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Duck Island Yacht Club

Founded in 1932

Happy mid-May!



The racing has begun for our 2024 season!

2024 Commissioning Day ~ Friday May 31st 6pm

TGIF style (bring appetizer to share and BYOB)

****Donations Needed: Paper towels & Toilet Paper****



31 MORE DAYS!!

June 20th – Thursday One Design Series begins

1st Gun at 18:00* Echelles class

(*Note: earlier start time)

1st Gun at 18:30 JY15 and Laser class
(Low tide 4:21pm)

Memorial Day Cruise.....5 MORE DAYS!!

Sunday evening (May 26) will be carry in supper and all welcome.

[Click for more info](#) or go to our Cruising tab on our website



Our membership has slowly decreased over the years so we encourage all racers and friends of DIYC to consider joining our DIYC family. Please know it is greatly appreciated as it will directly support all aspects of our club today and for years to come.

Our [Membership Information link](#) on our website gives a description, along w/the application and recommendation form (which are towards the end of this newsletter).



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Member Spotlight

2024 Club Steward/Assistants and Race Committee Volunteers

What we do: It all starts when our Club Steward arrives to get the marks ready, along with the boats. All other race committee arrive, hop on either Sitting Duck (our signal boat) or Mighty Duck (our chase boat). While underway the Professional Race Officer (PRO) starts to check the weather including wind, wind speed, wind direction, forecasts and picks a location to drop anchor. A course will be chosen based on the weather and will be posted on our course board. Mighty Duck will head out to set the marks. (Usually a windward mark and on occasion a leeward mark) One member on Sitting Duck will log all race boats that are required to come by to check in. Mighty Duck will come back and set another mark to set the start line (which is usually perpendicular to the windward mark). Flags are organized and are ready to be deployed

Start sequence...1st warning at 6:30pm Class flag goes up. After 1 min prep flag goes up (stays up for 3 min) After a 4 min prep flag goes down w/horn. 1 minute to go. And Class 1 flag goes down and Class 2 flag goes up. Rolling Starts.....look for people over early and we give courtesy call over the radio.

A fun perk is now we get to sit back, and watch the race looking for good competition while being ready for finishers. As boats approach the finish line the PRO will set themselves up to see the finish line and blows a horn as each boat crosses the line. Someone is on a timer calling out times. Someone else is logging those times on the scoresheet. Usually we have 2 scorers. Once everyone finishes the marks get picked up and deflated and everyone motors in and heads to the club for food and drinks. The final thing to do is someone inputs the scores into Yachtscoring.

And last but surely not least is that everyone has fun!



Our 2024 Club Steward and Steward Assistants

Braden Porter – Club Steward

An 11th grader at Xavier High School, on the sailing team and has a small business waxing boats. Braden has been on boats his entire life and is very comfortable in and around them.

London Porter – Steward Assistant

A 9th grader at Mercy High, on the tennis team & babysits!
London has been on boats since birth and along w/her brother; she has never missed supporting dad and crew of XLR8 during Block Island's Race Week!

Jameson McCarthy – Steward Assistant

A 7th grader at Westbrook Middle School
Jameson has been on boats since birth as well and has raced on JY15 since age 5
At age 8, he and his dad, won the 2019 North America JY15 Nationals!
This summer he will be attending Pettipaug Yacht Club's sailing camp.



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I reached out to all the Race Committee volunteers that I knew of (sorry if I missed you) and ask them to share a personal experience that they may have had as a RC volunteer.

Also what day(s) they volunteer and what their jobs are.

Here are their responses:



Todd McKenzie

PRO for Bob McLellan Series for over 20 YEARS!
Since the age of 20 Todd has raced and has owned/raced his 2 Melges 24 at DIYC

Todd Berman

PRO for Shirley Hall Series for 10 years - a solo act until a couple of years ago!
Todd also crews on XLR8

Norb Church

He has volunteered for at least 5 years.
PRO for One Design and occasionally for Bob McLellan Series
He also has been the PRO and volunteered for our ECSA regattas
Norb started sailing as a kid racing on Blue Jays and Lightnings!

Dick Saunders

You name it and he has done it!
Dick also enters all scores into Yachtscoring for all DIYC races.
Races on his own boat - Out of Reach

Sue Reilly (US Sailing Race Officer)

PRO for some of our ECSA regattas

Brenda Miller-Black (newly US Sailing Race Officer certified)

She has volunteered for One Design Series since 2014
She helps where she is needed
"It is a lot of fun! DIYC allows my autistic daughter to join me as needed so
DIYC holds a special place in my heart."

John Clapp

He is a newer volunteer for Shirley Hall Series
"I grew up around sailing on an arm of the Chesapeake Bay just south of Annapolis Maryland, which we thought the sailing capitol of the East Coast. I suspect some DIYC members might challenge that idea, so perhaps the Naval Academy historians should be consulted! My parents were part of a sailing club where we did one-design racing: 18' Hamptons. I have been a dingy sailor ever since. I keep one of my boats, a Hobie Holder, at Winding Trails in Farmington: the beautiful sail gets photographed a lot. My AMF Alcott Puffer is currently looking to rent a slip or a spot on a beach on a lake in the Hartford area.

Being part of DIYC for one year, and joining Ruth and many others on the Race Committee in 2023 was great learning experience for me; I hope to deepen the connection with the RC in 2024.
Thanks to DIYC for the opportunity to learn about big boat racing"

Ruth Emblin





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Martha Ifkovic

She volunteers for Shirley Hall, McLellan and One Design Series and our ECSA races.
She is responsible for deploying flags

Jessi Kneier

Judy Gill

Cherie Calabrese

She has volunteered for almost all races for many years.
Cherie is a main source for racing photos

Photos Wanted



Send to Robin via diyc.pub@gmail.com

Team One Newport (DIYC
SWAG)

BOG Updates

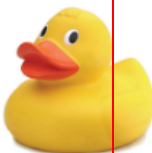
- ❖ *Norb Church was approved for transition from Social to Active membership status.*
- ❖ *We have approved that sale of Little Duck, which has been under-utilized of late. Proceeds partially offset the cost of Mighty Duck's new engine.*

Regards, David Nauber

Treasurer's Report

- Monthly bills (Eversource & webhosting) paid*
- Thank you for your dues payments*
- I am looking to set up ways for online payments*
- Working on our budget w/Anne*

Thank you, T. J. diyc.treasurer@gmail.com





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RACE INFO

Thank you, Ruth diyrc.race@gmail.com

DIYC SPRING REGATTA

Saturday June 1st

REGISTER NOW

FLEET NEWS

Dry storage boats

Be sure not to extend beyond the fence into Atlantic Outboard's yard including masts that are not raised.

Thank you, Roger fleet.captain@diyrc.com

A composite graphic for National Safe Boating Week. On the left is a dark blue vertical banner with the text "TODAY'S TIP" in orange, "NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK" in white, and "MAY 18-24, 2024" at the bottom. In the center is a white silhouette of a boat. On the right is a photo of a man with a beard and sunglasses wearing a blue life vest on a boat. Above the photo is the text "Always pay attention and maintain full visibility when operating a vessel". The dimensions "1,200 x 630" are in the bottom right corner.

TODAY'S TIP

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

MAY 18-24, 2024

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and maintain full visibility when operating a vessel

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Cruise Highlights

Memorial Day – Hamburg Cove, Friday May 24-27

(This Weekend ~ Come join the fun!)

Hosted by Bob and Roz Weinstein

Cocktail party on Saturday evening, a carry-in supper on Sunday
An overall relaxing weekend celebrating the start of the summer!

[Click here for cruise details](#)

MOORING REGULATION REMINDER

- 1) Moorings are available on a "first come, first served" basis, subject to the following priorities
- A) DIYC Active members
 - B) Where permitted, guests of DIYC members when cruising with a member yacht
 - C) Where permitted members of yacht clubs which grant reciprocal privileges to DIYC

DIYC members may not offer the use of the Club moorings to other individuals

For full mooring locations & regulations

See our DIYC website and click on "Member Only" section

See you out on the sound! ~ Check out the cruise link online [here](#)

Thank you, Lauren cruise.chairman@diyc.com



SAIL FAST AND SAIL SAFE NEWPORT BERMUDA RACERS

Condo Happenings (Thank you, Mark Salerno-Condo Secretary)

- *Mark Salerno replaced security camera's with new ones*

In the near future we will:

- *Overhaul the wiring to the crane (parts have been ordered for this)*
- *There are 4 "dock's" that need attention, and we are finalizing that in the hope of having it done before the season is in full swing.*



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SOCIAL CENTRAL

May 31st (Friday) 6pm – 2024 Commissioning Day

TGIF style – Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB

June 1st (Saturday) – Spring Regatta Party

Volunteers needed please contact Jessi jessikneir@sbcglobal.net

June TBD - Dames on the Deck

Bring an appetizer to share and BYOB

Contact Ruth diyc.race@gmail.com interested in joining in on this fun ladies event!

Grillin' & Chillin' will be every Wednesday*

During Spring & Summer Series on the Club's deck!

(*Except during Fleet Captain's Series)

(Ch)Burger (meat or veggie) w/salad \$4

Hot dog w/salad \$3 Salad only \$4

Combo (burger & dog) w/salad \$6 ~ no sharing please

HONOR SYSTEM ~ CASH ONLY w/limited change on hand

Reminder: We are a BYOB Club

We would like to see all Wednesday boats/racers take a turn at grill duty.
Free burgers/hot dogs for the grillers on the night you grill.

June 5th – G&C w/Team Velocity as grillers

June 12th – G&C w/Team Backfox as grillers

June 19th – G&C w/Team Elusive as grillers

June 26th – G&C w/Team Fusion & Prism as grillers

TBD: TGIF, Raft Ups & Awards Banquet

If anyone would like to help out with social events please contact me.

Thank you, Jessi jessikneier@sbcglobal.net

Not a racer? But want to be in the action?

Consider joining race committee!

Contact Ruth at diyc.race@gmail.com





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Secretary's Summaries:

- ✓ 2024 Annual dues were due on April 1, 2024
- ✓ If you have not yet mailed your dues and updated member info form, please do so asap
- ✓ If you have any questions/need another copy of the dues letter and form, please email me
- ✓ April 9th Officers' meeting minutes have been approved and posted!

Members Only
Requires userid & pswd

Find them on our website here →

Thank you, Renee secretary@diyc.com



*Thank you Al Eddy (crew on Fusion)
for donating these mandevilla plants
year after year!*



Vice Commodore's Comments

- *Thank you those with trailers for parking within the new lines! Hope this allows us to get all trailers a spot and racers/visitors a spot as well.*
- *A new fire blanket has arrived and will be installed in the kitchen soon.*
- *Our Clubhouse is available for members to rent (\$100 a day). Rental agreement is attached and also found in the "Member Only" section on the website.*
- *Photo sharing – coming soon!*

Thank You, Mike Vice.commodore@diyc.com





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Commodore's Corner

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**Donations needed for our Clubhouse: Paper towels & toilet paper please

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2024 Annual Meeting & End of Summer TGIF
Friday, September 27th 6pm

**We are looking for a tent to use for Thundermug for the deck.
If you know of one or would like to lend us one please email/phone me!**

Next Officer's Meeting: *Monday June 10th* (5:30p) at DIYC

Thank you, Anne commodore@diyc.com

CUBA LIBRE

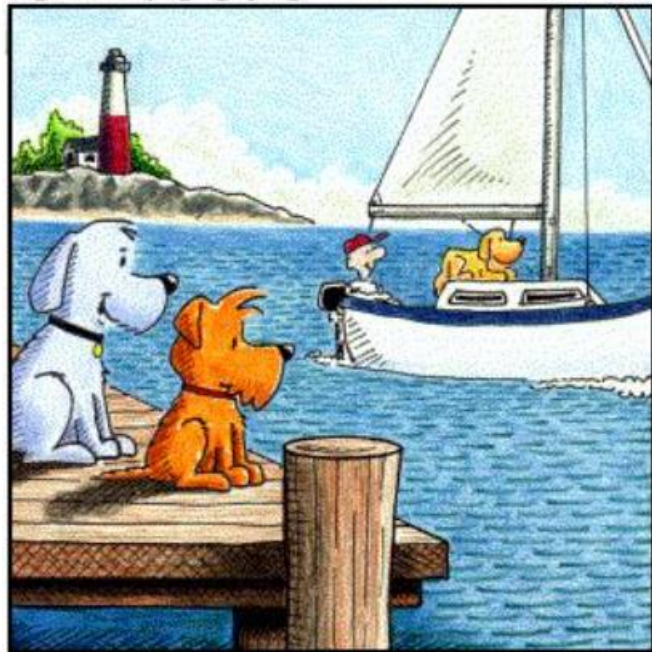
50 ML WHITE RUM
120 ML COLA
10 ML LIME JUICE

Build all ingredients in a tall glass filled with ice. Garnish with lime wedge.



SAILTOONS

by Michael Malzone



**HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD
OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!**



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DIYC Website News & Updates

[One Design](#)

[Bob McLellan Summer](#)

[Fleet Captain's](#)

DIYC ECSA Regatta Dates

[Spring Regatta](#) June 1st

[Daytime Distance Bonus Pts](#) Sept 28th





[Thundermuq Bonus Pts](#) Oct 19th

Bill's Cup Sept 11th 1st Gun 18:00 (to be confirmed)

Thank you, Dick webmaster@diyc.com

<u>Previous Month</u>		June			<u>Next Month</u>	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gray items are last years positions or best guess. When date is confirmed it'll be changed to red. DIYC ECSA Events. Non-DIYC events.						1 ECSA Spring Regatta 1st Gun 11:00 **Party**
2	3	4	5 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 5 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' Velocity	6	7 Spring Off Soundings	8 Spring Off Soundings
9	10 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	11 Shirley Hall Series Race 3 1st Gun 18:30	12 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 6 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' Backfox	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 7 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' Elusive	20 One Design Series Race 1 1st Gun 18:30	21 Newport Bermuda 2024 begins. Good Luck, Duckies!	22
23	24 Mainsheet Newsletter eBlast	25 Shirley Hall Series Race 4 1st Gun 18:30	26 Bob McLellan Summer Series Race 1 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' Fusion & Prism	27 One Design Series Race 2 1st Gun 18:30	28	29
30						

Other Happenings:

-  Race to Alaska starts – June 9th & 12th
-  DIYC mark [chart](#) (click link or see chart below)
-  June tide [chart](#) (click link or see chart below)
-  **NEXT The Mainsheet Newsletter – June 20th**



- Spotlight on Class 3 boats ~thank you Mark McCarthy for the idea

That's all for now Duckies ☺.....Cheers & Thank you, Robin diyc.pub@gmail.com



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DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB Inc

Membership Application



TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one) Active Social

Children under Age 26 by 4/1? Yes No

A Social member may not own a boat greater than 20 feet

Name _____
Last First Spouse/Significant other

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Applicant:

Cell Phone _____ Home phone _____ E-mail _____

Spouse/Significant other:

Cell Phone _____ Home phone _____ E-mail _____

Children (names and ages) _____

Occupation (Applicant) _____ Company _____

Work Address _____
Street City State Zip Phone

Occupation (Spouse) _____ Company _____

Work Address _____
Street City State Zip Phone

Boat Name: _____ Make _____ Type _____ Sail # _____

Boat Location: (Where is it docked?) _____

Proposals: Applicant must be proposed by current Active (not Social) Members of Duck Island Yacht Club

Proposed By: _____

Seconded By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Applicant & Member Responsibility: I understand the success of Duck Island Yacht Club requires 100% involvement of its members. I agree to do my part as an active contributor to the work responsibilities of the club.

The applicant understands and agrees to all the requirements of Active/Social Membership and agrees to comply with all DIYC rules and bylaws.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

*Proposer/Seconds must recommend the applicant for membership by completing the New Member Recommendation Form. They must be Active (not Social) Members in good standing and must know the Applicant.

**All completed forms are to be submitted to the Proposer of this member.

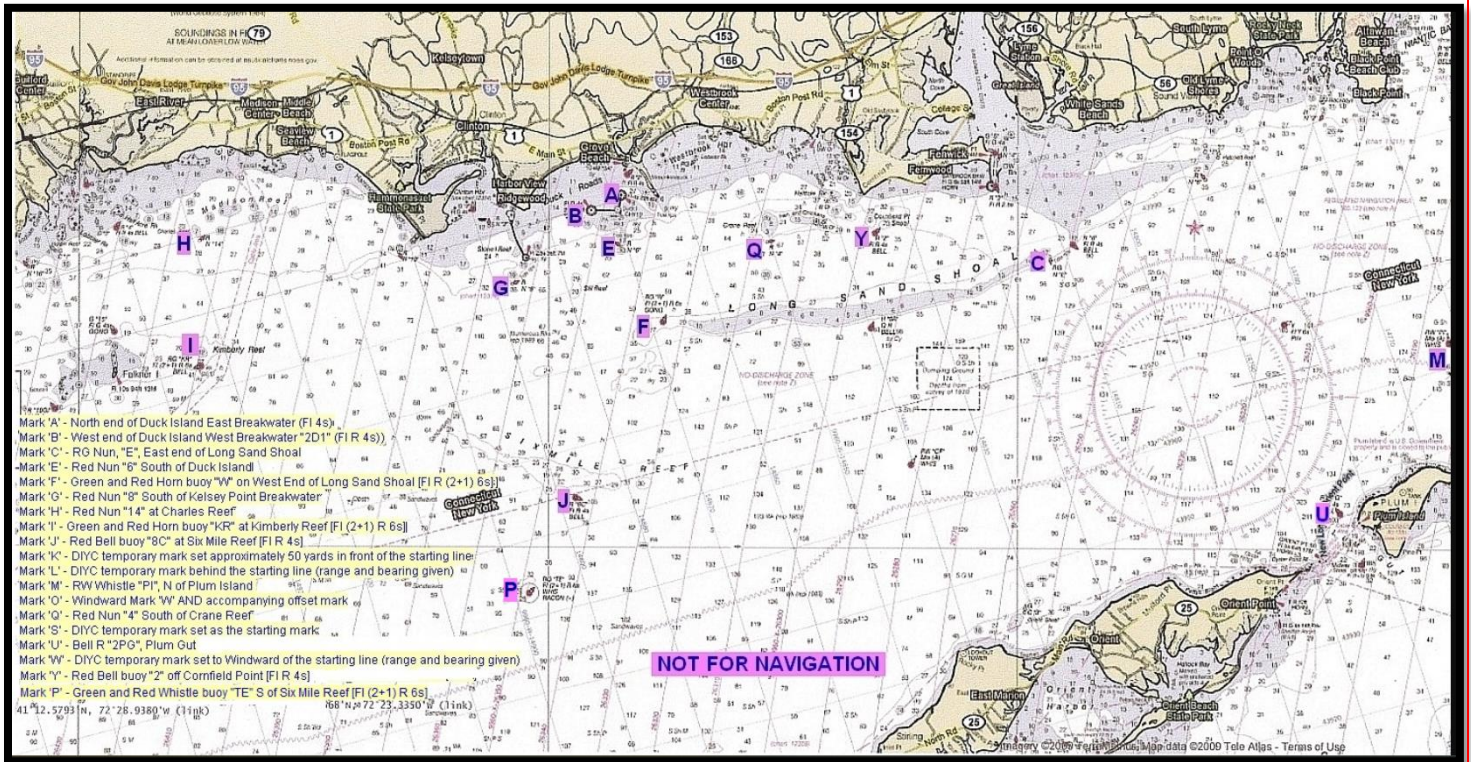
The proposer will then mail all completed forms with the appropriate fees (see Membership Options) to the DIYC Secretary.



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Our DIYC race marks chart

[Click here for larger version](#)



DREDGING

I received this email...anyone interested in helping with their study please do so (I have no further information, Robin)

The Connecticut Port Authority is working with the US Army Corps of Engineers and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to identify future dredging needs and material placement opportunities. You are being contacted as a waterway asset manager/owner within Connecticut. Please **complete the following information by July 31, 2024** to update the inventory.

Multiple options have been provided for submitting this questionnaire. You may enter your response directly into the database using the following link.

<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/a3a5afK9YH>

There is also an opportunity to share dredging requirements, placement needs or placement opportunities in the "additional comments" box at the end of the questionnaire.

Your response is very important to this dredged material management study. Individual responses will be collected and tabulated by waterway, facility type, and type of response, but will not be published by name of individual or facilities surveyed.



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US HARBORS

www.USHarbors.com

Westbrook, CT - Jun 2024

Date	High				Low				☀️		🌙	
	AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon	
1	Sat	6:48	4.1	7:19	4.6	12:40	0.3	12:57	0.2	5:20	8:21	🌓
2	Sun	7:50	4.1	8:15	4.8	1:41	0.1	1:53	0.2	5:19	8:21	🌓
3	Mon	8:48	4.2	9:09	4.9	2:40	0.0	2:47	0.1	5:19	8:22	🌑
4	Tue	9:44	4.2	10:00	5.0	3:35	-0.2	3:40	0.1	5:19	8:23	🌑
5	Wed	10:36	4.3	10:49	5.0	4:27	-0.3	4:31	0.2	5:18	8:23	🌑
6	Thu	11:26	4.3	11:38	4.9	5:17	-0.3	5:22	0.2	5:18	8:24	🌑
7	Fri			12:15	4.2	6:05	-0.2	6:11	0.3	5:18	8:25	🌑
8	Sat	12:26	4.7	1:04	4.2	6:52	-0.1	7:00	0.4	5:18	8:25	🌑
9	Sun	1:15	4.5	1:52	4.1	7:39	0.1	7:49	0.5	5:18	8:26	🌑
10	Mon	2:03	4.3	2:41	4.0	8:25	0.2	8:39	0.6	5:17	8:26	🌑
11	Tue	2:53	4.1	3:29	4.0	9:12	0.4	9:30	0.7	5:17	8:27	🌑
12	Wed	3:43	4.0	4:18	4.0	9:59	0.5	10:23	0.8	5:17	8:27	🌑
13	Thu	4:34	3.8	5:07	4.0	10:46	0.6	11:18	0.8	5:17	8:28	🌑
14	Fri	5:27	3.7	5:57	4.0	11:35	0.7			5:17	8:28	🌓
15	Sat	6:22	3.6	6:47	4.1	12:12	0.8	12:23	0.8	5:17	8:29	🌓
16	Sun	7:17	3.6	7:37	4.1	1:06	0.7	1:12	0.8	5:17	8:29	🌓
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18	Tue	9:00	3.7	9:09	4.3	2:46	0.4	2:48	0.8	5:18	8:30	🌑
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21	Fri	11:15	3.9	11:20	4.6	5:02	0.1	5:06	0.6	5:18	8:30	🌑
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23	Sun	12:06	4.6	12:44	4.1	6:31	0.0	6:39	0.4	5:19	8:31	🌑
24	Mon	12:53	4.7	1:31	4.2	7:17	0.0	7:29	0.3	5:19	8:31	🌑
25	Tue	1:43	4.6	2:20	4.3	8:04	-0.1	8:22	0.3	5:19	8:31	🌑
26	Wed	2:35	4.6	3:11	4.4	8:54	0.0	9:18	0.3	5:20	8:31	🌑
27	Thu	3:29	4.5	4:04	4.5	9:45	0.0	10:18	0.3	5:20	8:31	🌑
28	Fri	4:25	4.3	5:00	4.6	10:39	0.1	11:19	0.3	5:21	8:31	🌓
29	Sat	5:25	4.2	5:57	4.6	11:34	0.2			5:21	8:31	🌓
30	Sun	6:27	4.0	6:56	4.7	12:22	0.2	12:31	0.3	5:22	8:31	🌓