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- Estimate current speeds with the 50-90-100 rule
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- Dock or anchor under any conditions
- And much, much more

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