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*Haversham in late September – was that the last 2019 open meeting sailed in warm and sunny weather?
Photo by Sue Firth*

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Chairman's Message

By Ian Priest

Although it doesn't seem that long since the last few events, the ice and frost around is reminding me that it is now well and truly winter and time to reflect on another season of sailing as well as looking forward to next year.

We've had some great events this last season, ending in what was the closest finish to the Northern Paddle series in many years. Congratulations to Martin Penty on winning this series to add to the many other titles he's won this year, but also to all those others who pushed hard at Elton and earlier in the series to make this such a closely contested series this year. Martin, as national champion, also represented the class at the prestigious Endeavour Trophy and finished a very creditable 8th place racing against the very best dinghy sailors in the UK.

Streaker sailing of course isn't just about those right at the front of the fleet, but also about enjoying racing against like-minded people in a boat which is both forgiving and rewarding to sail. At the events I have been able to go to this year, it has felt like the numbers sailing and the enthusiasm to race right through the fleet is up a little which is good. We introduced a number of additional regional mini-series this year, with the newly formed Yorkshire, North-West and Midlands series covering events which were also sailed in one of the main paddle series. In addition, thanks to the enthusiasm of Elaine Ross, we extended into a new part of the UK with more events in the far north of England and southern Scotland with the Border Reiver series. It was great to visit some new venues and also meet Streaker sailors for whom previously their nearest event to travel to was a bit too far away. All these mini-series will be raced again next year, with next season's calendar now taking shape.

The highlight of next season will be the National Championship at Staunton Harold Sailing Club over the August Bank Holiday weekend. We want to make this event as attractive to as many people as possible, in particular attracting those who perhaps wouldn't normally consider going to the Nationals. If you have any ideas that you

think would help us do this, or something you would like to see happen during this event, please do let us know.

As the National Championship is at an inland venue, there won't be a separate Inland Championships next year. Instead we will be running a "Coastal Championships" which will be at Wilsonian Sailing Club on 4th and 5th July.

Although it seems a long time away at the moment, the next major event for the class is the Dinghy Show for which we are planning already. The RYA, the Show's organisers, have changed things around a little for next year, which has meant we have a smaller stand with only room for 1 boat. However, I expect it will be as busy as ever and this is the best opportunity for us to showcase the Streaker to the sailing community and attract new people into the class. If you are able to help us out on the stand to help spread the enthusiasm for Streaker sailing, even for just a couple of hours, that would be very much appreciated.

Finally, the class is very lucky to have a number of sponsors who ensure we have excellent prizes available at our events. These are (in no particular order): Pinnell & Bax, North Sails, Noble Marine Insurance and Rooster Sailing. Thank you again to these sponsors for generously supporting us over the last year.



See you next year,
Ian

2019 Review

Who won what?



Well, **Martin Penty** won a lot!

Of the 6 events in the Rooster Super Series, Martin sailed in 5 (only missing the Southern Championship) and won 4 (Scottish, Nationals, Inlands and End of Season champs) and was just narrowly beaten in the Northerns.

In addition he won the North Sails Northern Paddle series, never finishing worse than 3rd in the 15 races that he sailed in.

Photo: Karen Langston

As our National Champion, Martin was invited to compete in the Endeavour Trophy at Royal Corinthian YC. With Sam Waller crewing, he finished in 8th position, a great result in an extremely hot fleet.



Hectic racing at the Endeavour. Martin and Sam are in there somewhere! Photo: Roger Mant Photography

It was also a good year for several other Streaker sailors based in the north of England.



Phil Manning with the Border Reiver series trophy

Phil Manning won the Northern Championship at Delph and was runner-up in the Northern Paddle, tying on points with Martin Penty but losing out in the tie-break as Martin won the final race.

Phil also won the inaugural Border Reiver Series consisting of 4 events in northern England and southern Scotland.

Steve Blackburn was runner-up at the Nationals, never finishing outside the top 4 and winning the last race. He was 3rd in the Northern Paddle.

Alan Gillard was 5th in the Rooster Super Series (including 4th at the Nationals) and, while he didn't compete in enough events to qualify in the Northern Paddle, he's clearly still a force to be reckoned with!

Meanwhile, in the south, **Veronica Falat** won the P&B Southern Paddle series but, as in the North, this was a very tight finish. If **Neil Firth** hadn't made a mistake at the start of the first race in the final event, he would probably have been the overall winner but had to be content with 2nd place, just 1 point behind Veronica. Veronica also won the East Anglian series while Neil won the South East Series. **James Dawes** was the winner of the Southern Championship held at Bough Beech at the start of the season and was 4th in the Rooster Super Series (the highest placed southerner in the Series).

We're very lucky to have excellent sponsors for our major events and both Paddle series concluded with the draws to see who would win the sails. The **Pinnell & Bax** sail for the Southern Paddle was won by **Phil Halldron** of Downs SC and the **North Sails** sail for the Northern Paddle was won by **Andrew Hague** of Ripon SC. Both sails will be presented to the lucky winners at the 2020 RYA Dinghy Show.

2019 Results



Noble Marine National Championship at WPNSA (32 entries)

1	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
2	1942	Steve Blackburn	West Lancs. S.C.
3	2111	Tom Gillard	Sheffield Viking S.C.
4	1961	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking S.C.
5	1972	Veronica Falat	Waveney & Oulton Broad Y.C.
6	1977	Neil Firth	Banbury S.C.
7	2112	James Dawes	Redditch S.C.
8	1995	Phil Manning	Delph S.C.
9	1975	Brenda Hoult	Hayling Island S.C.
10	1887	Paul Grace	Chipstead S.C.

Silver Fleet

1	1887	Paul Grace	Chipstead S.C.
2	2121	Ian Bradley	Ouse Amateur S.C.
3	1920	Mark Langston	Beccles Amateur S.C.

Inland Championship at Beaver S.C. (27 entries)

1	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
2	2106	Ian Priest	Ripon S.C.
3	2115	Sam Waller	Beaver S.C.
4	1995	Phil Manning	Delph S.C.
5	1972	Veronica Falat	Waveney & Oulton Broad Y.C.

Silver Fleet

1	1616	Giles Therkelson-Smith	Welton S.C.
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Northern Area Championship at Delph S.C. (17 entries)

1	1995	Phil Manning	Delph S.C.
2	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
3	2112	James Dawes	Redditch S.C.

Southern Area Championship at Bough Beech S.C. (15 entries)

1	2112	James Dawes	Redditch S.C.
2	1977	Neil Firth	Banbury S.C.
3	1953	Alex Reindorp	Chipstead S.C.

Scottish Championship at East Lothian Y.C. (9 entries)

1	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
2	1775	Jim Sinclair	East Lothian Y.C.
3	1868	Katie Masterson	St. Mary's Loch S.C.

End of Season Championship at Elton S.C. (22 entries)			
1	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
2	1942	Steve Blackburn	West Lancs. Y.C.
3	2111	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking S.C.
Rooster Super Series (73 entries; 15 qualifiers)			
1	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
2	1995	Phil Manning	Delph S.C.
3	1942	Steve Blackburn	West Lancs. Y.C.
4	2112	James Dawes	Redditch S.C.
5	2111/1961	Alan Gillard	Sheffield Viking S.C.
			ROOSTER 
North Sails Northern Paddle Series (74 entries; 15 qualifiers)			
1	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver S.C.
2	1995	Phil Manning	Delph S.C.
3	1942	Steve Blackburn	West Lancs. Y.C.
4	1912	Rob Cocking	Delph S.C.
5	1502	Phil Priestley	Yorkshire Dales S.C.
			
Raffle winner of North Sails sail: Andrew Hague			
Pinnell & Bax Southern Paddle Series (40 entries; 10 qualifiers)			
1	1972	Veronica Falat	Waveney & Oulton Broad Y.C.
2	1977	Neil Firth	Banbury S.C.
3	2121	Ian Bradley	Ouse Amateur S.C.
4	2112	James Dawes	Redditch S.C.
5	1920	Mark Langston	Beccles Amateur S.C.
			
Raffle winner of Pinnell & Bax sail: Phil Halldron			
South East Area Series (22 entries; 4 qualifiers)			
1	1977	Neil Firth	Banbury S.C.
2	1844	Chris Smith	Island Barn Reservoir S.C.
3	1681	Rupert Smith	Newhaven & Seaford S.C.
East Anglian Series (16 entries; 4 qualifiers)			
1	1972	Veronica Falat	Waveney & Oulton Broad Y.C.
2	1817	Ian Bradley	Ouse Amateur S.C.
3	1920	Mark Langston	Beccles Amateur S.C.
Border Reiver Series (13 entries; 7 qualifiers)			
1	1995	Phil Manning	Delph SC
2	1912	Rob Cocking	Delph SC
3	1868	Katie Masterson	St Mary's SC
Midland Series (35 entries; 5 qualifiers)			
1	1972	Veronica Falat	Waveney & Oulton Broad Y.C.
2	1817	Ian Bradley	Ouse Amateur S.C.
3	1920	Mark Langston	Beccles Amateur S.C.
Yorkshire Series (48 entries; 5 qualifiers)			
1	1912	Rob Cocking	Delph SC
2	1822	Neil Dyer	Hykeham SC
3	1947	Kevin Holmes	Halifax SC
North West Series (35 entries; 8 qualifiers)			
1	1995	Phil Manning	Delph SC
2	1982	Martin Penty	Beaver SC
3	1942	Steve Blackburn	West Lancs YC

Trends and ideas in 2019 and who to look out for in 2020

BOATS

2019 was a good year for The Boatyard at Beer Streakers, whether bought direct from Beer or fitted out by Pinnell & Bax, taking the top 3 places at the Nationals and winning most travellers circuits.

Meanwhile there was much interest in Ian Bradley's new all-wood Butler boat, first seen at the Dinghy Show. This features a sharper angled curve to the bow (see photo below) and thus a slightly longer waterline length.



*Ian Bradley's all wood Butler boat showing off its bow profile.
Photo by Karen Langston*

Ian gained some good results but wasn't at all the big events this year so its impact is still uncertain. At the AGM it was decided that the rules relating to bow shape should be tightened up and so, in effect, Ian's boat demonstrates the tightest bow curve and the maximum waterline length now permitted.

Interestingly, 2 people, new to the class, are embarking on Streaker building projects, building in wood from class plans. When it comes to new boats, FRP ones are by far the most popular choice these days but the option to build in wood, either complete boats or decking FRP hulls, still has its place and it's something that many other classes can't offer. Chris Smith, who has already built 2 wooden boats from plans is currently decking and completing a new FRP hull from Butler Boats and this boat will be on the water next season.

SPARS – and update on tapered masts

Carbon booms, class legal since this year's AGM, are gradually appearing. The main talk about spars now concerns masts as the class-adopted Super Spars and Selden untapered sections are not always readily available. The manufacturers do not always keep stocks of anodised untapered sections as, apart from Streakers, there's not much demand for them. Normally these sections are tapered and then anodised, ready for other classes. Therefore, as you might remember from previous newsletters, Alan Gillard and Dave Butler have been experimenting with tapered masts. Dave used a tapered M9 mast from Super Spars at the Nationals and was perhaps rather disappointed not to do better in the windy conditions (in which he normally excels) but, at the End of Season Championship at Elton in light winds he had really good boat speed (when not hitting weedy patches!).

Evidently the M9 section suits the Streaker if the boat is set up for the Super Spar Rigel mast (which most Streakers are). The Selden Lambda, which is the other class-approved mast, is available in a tapered version (but not class legal) and this has been experimented with by Alan Gillard. He has been happy with its performance. The suspicion was that a tapered section would make the mast too bendy but he has not noticed this.

*Dave Butler experimenting with a tapered Super Spars M9 mast at the Nationals
Photo by Karen Langston*



Interestingly, the 2.4mR class has carried out some bend tests of various tapered masts including the Super Spars M9 and the Selden Lambda. These suggest the Lambda is stiffer than the M9, both sideways and fore-and-aft, but they are both stiffer than the other sections tested (Blackspar and Goldspar 50mm). Perhaps we should do our own tests and compare the tapered masts available to us with our normal untapered masts.

Recently James Dawes has borrowed Dave Butler's M9 mast and is using it in the Blithfield Barrel series. So far he's only sailed with it in light winds but reports he hasn't noticed any difference from his normal Super Spars Rigel mast. He'll keep us posted on how it goes.

SAILORS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN 2020

While some sailors have been dominant this season, there are several who've been getting noticed and look set to make an impact next year. Among these in the north are **Phil Priestley** from Yorkshire Dales and teenager **Giles Therkelson-Smith** from Welton. They both did well in the Inlands at Beaver in September, finishing 6th and 7th respectively, and are now in the Gold Fleet. (See below for the full list of Gold Fleet sailors). **Rob Cocking** (Delph SC) also had a good season, finishing 4th in the Northern Paddle and winning the Yorkshire Series; he did particularly well in the opens at Pennine and Scaling Dam.



Meanwhile, in the south, **Neil Firth** from Banbury has really made his mark, not just winning the Silver Fleet trophy at the Nationals by finishing 6th overall and so moving up to the Gold Fleet for future events, but also by only very narrowly missing out on winning the Southern Paddle Series.

Right at the end of the season we met **Graham Sexton** with his brand new boat 2126, fitted out by P&B, at the open at Haversham. This was his first time racing it and he was quickly on the pace and led the fleet for much of the time (although not when it mattered at the finishing line!).

*Neil Firth in windy weather, winning at Island Barn, the final event in the Southern Paddle Series.
Photo by Jim Jones*

The updated Gold Fleet list

Gold Fleet sailors at the end of 2019.

To be in the Gold Fleet you will have finished in the top third of a National or Inland Championship in the last 3 years or are new to the class and have been assigned to the Gold fleet because you're really rather good!

Everyone else is Silver Fleet and so eligible for Silver Fleet prizes

Steve Blackburn
Ian Bradley
Graeme Bristow
Lawrence Creaser
James Dawes
Ben Dennis-Smith
Veronica Falat
Neil Firth

Alan Gillard
Tom Gillard
Paul Grace
Doug Horner
Brenda Hoult
Ian Jones
Phil Manning
Isaac Marsh

Duncan McDonald
Martin Penty
Ian Priest
Phil Priestley
Andrew Rawson
Rupert Smith
Giles Therkelson-Smith
Sam Waller

Measurement Certificates

Bought a second-hand boat recently?

Don't forget that, as a Streaker Class Owners Association member, you can apply for a new measurement certificate for free.

If you're planning on sailing in our class-organised events your boat should have a valid certificate, i.e. one that shows who the current owner is. This is particularly so for events such as the National Championships and, of course, if you decide to sell your boat, the new owner will probably ask to see the certificate.

So, if you need a certificate, contact class sec. Veronica Falat secretary@streaker-class.org.uk

The SCOA holds records of hundreds of Streakers . . . but for some older boats there may be a problem as some certificates have been lost over the years. In such circumstances we try to find out as much as possible about the boat to see if it was officially measured when new. If necessary, you can ask for a boat to be measured.

If a boat has been significantly altered since it was new, it should be checked by a measurer. For more info about this, contact Alan Gillard, our Technical Officer technical@streaker-class.org.uk

What's in the programme for 2020?

The 2020 Fixtures List is coming together but it's still in its early stages. Some dates may change and there're a lot more events to be added in.

However, one event that is confirmed is our **National Championships** at Staunton Harold SC in Derbyshire over the August Bank Holiday weekend (Sat. 29th to Mon. 31st August). Check out the club website at www.shsc.org.uk .

Because the Nationals will be held at an inland venue, the Streaker committee has decided that, rather than hold an 'Inland Championship' next year, we'll have instead a 2-day '**Coastal**

Championship'. This will then become the norm for those years when the Nationals is at an inland club. (As yet we don't know where the 2021 Nationals will be so whether we have an Inlands or a Coastal Championship in that year, remains to be seen.)

For 2020, the Coastal Championship will be held at Wilsonian SC in north Kent on the weekend of July 4th -5th with racing on the tidal River Medway. It will count towards the Super Series. There is a good fleet of Streakers at Wilsonian (8 boats?) . Check out the club website at www.wilsoniansc.org.uk .

Provisional dates for 2020

March 21	Tamworth SC	NP, SP, Midland Series
March 28	Ripon SC	NP, Yorkshire Series
April 4	Bough Beech SC	SP, South East Series
April 25	Shotwick SC	NP, North West Series
May 2	Burghfield SC	SP
May 2-3	Annandale SC	NP, Border Reiver Series
May 9	Hornsea SC	NP, Yorkshire Series
May 16 or 17	Downs SC	SP, South East Series
May 17	Pennine SC	NP, Yorkshire, North West Series
June 13	Waveney & Oulton Broad YC	SP, East Anglian Series
June 14	Beccles Amateur SC	SP, East Anglian Series
June 14	Burwain SC	NP, North West Series
June 27	Hykeham SC	NP, Midland Series

June 27	Newhaven & Seaford SC	SP, South East Series
July 4-5	Wilsonian SC	Coastal Championship, Super Series
August 8-9	Bassenthwaite SC	NP, Border Reiver Series
August 29-31	Staunton Harold SC	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP , Super Series
Sept. 12	Welton SC	Northern Championship, NP, Super Series, Yorkshire Series
October 10	Elton SC	NP, North West Series

If your club wants to offer an open meeting, contact Ian Priest chairman@streaker-class.org.uk for events in the north and Veronica Falat secretary@streaker-class.org.uk for those in the south.

We are aware that some parts of the country don't feature in our main travellers' circuits. That's particularly true of South West England. If you would like to create a mini-series in your part of the world, contact the class association and we can help put you in contact with other Streaker sailors.

Many of us also enjoy sailing at regattas at various clubs, whether weekend ones or full weeks e.g. Bassenthwaite Week, North West Norfolk Week, etc.

If you have a favourite that you think more Streaker sailors should know about and might like to take part in, please email to secretary@streaker-class.org.uk to provide info which can be shared in the next newsletter early in 2020.

Capsizing, what a nuisance!

For some of us, capsizing is no big deal. At the Nationals this year Tom Gillard had to capsize his boat during a race so he could tie his sail to the top of the mast – and he was so quick at this that he still finished 2nd in that race. Wow!

However, many of us struggle to get on the daggerboard if we're bobbing about in the water. The modern Streaker tends to float high on its side and the board can be difficult to grip on to.



Burghfield 2019 – before they abandoned! Photo: Peter Russell

Righting lines can help but maybe we could also experiment with adding buoyancy to the top of the mainsail. Several classes offer this as an option, not perhaps for serious racing, but it could be worth trying for really windy days or when you go for a sail by yourself, especially if there's no rescue cover. Obviously, you could add a float to the top of the mast but that can look a bit odd. Makes you look like a beginner! Maybe adding a buoyant panel to the top of the sail wouldn't look so bad. The idea is that you would probably convert an old sail.

So, we've got a suitable old sail and McNamara Sails say they'll be happy to add a buoyant panel to it - but then it'll be up to us to do some capsizing to try it out!

Any volunteers prepared to help with this project? Ideally with good wetsuits or drysuits! Let us know.

Arran Linton-Smith (2 times Streaker Champion) and his latest Guinness World Record attempt

The Streaker class is supporting Arran Linton-Smith in his bid to regain the Guinness Record for the 'most brands advertised on a single sportswear item'. He won this 5 years ago when competing in the 'Ride London 100' cycling event, with 110 sponsored logos on his shirt. Since then the record has gone to an Australian so Arran aims to win it back by running in the 2020 London Marathon in a shirt with even more logos, including the Streaker logo. This is all in aid of the National Autistic Society.

Here's a message from Arran:

It is just over forty years since I won the last of my two Streaker National Championships. I thought the only evidence of this was stored in the loft. But four years ago, I was contacted by the Streaker Class Association and asked to contribute to a piece in Yachts and Yachting:

"The next two Streaker Nationals were won by Arran Linton-Smith, a young National 12 sailor who was working for Jack Holt Ltd, the suppliers of Streaker boats and kits. Arran now is still competitive as a charity cyclist competing in challenges as far afield as the Himalayas – and in the Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 event last year he became the Guinness World Record holder for wearing the highest number of branded logos on an item of sports clothing, 110 to be precise!"

Since this article, I have kept in touch with the Streaker Class Association. I mentioned to the association that I'm attempting to reclaim my Guinness World Record next year, after it was broken by someone in Australia. And I was delighted when they agreed to sponsor my jersey with the Streaker Class logo.

My World Record attempt is in support of the National Autistic Society. I was diagnosed as autistic in 2012 and have been working closely with the charity in the intervening years, including campaigning on autism and employment issues - there are just 16% of us in full-time work! The purpose of this world record attempt is to show the positive and exciting contribution that autistic people like myself can make to those who know us, work with us and to wider society. Details of this world record attempt can be seen on: <https://arrangwr.com/>



*1978 Prize-winners (not 1977 as it says on the photo)
Left to right: Jack Holt, Debbie Degge, Frank Catt,
Arran Linton-Smith (championship winner),
Nick Tillett (runner up), Colin Prince?, Richard Rata?*



Arran in 2014 with his shirt of many sponsored logos with which he won the Guinness record for the first time.

Now here's a mystery

Any ideas about this boat?

Thank you Pete Matthews for this puzzle!



Mysterious Old Streaker!

November 2nd

I acquired another Streaker at the end of August in need of a lot of TLC as a winter project. As my project has developed it has raised questions that someone reading this article, hopefully, may be able to answer.

What I want to know is

- ★ Its sail number
- ★ its builder
- ★ its age

What I know

- It has a lime green deck and dark red/crimson hull. The cockpit floor is not gelled but painted with non-slip deck paint
- There was no Builder's Plaque or sail number cut anywhere into the transom (or anywhere else).
- There are no self-bailers fitted
- The only hole into buoyancy tanks in the entire boat (on acquisition!) was a drainage hole in the stern transom
- There were large cuboid blocks of polystyrene in the aft and side tanks. (seen from cutting inspection hatches in her)
- The deck is made of foam reinforced plastic (FRP).
Section: Gelcoat/paste/foam/glassfibre matt
- It came with a streaker sail, numbered 1123, of South West Sails, Falmouth (A company no longer trading)
- All the fittings taken off her were Holt-Allen including the boom.



- The mast is a 50mm diameter section with external track. The top section (1580mm) of the mast, comes apart from the lower mast section. There is a join/repair 450mm from the base of the mast which could be another removable section but has been rivetted.



Mast heel

- There is an "old fashioned" mast stop on the central spine
- The mast gate is an oval shape ; long axis 65mm ;short axis 53mm
- It was named "Grin and Bare It" and sailed at Himley Hall Sailing Club in Dudley, West Midlands in its most recent past
- It weighs approximately 62 kilogrammes!! (without fittings oh dear)



Mast step with stop to restrict movement

With help from Ben and Veronica Falat and, using information Veronica has from Alan Gillard, I am told that the first grp Streaker was number 1316 manufactured by Cory Boat builders in Kent. Therefore the boat cannot be numbered 1123!!

If anyone can help me identify the sail number of this Streaker or has information regarding its builder and age then please contact me at peter@saileast.co.uk . Further or more detailed photos can be forwarded if required

Peter Matthews (Streaker 1654 -Skippy)

People often contact the class association asking for info about boats they are thinking of buying, especially older boats and unfortunately many of the measurement certificates have been lost over the years. As Pete says, the first GRP Streaker was 1316. It's in the Boat List on the Streaker website which shows it was built in 1987. As far as I'm aware, the original measurement form for it no longer exists and no measurement certificate survives. The earliest GRP boat for which we hold a copy of a measurement certificate is 1327, and the certificate says the boat was built in June 1986. So presumably, 1316 is also from 1986, not '87.

Anyway, Pete's query leads to more general 'pub quiz' type questions, such as . . .

- When did the class stop using 2-piece round-section masts?
- Did the round-section masts always have the same sort of mast-step as Pete's boat?
- What was the construction of the earliest GRP boats? Did they have foam sandwich decks?
- When did they start having foam sandwich hulls (and so not needing polystyrene blocks inside the buoyancy tanks)?
- When did the rules allow for the false floor that modern boats now have?
- Why might Pete's mystery boat not have been fitted with a self-bailer?

If anyone can help us, the answers to these questions will be in the next exciting Streaker Newsletter!

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