipe from: Emeril Lagasse

Ingredients:
- 1/2c vegetable oil
- 3/4c all-purpose flour
- 1c chopped yellow onions
- 1/2c chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2c chopped celery
- 1T minced garlic
- 1 bay leaf
- 2T tomato paste
- 1/2c dry sherry
- 5c fish stock or shrimp stock
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1t sugar
- 2t salt
- 1/2t ground black pepper
- 1/2t crushed red pepper flakes
- 6 redfish (each about 6 ounces), cut in 1/2 on the diagonal
- 2T olive oil
- 2t Cajun/Creole seasoning of choice
- 4T unsalted butter
- 3c cooked long-grain white rice, for servings

Directions:
1. Heat the vegetable oil in a Dutch oven or large, heavy pot over medium-high heat.
2. Add the flour, reduce the heat to medium, and cook, stirring constantly for about 15 minutes.
3. Add the onions, bell peppers, and celery, and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
4. Add the garlic and bay leaves, and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds.
5. Place the tomato paste in a small bowl and whisk in the sherry to blend. Then add to the pot, and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds.
6. Add the stock, tomatoes, sugar, salt, black pepper, and red pepper flakes and whisk to mix.
7. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and cook, stirring, occasionally, for 20 to 25 minutes.
8. Whisk in the butter until incorporated. Remove from the heat, taste, and adjust seasoning, if necessary.
9. Preheat a grill to medium.
10. Brush the fish with the olive oil and season the fish with the Cajun/Creole seasoning.
11. Grill the fish, basting with olive oil occasionally for about 8 minutes. Turn the fish and repeat.
12. Return the court bouillon to the heat, add the fish, and simmer about 3 to 4 minutes longer.
13. To serve, spoon ½ cup of rice into the center of six large soup bowls and divide the red fish court bouillon equally among them.
14. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley or green onion.

Caribbean Grilled Whole Red Snapper
Recipe From: Immaculate Bites

Ingredients:
- 1- 2 Whole red snapper
- 1-2 fresh lemons
- salt to taste
- 1t ground white pepper
- 1t ground all spice
- 1T minced garlic
- 1t minced ginger
- 1t paprika
- 2t thyme (finely chopped)
- 1/2c basil or parsley (coarsely chopped)
- 1t (or more) Chicken Bouillon
- Cooking Oil
- Plantains or vegetables to grill

Directions:
1. Make three–four diagonal cuts in each side of the fish, all the way through the bone. Season fish with salt, pepper, and squeeze some lemon over it. Set aside
2. In a small bowl mix white pepper, all spice, minced garlic , ginger, paprika, thyme, basil, parsley , chicken bouillon and oil.
3. Pour the marinade over the fish, and gently flip them back and forth until coated inside and out and let marinate in the fridge for up to 24 hours.
4. Preheat to high heat. Wipe down the grill basket with oil towel and them immediately lay the fish down in the fish casket. Let them grill for about 1-2 minutes on each side
5. Reduce to medium high, and then cover the grill if you have a gas grill. If you are using a small bbq grill, leave the fish on the open grill or hot charcoal.
6. Baste fish with the marinade.
7. Let the fish cook for a total of 3-4 minutes on each side.
8. Serve immediately with grilled vegetables or plantains.

Time to renew your club membership

It's now easier than ever to renew. Just go to the "Join now!" tab on the GOFC website (http://www.gofc.us/wp/join-now/), fill out the form online and pay using PayPal, only $50 gets you a full membership through 2016 if you have not joined yet or are renewing.

If you'd prefer to support the US Post Office, complete the NEW MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL form (download from the website) and mail it to the GOFC Treasurer.

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Please make your check payable to GOFC.

Or just bring cash, a check or a credit card to the next club meeting and pay Debby at the meeting.

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