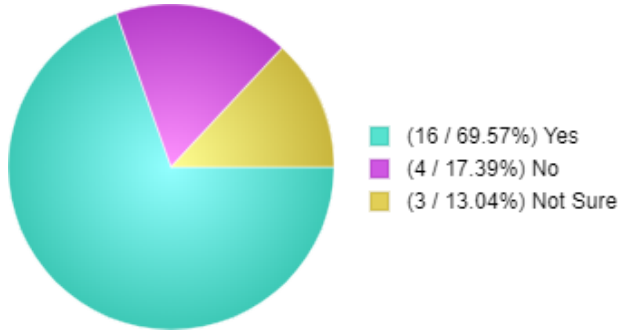


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1. Should the Club hold more '4 Race' days / Trophy days with immediate prize givings ?



**Any other comment** i think all prizes should be given out at the AGM unless its Saturday Sailing when prizes are given at the fund day

**Any other comment** Encourages people up who have no chance of winning a series due to other commitments

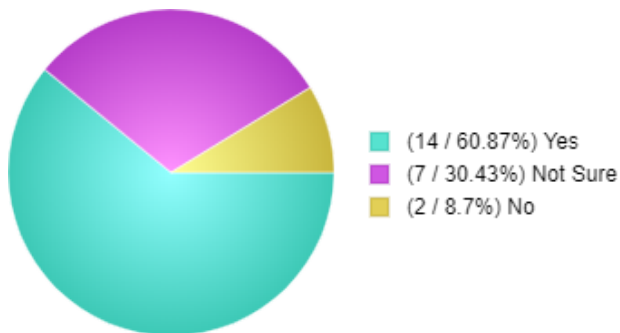
**Any other comment** Maybe some Sunday's which are just single trophy races each with a prize

**Any other comment** But only two - one in each half of the season.

**Any other comment** Preferably not on Sunday afternoons

**Any other comment** with a different race format otherwise they would be no point

2. Should we give annual prizes to more than just 1st, 2nd and 3rd - Eg Gold and Silver status, most improved etc ? (Sailors would be classed as Gold or Silver depending on experience / ability)



**Any other comment** Most improved, best sport,

**Any other comment** I think the prizes need to reflect the mixture of abilities from novices through to very skilled as well as the biases of the PY rating towards the mono- hulls etc

**Any other comment** Most improved is good .i think gold and silver is a good idea

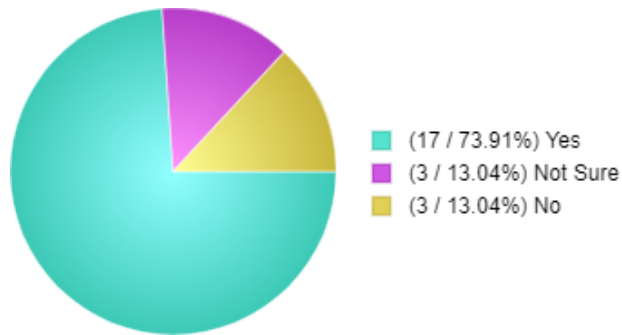
**Any other comment** Not sure that prizes are going to encourage nervous racers to get out and race?

**Any other comment** sailors should be given a status at the beginning of the season and then their result count for the gold,silver and bronze fleet, Will encourage less ability sailors to take part and have potential to win a fleet price

**Any other comment** possibly most improved or new to sailing

**Any other comment** Although classifying Gold or Silver sailors could be very subjective. Most improved should be easy enough to work out.

### 3. Should we try other racing formats rather than just Handicap - Eg Pursuit racing with slowest boats starting first ?



**Any other comment** Maybe individual handicap. Interesting to work out.

**Any other comment** I think it would be good to have more 'fun days' in which we could try different formats

**Any other comment** Not sure about pursuits thought. it can be awful when all the fleet passes you by.

**Any other comment** Pursuit racing would require very competent ODs

**Any other comment** It's a very long time since I sailed pursuit but enjoyed it as something different.

**Any other comment** Good fun and it gives slower boats the opportunity of being at the front (for a while

**Any other comment** Personal Handicap may also work well

**Any other comment** Maybe the slowest/novice boats could miss out a mark Maybe an added handicap for years of experience

**Any other comment** Other formats used initially on the 11.00am Sunday series

**Any other comment** Pursuit racing on a trophy day only as a test. alot harder to run for the OD and our courses are to short.

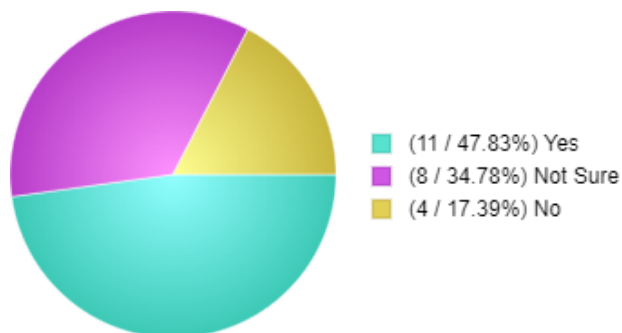
**Any other comment** As special events maybe

**Any other comment** Although I think one Race Officer alone would be hard pushed to run, say, pursuit racing. Back to the duty roster again. Probably a non-starter but pursuit racing is great fun.

**Any other comment** Yes but not many. Would be confusing. Maybe on the Trophy days.

**Any other comment** normal series maybe two third of race schedule with other races making up the remainder.

### 4. Sunday Series to start at 11am, followed by 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm



**Any other comment** I would have the first race for practice doing things differently. Others as now or preferably more short races.

**Any other comment** I think starting before lunch is a good idea although I'm not sure 4 races in the afternoon, unless two are back to back is necessary. I think the idea was to take the pressure off the afternoon sessions and make it more relaxed, allow more opportunities for socialising, mentoring etc etc

**Any other comment** I would be inclined to sail the earlier 2 or 3 races & get away earlier. I might even suggest a 10am start with back to back racing so the whole afternoon is free for something else.

**Any other comment** Prefer to have two races back to back, then short rest and then another two races back to back. Back to back races could be a short and long race. Maybe second pair in reverse I am at work all week so nice not to get up at the crack of dawn on a Sunday!

**Any other comment** With either 2 or 3 races in the afternoon. If 3 races the last 2 run back to back.

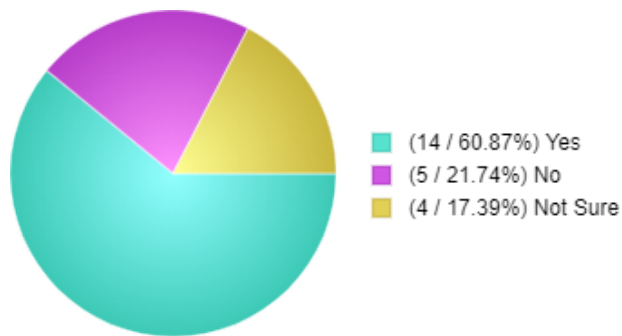
**Any other comment** Half the day is gone if we start at 1 pm

**Any other comment** See below

**Any other comment** Can't make 11am to race or do duty.

**Any other comment** definitely the 11 am start , but two races back to back after lunch

#### 5. Should Sunday morning racing (11am) be a separate series ?



**Any other comment** For practice and development

**Any other comment** see above

**Any other comment** the 11.00 am race should be a different series organised for new sailors.

**Any other comment** Series results aren't particularly important to me but if there are 4 races per day a) that might be too much for many sailors & b) it would mean having to do more race days to count for the series if you don't sail all 4 in the day.

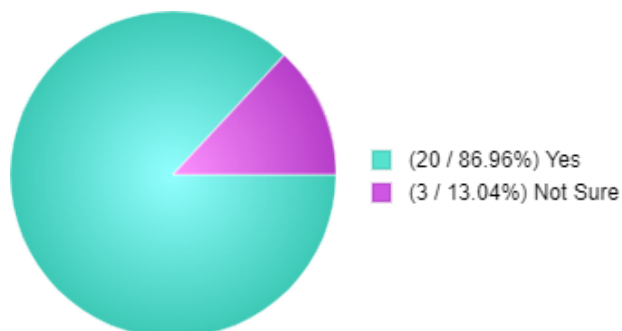
**Any other comment** Earlier the better as far as we are concerned, Yes, would be good just to do the one race at 11 am. Would really enjoy that. It quite an endurance doing a number of races in one day. Also, people could leave in the afternoon if they busy with other things

**Any other comment** This race used for race training / mentoring but be a proper series with prizes given at the AGM.

**Any other comment** all 4 race on a Sunday count towards the series

**Any other comment** Doesn't effect sailors who can only do afternoon.

#### 6. Should the Club offer Mentoring to new sailors ?



**Any other comment** Yes I think we should offer mentoring to new sailors as well as ongoing coaching to intermediate sailors.

**Any other comment** We point all new sailors to Saturday Afternoons. Everyone is welcome to come and practice and join in our races. We extract adults from the children and an overall winner.

**Any other comment** Would need to be fairly fluid as organising mentor & mentee to sail in the same day might be restrictive. Suggest mentors make themselves known to potential mentees on the day.

**Any other comment** This happens informly. I have to say the help has been amazing. However it prob helped that I know William and Richard. Your an excellent bunch of people. Thanks

**Any other comment** Yes why not, although the Saturday lessons are superb

**Any other comment** See above.

**Any other comment** Or anybody who may want to improve.

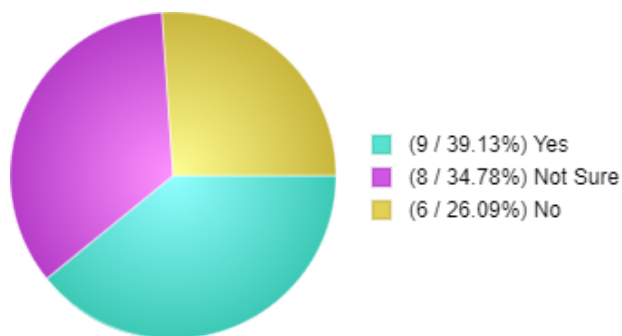
**Any other comment** Depends on the willingness and available time of the mentor.

**Any other comment** Needs a lot oif commitment

**Any other comment** It would be good if new sailors could crew with better sailors in races.

**Any other comment** no brainier, however there needs to be some guidance as to what a mentor does , not everyone is familiar with this ie: the difference between a mentor / coach / instructor.

#### 7. Should we try mentoring team racing, Eg two scores added together



**Any other comment** But can both the mentor and mentee both be there?

**Any other comment** I think we are confusing buddying with mentoring

**Any other comment** Adding 2 scores together is not a good idea. Both scores need to be recorded but not added together.

**Any other comment** Too complex, faffy & what would it achieve?

**Any other comment** Great idea. Sail with a family member. They have to skipper.

**Any other comment** Two boat team racing sound good, with scores added together.

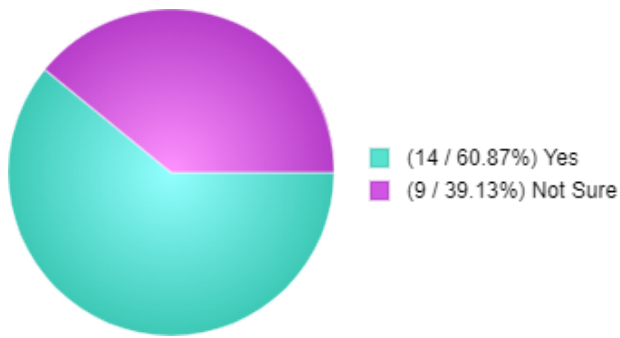
**Any other comment** That would be helpful. Difficult to know where to start literally when new to racing. Also, usually very worried about getting in the way of other sailors.

**Any other comment** Would only work on a trophy day like a pro/am event

**Any other comment** If there are enough mentors/mentees.

**Any other comment** worth a try to add more variety

#### 8. Run two races on Wednesday evenings when light permits, starting at 19:00 hours ?



**Any other comment** Although the wind tends to drop off after about 7.30 so not sure how practical.

**Any other comment** As long as we get the timing right it should work

**Any other comment** would we end up with 2 25minute races? It would give us more starts which are challenging, but each race would be very short & unforgiving.

**Any other comment** Again maybe a sprint ( one lap) and a long race.

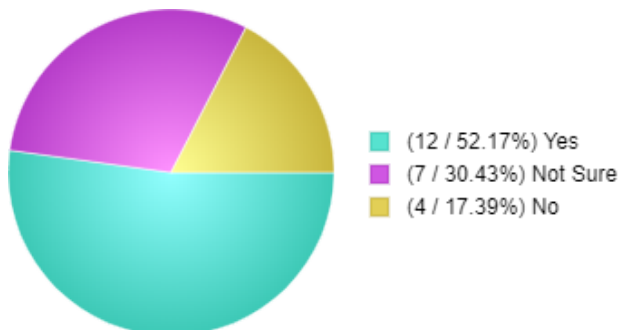
**Any other comment** would have a massive positive effect

**Any other comment** Can't do weds racing but sounds OK.

**Any other comment** Or why not one long one when light permits.

**Any other comment** for cat one race is a bit of a faff.

#### 9. Run a Club Open Regatta Day - perhaps to celebrate the 60th anniversary



**Any other comment** It would be good to encourage others to join us. Sue has arranged such a day for young people, maybe we could double up on the same weekend so that parents and children can stay for the weekend and take part in both days.

**Any other comment** I am in the process of organizing a Youth Race part of our RYA Area. hopefully 1st June. I have not brought this to the committee as yet.

**Any other comment** Think this would be unlikely to tempt many sailors from other clubs as the reason for travelling is usually to class race, though there are notable exceptions.

**Any other comment** Excellent idea

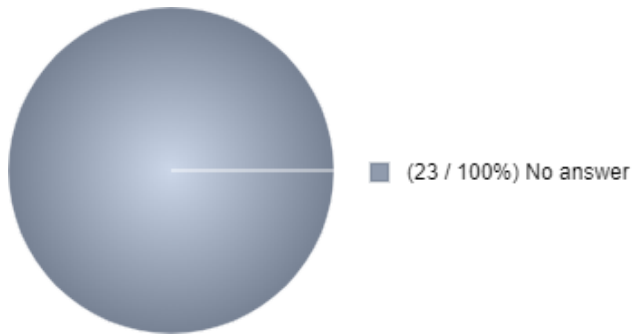
**Any other comment** tried before against scammoorden did not last, some sailors do not want to travel

**Any other comment** Should do something for 60th

**Any other comment** Great fun. I can remember one open regatta when there were 49 boats on the water - but that is over 30 years ago and we must look forwards not back.

**Any other comment** Maybe expand the fun day

10. Do you have any other suggestions ?



**Comment:** I think we need to make the Sundays far more family friendly, offer cooked meals at lunchtime (chilli & Jackets etc), coaching and mentoring for the novices/intermediary/ how to use a spinnaker etc , videos on sailing techniques/new ideas in sailing/ foil sailing etc etc, tea/coffee/ prizes at the end of the afternoon.

**Comment:** I am not a race coach but I am willing to organise some race training for anyone who needs it.I am not good at tuning boats but Robin is the expert at this. We must make sure that everyone knows they are welcome to join us on a Saturday afternoons for training with the Young People . It starts in May when the weather warms up.We start at 1200 until 16.00hrs . I do not want anyone else saying they do not know about what happens on Saturdays and are not welcome to join us.

**Comment:** Some way of improving start lines.

**Comment:** A double hander (or more?) race day.

**Comment:** Got dreadedman flu at moment so a bit brain dead. If I think of anything will let you know. Have a friend who sails in Dorset. Will ask him if you like. It was just a bummer I only did three sails before the plug fell out. Also realisation that need to be fitter. Hard work singl handed on the mirror. Thanks. A great idea doing the feedback. Excellent minute from the meeting merry Christmas Kev

**Comment:** weekday "lunch" racing

**Comment:** More taster weekends. invite other clubs to race.

**Comment:** Water starts so we have proper start lines, leave a committee boat in the middle of the pond all year like the good old days. Can still use fixed lines to finish the races.

**Comment:** Just to thank you, Tony, and the Committee for all the effort you put in trying to enhance sailing at the Club. S.

**Comment:** a try a variety of races and take feedback b sorry but course setting needs reviewing to make it fairer for CATs , courses are set too small and with many marks.The result is from my analysis that the CATs make up just short of a third of the active race fleet but get less that 10% of the results.If in doubt check this years trophy's Rather than messing with handicaps etc which is always a problem simple guidance as to using more of the lake and less marks.Sorry to raise a negative but every Cat sailor unfortunately thinks this happens. c many thanks for organising this survey , it was just what was needed.