



MUSTO
SKIFF



2021 MSCA Annual Class Survey Report

International Musto Skiff Class Association

CLASS REPORT

About The Musto Skiff Class



The Musto Skiff Class Association (MSCA)

The Musto Skiff is a high-performance single-handed trapeze dinghy that is great fun to sail with a large community of sailors representing over 28 countries.

The Musto Skiff Class Association (MSCA) is run by the members for the members.

As a World Sailing International Class, the MSCA hosts annual World Championships in addition to supporting local class associations who host National Regattas, Open Meetings and training events throughout the year.

The class benefits from long-term partnerships with international sponsors and partners including Musto, Ovington Boats Ltd, Harken, Hyde Sails, Selden Masts, and ACO Ltd.

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About this survey

The Survey Purpose

- The 2021 MSCA Annual Survey was created by the Musto Skiff Class Association (MSCA) International Committee, in partnership with the class boat builder and partner, Ovington Boats Ltd. This is the 18th Annual Class Survey to date.
- The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback from class members and the wider sailing community on all Musto Skiff activities. This includes feedback on the boat experience, training, organised events, class marketing activities, sponsors and more. In each survey, MSCA class members also have the opportunity to vote for International Committee Members and Country Representatives, as well as voting on class matters and proposals for the future growth and longevity of the class.
- The feedback from the survey is used to ensure the successful planning and delivery of future events. It also helps the International Committee to understand what members want from the class association, and how the class can position itself to attract new and talented sailors.
- For the continued improvement and growth of the class, feedback from the wider sailing community was also encouraged alongside feedback from the Musto Skiff class sailors. The survey was designed to present relevant questions to each group of respondents, with the aim of ensuring more insightful and valuable feedback on the past and future activities of the class.

About this survey

International AGM – Online Survey

- In the 2021 Annual Class Survey, MSCA members only, were invited to participate in an online International AGM to vote for their International Committee Members and Country Representatives for 2022, as well as voting on matters that are important to the class.
- This year's member section included some proposed amendments to class rules for consideration. Only current members were eligible to complete this additional section at the end of the main survey.

Methodology

- The latest survey, which is the 18th annual survey to be conducted with the Musto Skiff class, was launched on 17th December 2021. The online survey was accessible via a survey link, which was made available on all class social media platforms (i.e., IMSCA Facebook Page, Twitter Page, Facebook Groups), the class website, via the class eNews (which includes over 1,060 subscribers), and via relevant sailing media following a press release.
- All Musto Skiff class sailors, as well as the wider sailing community, were invited to take part. The survey was open for five weeks, closing on Friday 21st January 2022. Upon the close of the survey, all responses were collated, and the results of the survey were reviewed by the International Committee members..

About this survey

- Key insights and results from 2021 MSCA Annual Survey were then released for the class and wider sailing community to view in early April 2022. Survey responses are always strictly confidential, and any data gathered from the survey is only reported in the aggregate. All survey information is coded and will remain confidential.
- The wider sailing community (i.e., those who are interested in the class, but don't currently sail a Musto Skiff) were also invited to participate in the survey. This group was presented with a specific set of questions with the objective of gathering their views on the class and any potential interest to join the class.

Accepted Limitations

- Whilst the survey is aimed at Musto Skiff sailors and the wider sailing community, the MSCA International Committee accepts that the survey is posted publicly and, therefore, open for anyone to respond. As such, insights and data are always considered alongside other information resources, historical trends, and information already known about the class, its members, and MSCA activities. Some survey submissions may be omitted from the final count and analysis if it is suspected that the submission is fake or a duplicate.
- With the acceptance of some limitations with this type of survey, the MSCA Annual Survey continues to be a valuable resource to guide future decisions and considerations around class events, marketing, committee activities, and the boat experience.

Survey Response Statistics – 2021 (Main Survey)

2021 SURVEY RESPONSE STATISTICS....

14 countries were represented in the main survey



372 viewed the main survey

124 completed the main survey



13 minutes was the average completion time

71% completion rate at the close of the main survey



78% of respondents owned a Musto Skiff

22% of respondents represented the wider sailing community



79% of respondents were MSCA members and sailed a Musto Skiff

21% of respondents sailed a Musto Skiff, but were not MSCA members



98% of respondents identified as male

1% of respondents identified as female

1% of respondents identified as other



2021 SURVEY SUMMARY – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The 2021 MSCA Annual Survey Report Summary

- The 2021 survey attracted 124 responses in total representing 14 countries.
- The most represented country for Musto Skiff sailors was the UK (57%), followed by Switzerland (8%), and then Australia (6%) and Germany (6%) jointly as 3rd most represented.
- For 'All other sailors' in the wider sailing community (i.e., those not sailing a Musto Skiff) the most represented country was the UK (79%), followed by an equal share of 4% each for Australia, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and then Ukraine.
- 78% of the survey participants owned a Musto Skiff at the time of the survey, and 79% of this total were also class members. (In 2020, 89% of participants owned a Musto Skiff and 73% were class members.)
- 'All other sailors' represented 22% of all survey participants. This is a higher representation than in 2020, which included just 11% of 'all other sailors' participating.

2021 Sailor Statistics

- Based on responses from Musto Skiff sailors in the survey, the highest representation was the 35 – 44 years category (28% share), followed by the 50 – 59 years category (26%).
- Youth sailors (under 25 years) represented 12% share of all Musto Skiff sailors in the survey.
- For all other sailors, the 30 – 34 years and 50 – 54 years categories (19% share each) were the most represented, followed by the 45 – 49 years and 60 – 64 years categories (15% share each).
- For all other sailors in the survey, youth sailors (under 25 years) were not represented.

2021 SURVEY SUMMARY – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Growth of the Musto Skiff Class

- 84% of 'all other sailors' in the survey would consider joining the Musto Skiff class.
- 31% of these sailors are currently looking for a Musto Skiff boat.
- 46% of sailors are considering joining within the next 6 - 12 months.

Marketing and Communications in 2021

- Overall, the class marketing and communication activities for 2021 were well received and positively rated by both the class and the wider sailing community.
- Key trends for social media engagement included a greater shift from Facebook groups to using WhatsApp local groups for community chats.
- The Musto Skiff International YouTube page was popular with both the wider sailing community and Musto Skiff class sailors in the survey. However, other sailors outside the class used it slightly more overall, with 62% stating they used it sometimes or often compared to 54% of Musto Skiff class sailors.
- For Musto Skiff sailors, the most popular sailing media over 2021 included yachtsandyachting.com (27%), followed by Sailing Anarchy (18%), and then Sailjuice (11%).
- For other sailors, the most popular sailing media over 2021 also included yachtsandyachting.com (38%), followed by Sailjuice (15%), and Yachts & Yachting Magazine (12%).

2021 SURVEY SUMMARY – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Organised Events and Training in 2021

- 17% of Musto Skiff class members attended on the water training during 2021.
- 45% said that there was no organised training or coaching in their region. It is assumed that this was predominately due to Covid-19 restrictions continuing over 2021 for several countries.
- Where training did take place, venue suitability for training activities was rated highly at 57% excellent overall, followed by 'contribution of top sailors' at 47% excellent overall.
- Musto Skiff sailors in the survey also highly rated the quality of coaching, with 'coaching style being rated as 71% good overall, and the level of knowledge of coaches being rated as 69% good overall.



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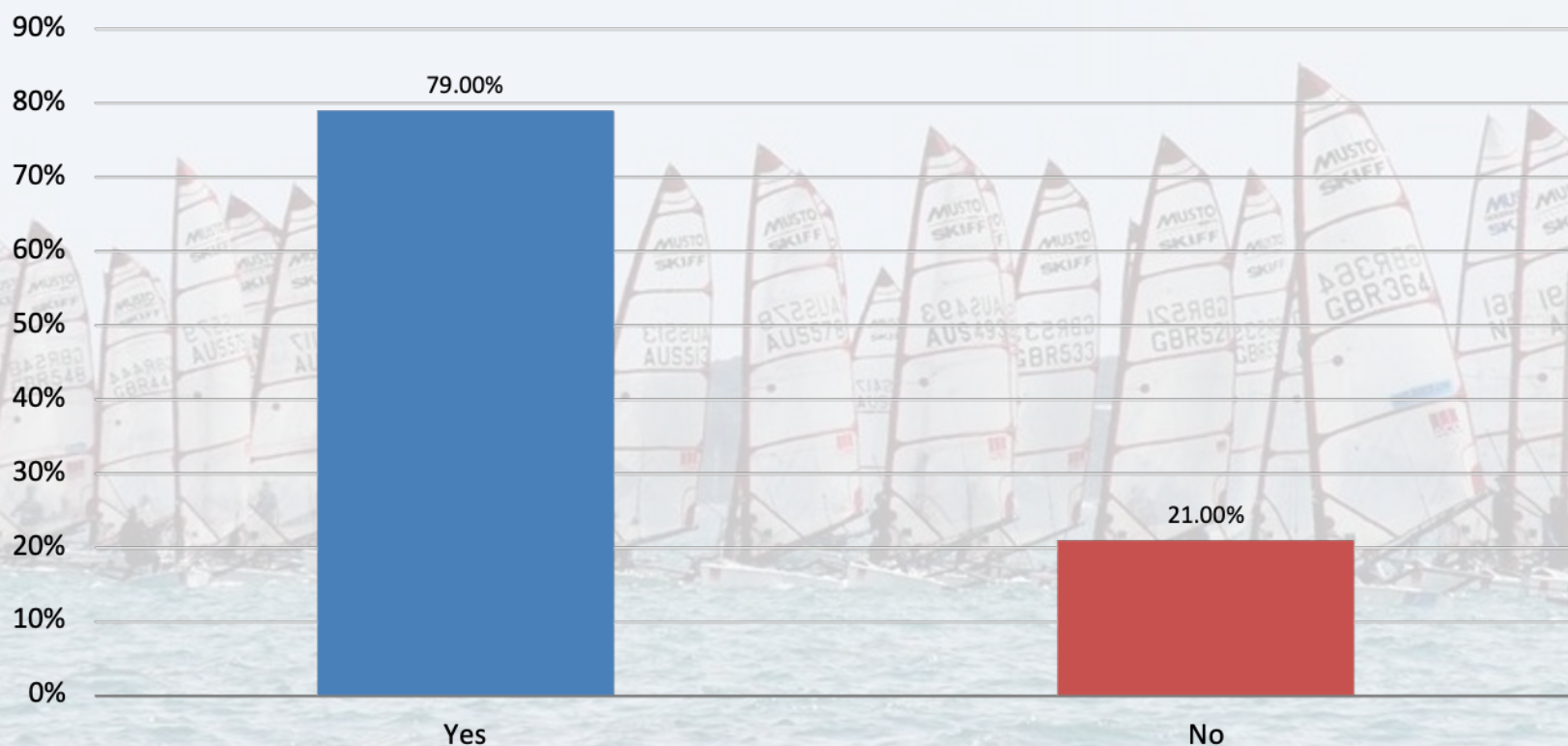
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SURVEY PARTICIPANTS – MUSTO SKIFF CLASS STATISTICS

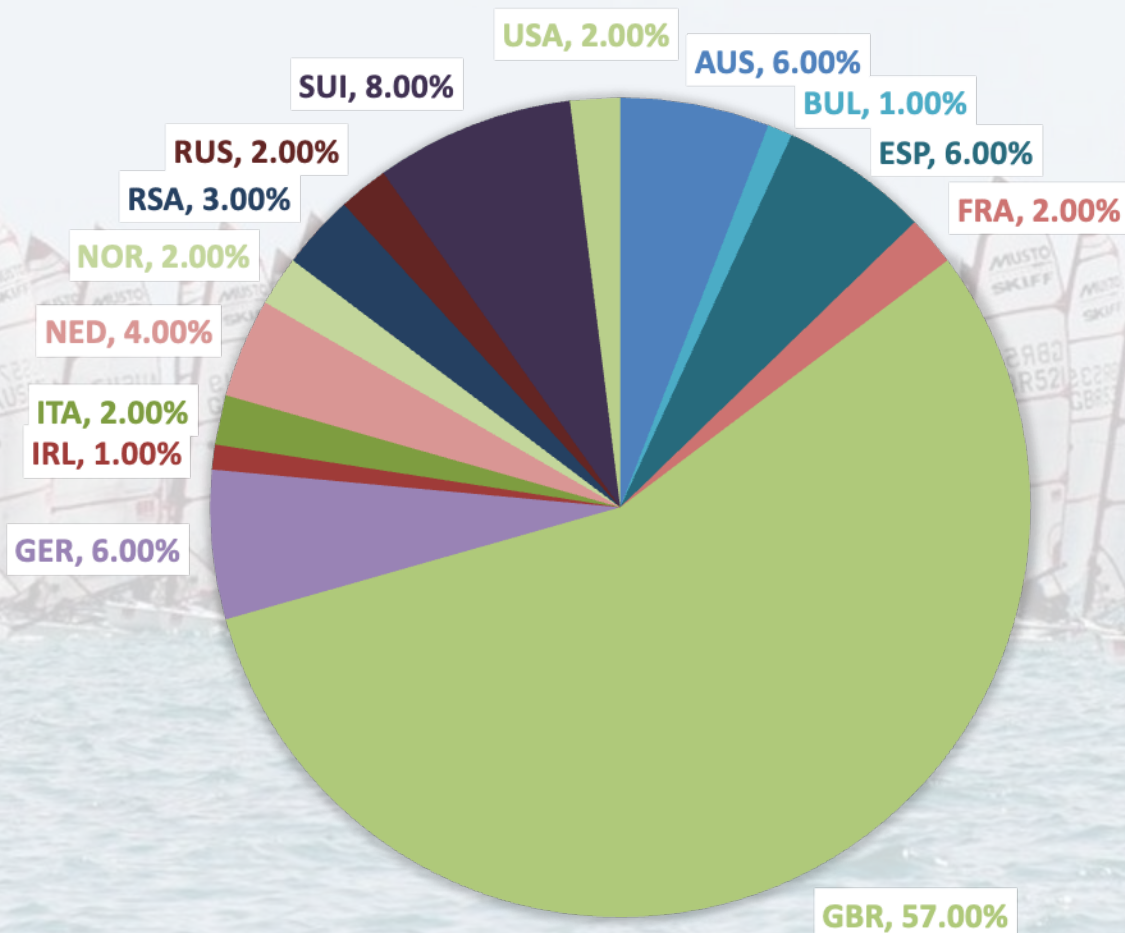
Class Statistics – Members vs Non-Members

A high majority of respondents in the 2021 Annual Class Survey were active class members of the Musto Skiff Class Association, with 79% confirming membership and 21% confirming non-membership.



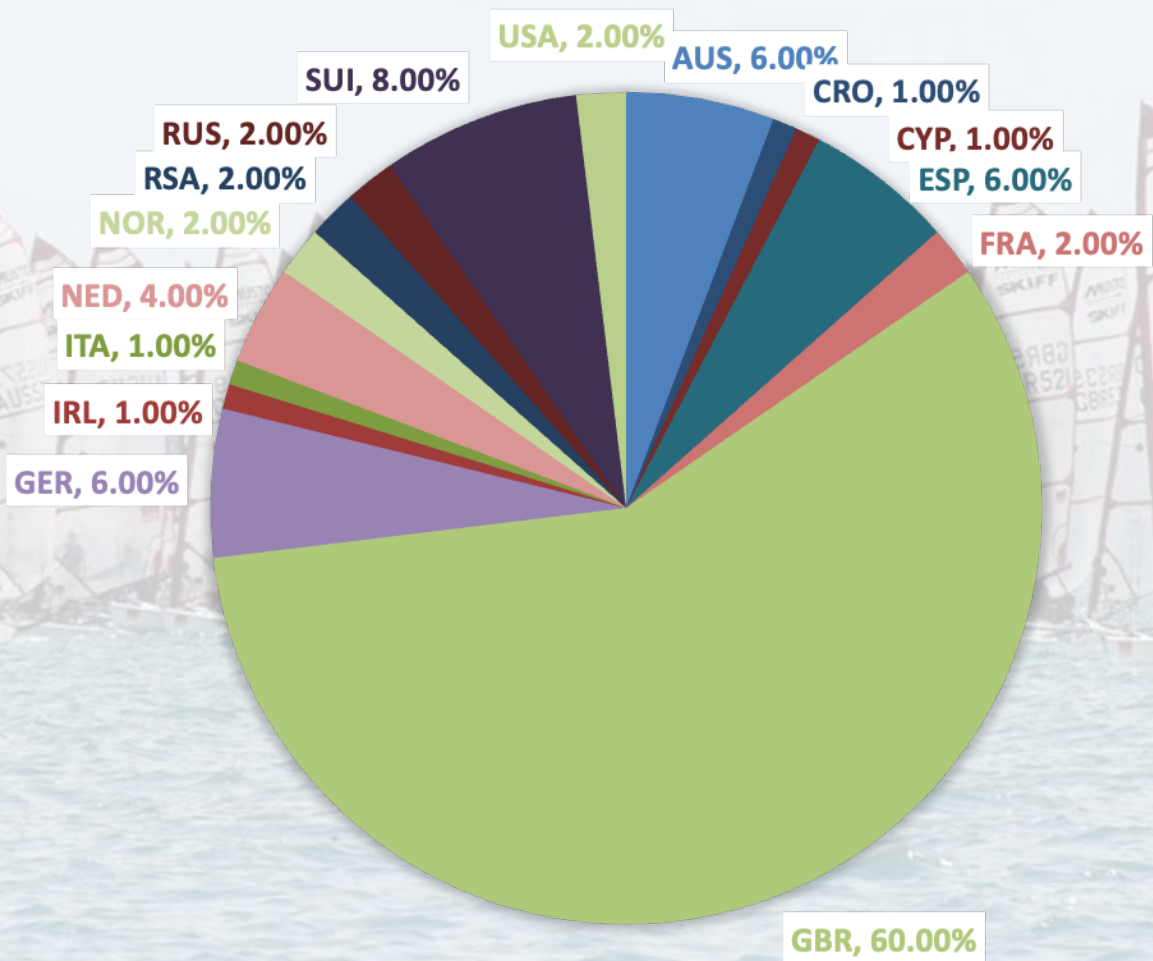
Class Statistics - Survey Representation by Country

Of the 14 countries represented in the 2021 Annual Class Survey, over 50% share of respondents were from the UK (57%). The next most represented country was Switzerland at 8%, followed jointly by Australia and Germany at 6% share each.



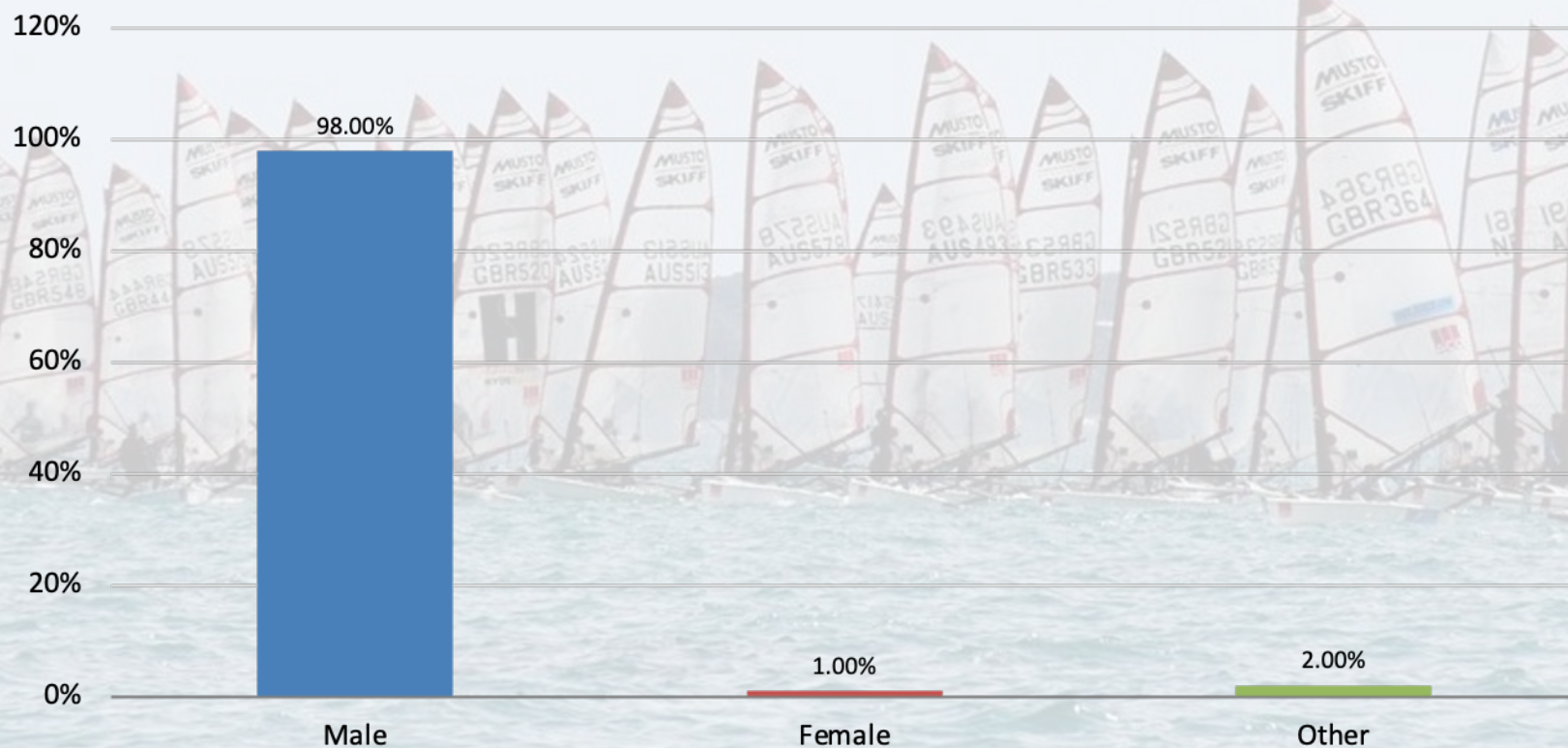
Class Statistics - World Sailing Regions

The most represented World Sailing (previously ISAF) region across the survey respondents was the UK at 60%. The next most represented World Sailing region was Switzerland at 8%, followed jointly by Australia and Germany at 6% each.



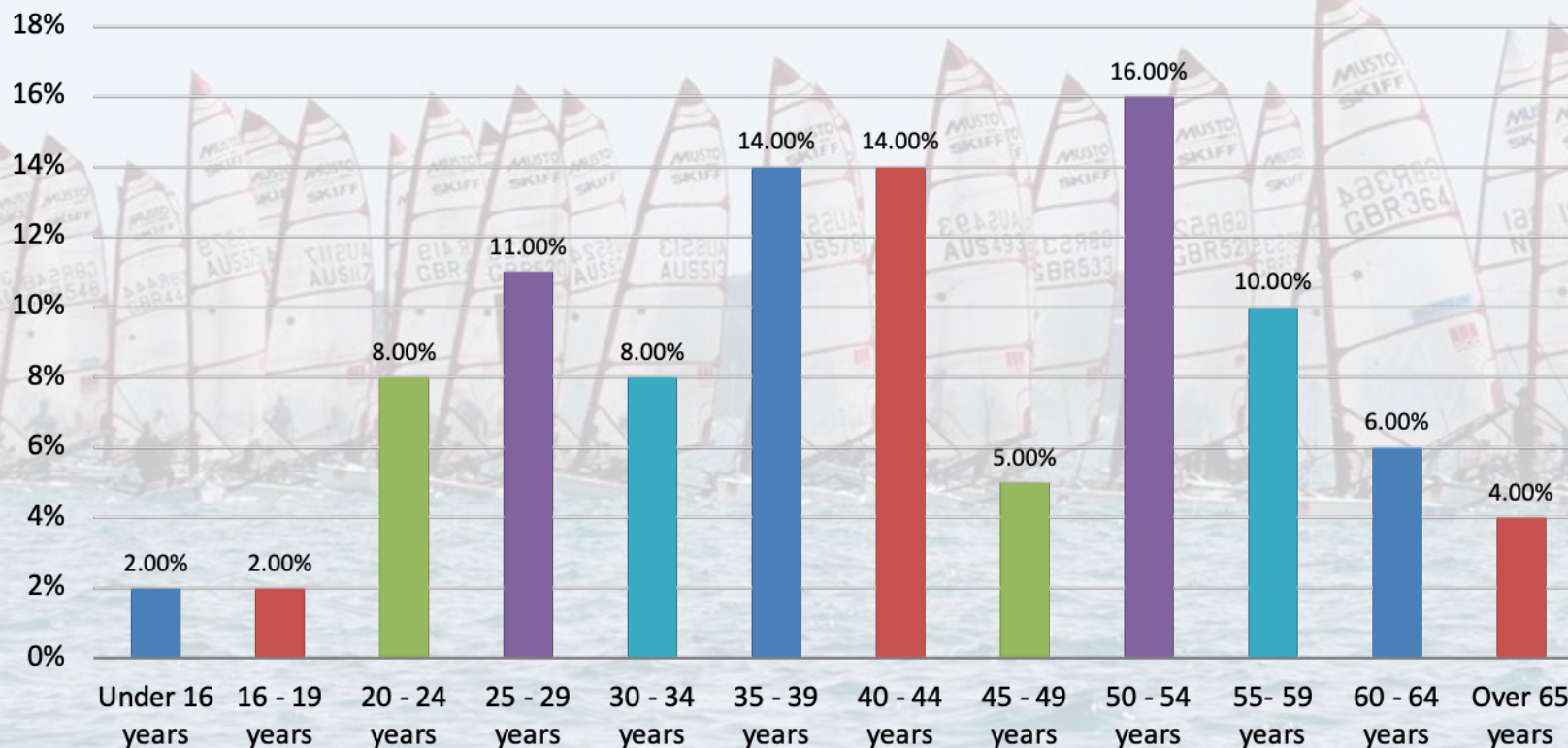
Class Statistics – Gender Representation

The Musto Skiff Class is known to predominantly attract male sailors. This was evident in the class survey, with the majority of survey respondents (active in the class) identifying as male at 98%.



Class Statistics – Age Range

Based on the demographic of survey respondents, the survey indicated that the class is a more mature class with the highest share being the 35 – 44 years category (28% share), followed by the 50 – 59 years category (26%). Youth sailors (under 25 years) represented 12% share for the survey respondents active in the class.



Class Statistics – Weight Range

Based on the demographic of survey respondents, the survey indicated that the class is attracting sailors with a heavier weight range, with most representing the 85 – 89 kg weight range, followed by the 80 – 84 kg weight range (21%), and then the 75 – 79 kg weight range (18%). The lower weight ranges will also present a lower share, due to the low number of survey responses from females and youths who are more likely to have a lower sailing weight.

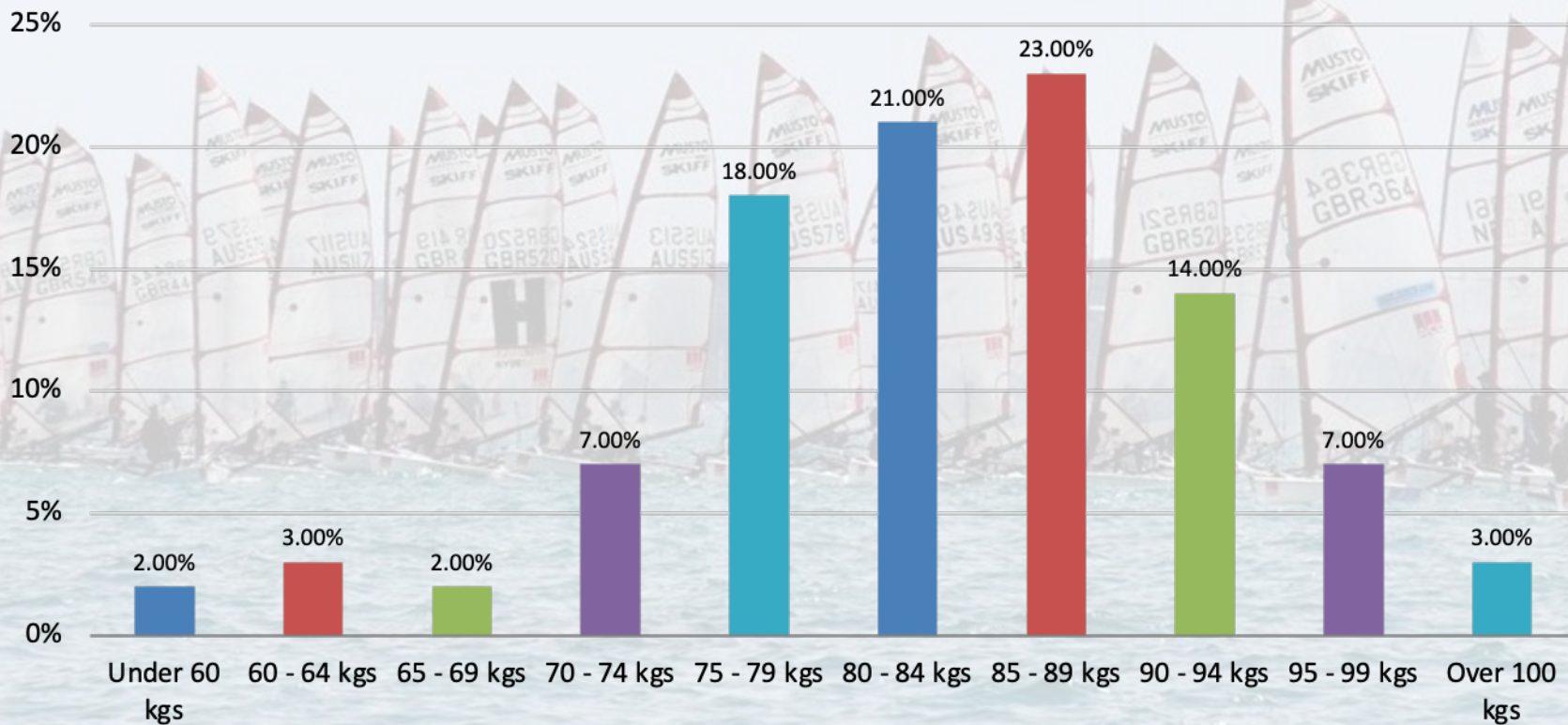




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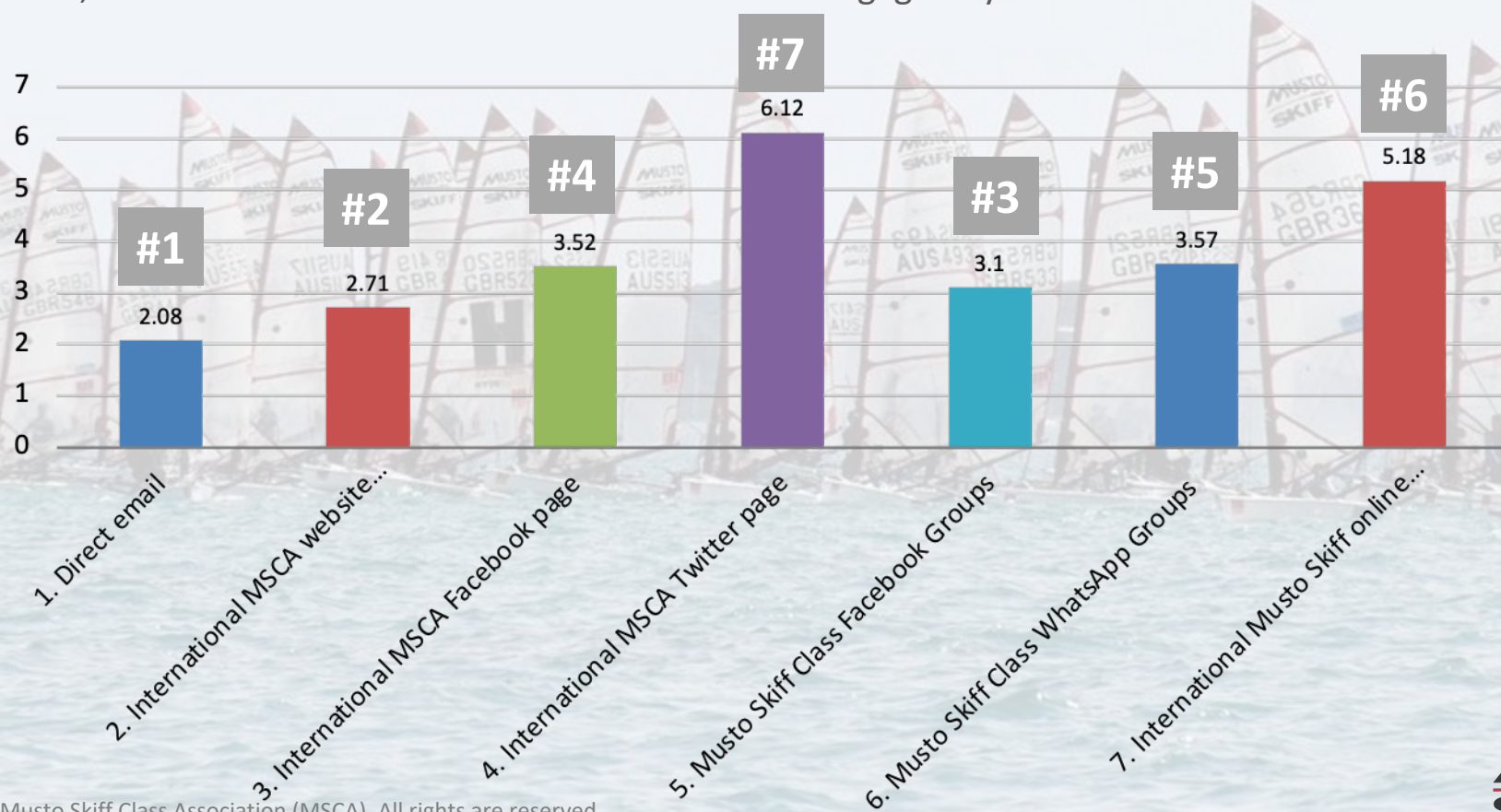
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MUSTO SKIFF SAILOR FEEDBACK – CLASS COMMS

Class Members – Receiving Class Updates

We wanted to understand the ways in which the class prefers to receive updates and information from the Class Committee about Musto Skiff events and news.

The most preferred methods were by direct mail, the class website and the Facebook groups (represented by a low number ranking). The least preferred method was by Twitter and the online forum, which are the communication channels least engaged by the class.



Class Feedback – Social Media Engagement

The International Class Committee manages a range of social media pages and groups for International Musto Skiff class sailors. Some National Associations also manage their own social media groups for their local Musto Skiff class sailors.

We asked for feedback on our Musto Skiff Class Association (MSCA) social media activities. This included how often the class used each of the class social media pages or groups to find out event information and class updates for the Musto Skiff class.

Over 2021, there was a notable shift from Facebook to WhatsApp for information on the class and engaging with others. Here is what you told us about how you use the International Musto Skiff Class Channels.....



You often use the International Facebook Page and Group for updates and information about the class.



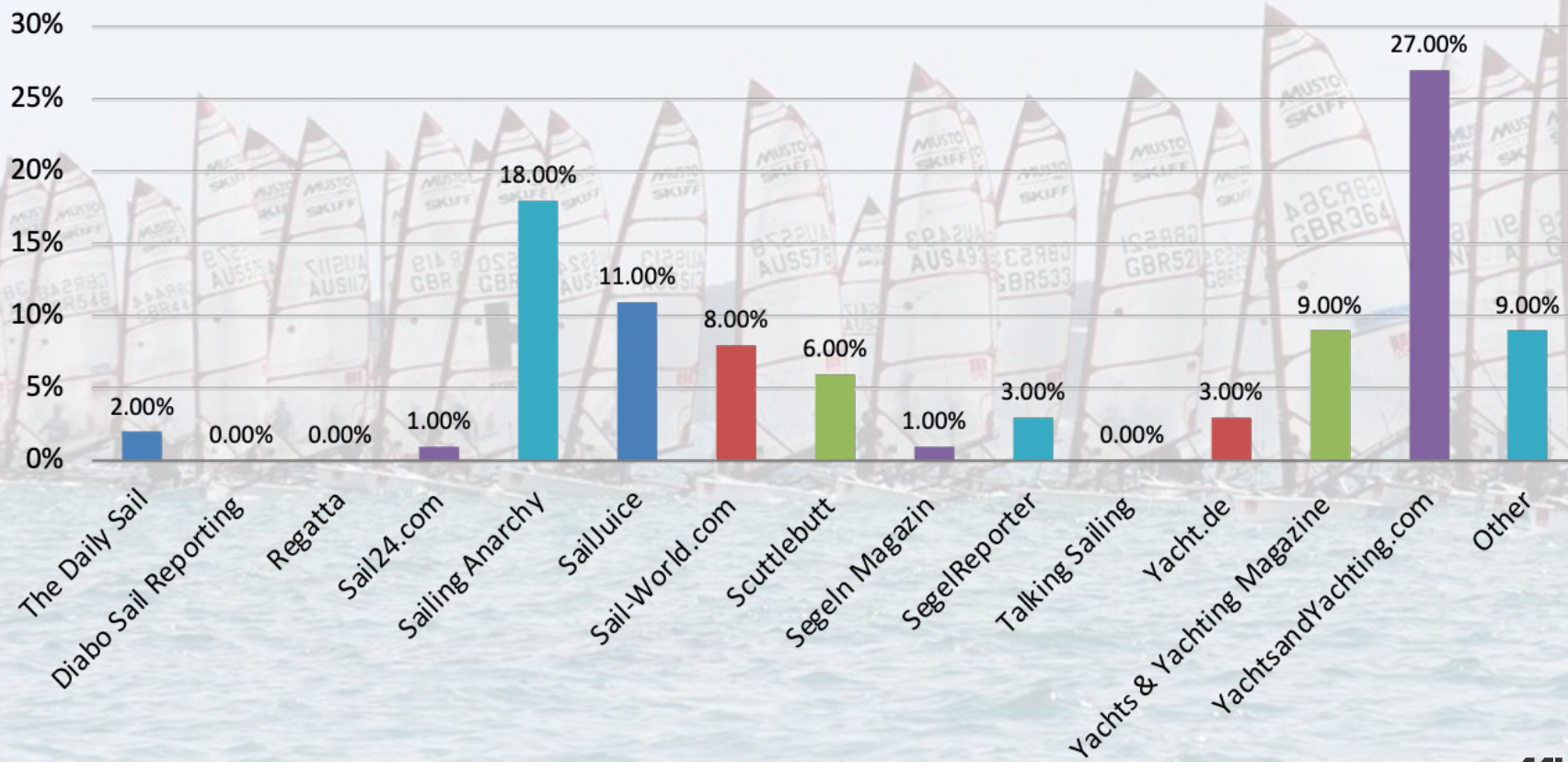
You always use the local / regional WhatsApp Groups for updates and information about the class.



You almost never use the International Twitter page for updates and information about the class.

Class Feedback – PR & Media Engagement

Based on the survey respondents, the class use more online than print media, with **yachtsandyachting.com (27%)** being the main media title that the class typically goes to for information on the latest sailing news. The second most popular sailing media amongst the class is **Sailing Anarchy (18%)**, followed by **Sailjuice (11%)**.



Results summary:

Over 2021, the International Class Committee managed a range of activities to communicate and engage with the class. As well as social media, we were interested to get class feedback on these wider activities, including the international class website and e-newsletter.

- Over 2021, the highest rated international communication channel was the class website (88% good to excellent), followed by the class e-newsletter (68% good to excellent), and the international Facebook page (61% good to excellent).
- The lowest rated international communication channel was the class Twitter page, but this was unrated due to 95% of survey respondents for the class stating that they ‘never use it’. Of those that did use it, 4% rated it as good to average.



Class Feedback – Quality of Class Communications

Results summary for overall ratings for class communications:



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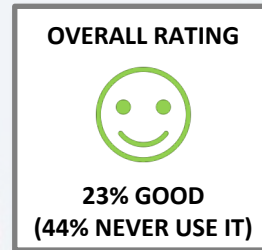
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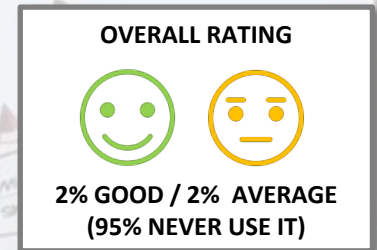
International MSCA Website
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International Musto Skiff
e-Newsletters
(subscribed activity)



International Musto Skiff
online forum



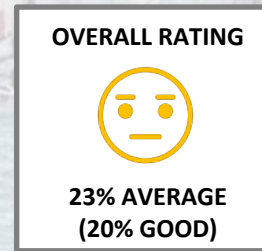
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International Musto Skiff
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International Musto Skiff
Facebook GROUP



International Musto Skiff
YouTube Channel



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PART 3

**MUSTO SKIFF SAILOR FEEDBACK ON INCREASING
INTEREST IN THE CLASS**

Class Feedback – Increasing interest in the Class

Results Summary:

Based on feedback from the class via the 2021 survey, the main reasons preventing other sailors from getting a Musto Skiff boat include:

- Sailors being worried it's too hard to sail (35% of responses)
- The perception that second-hand boats are too expensive (14% of responses)
- Sailors being worried they are too light in weight to sail a Musto Skiff (13% of responses)

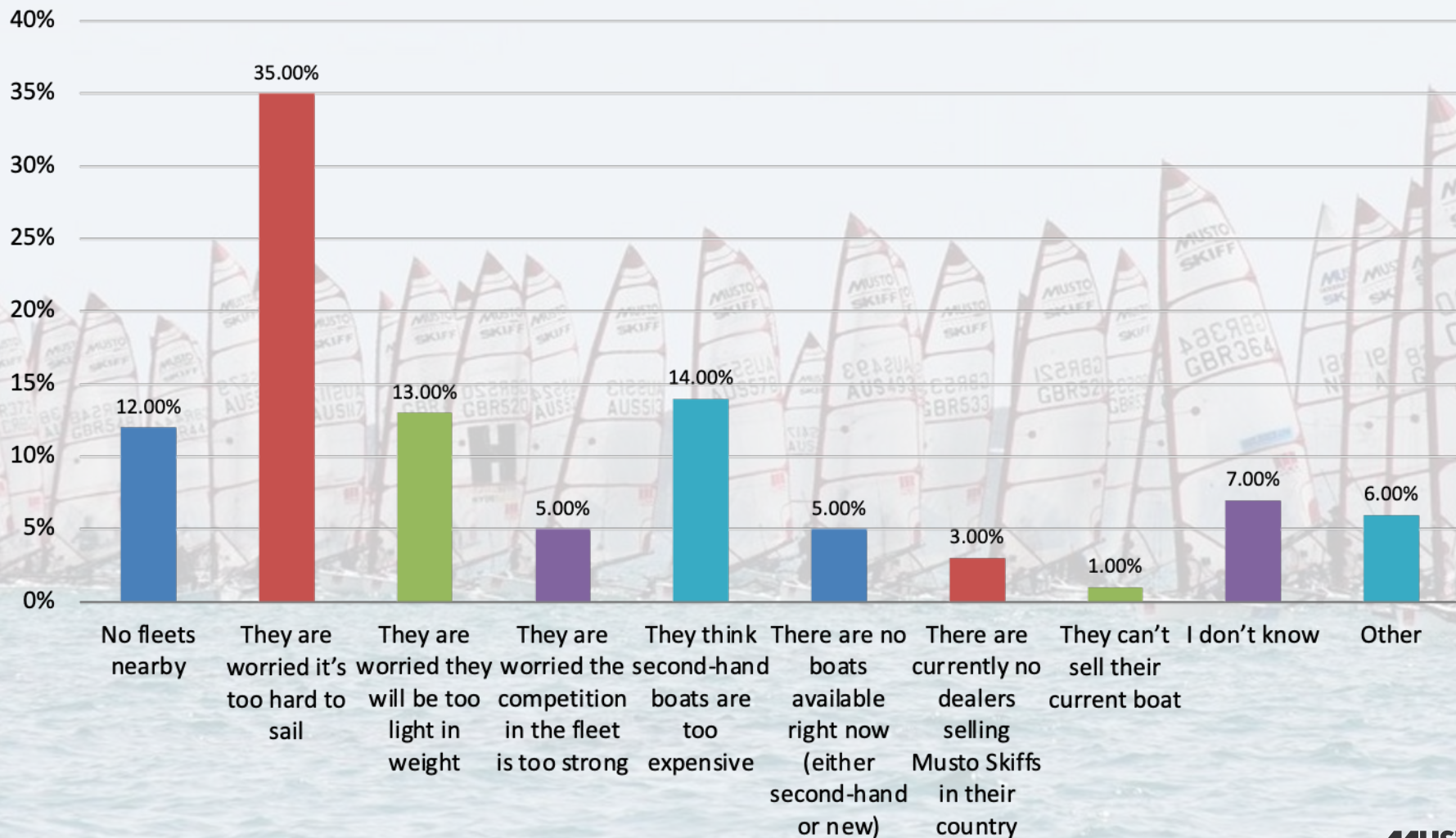
Based on feedback from the class via the 2021 survey, the main things that the class association or boat builder could do to encourage more sailors to join the Musto Skiff fleet include:

- Invite sailors to participate in a demo day (19% of responses)
- Run more on the water training events (17% of responses)
- Release an updated training video / Digital Download (15% of responses)



Class Feedback – Increasing interest in the Class

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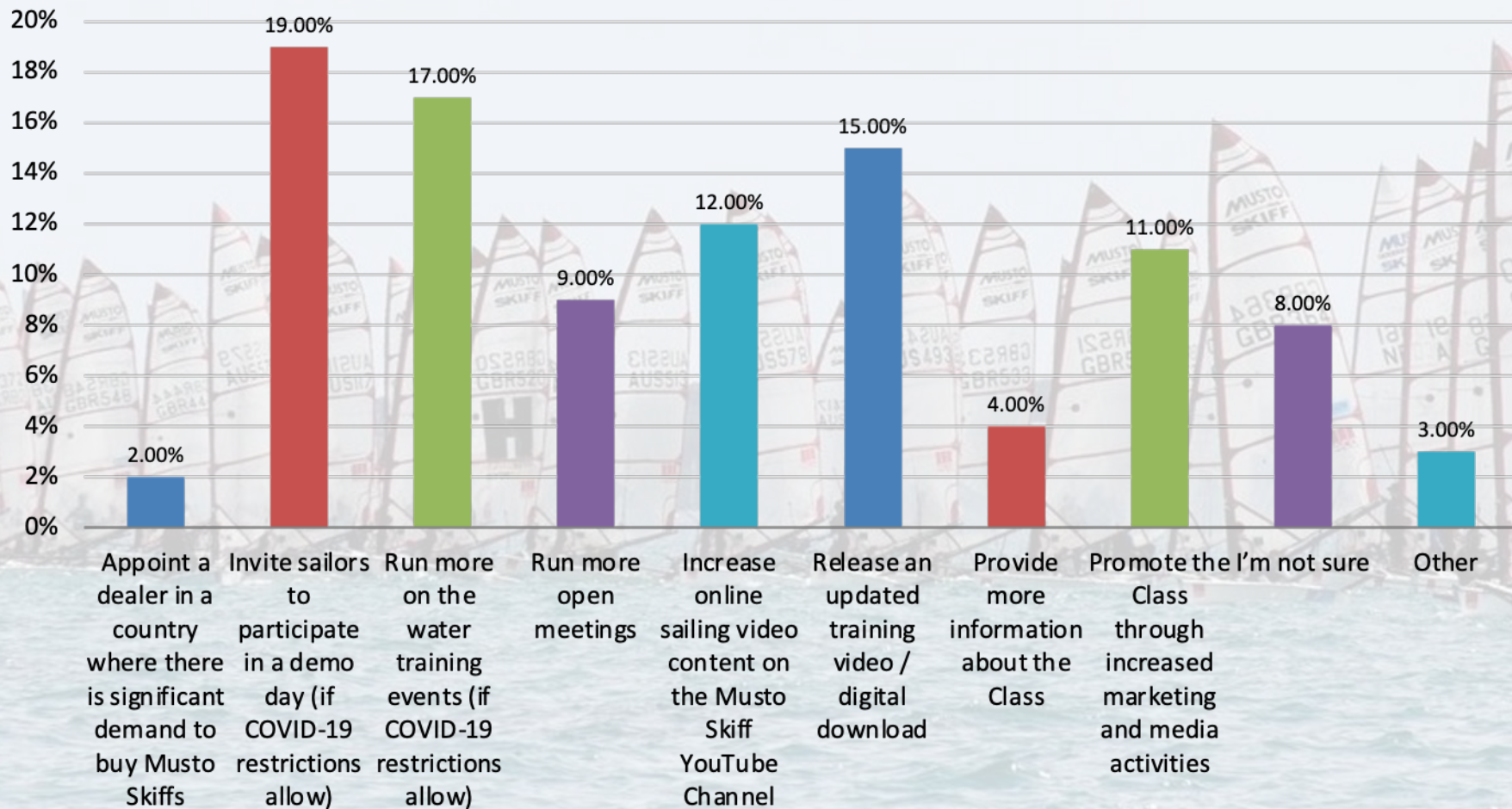




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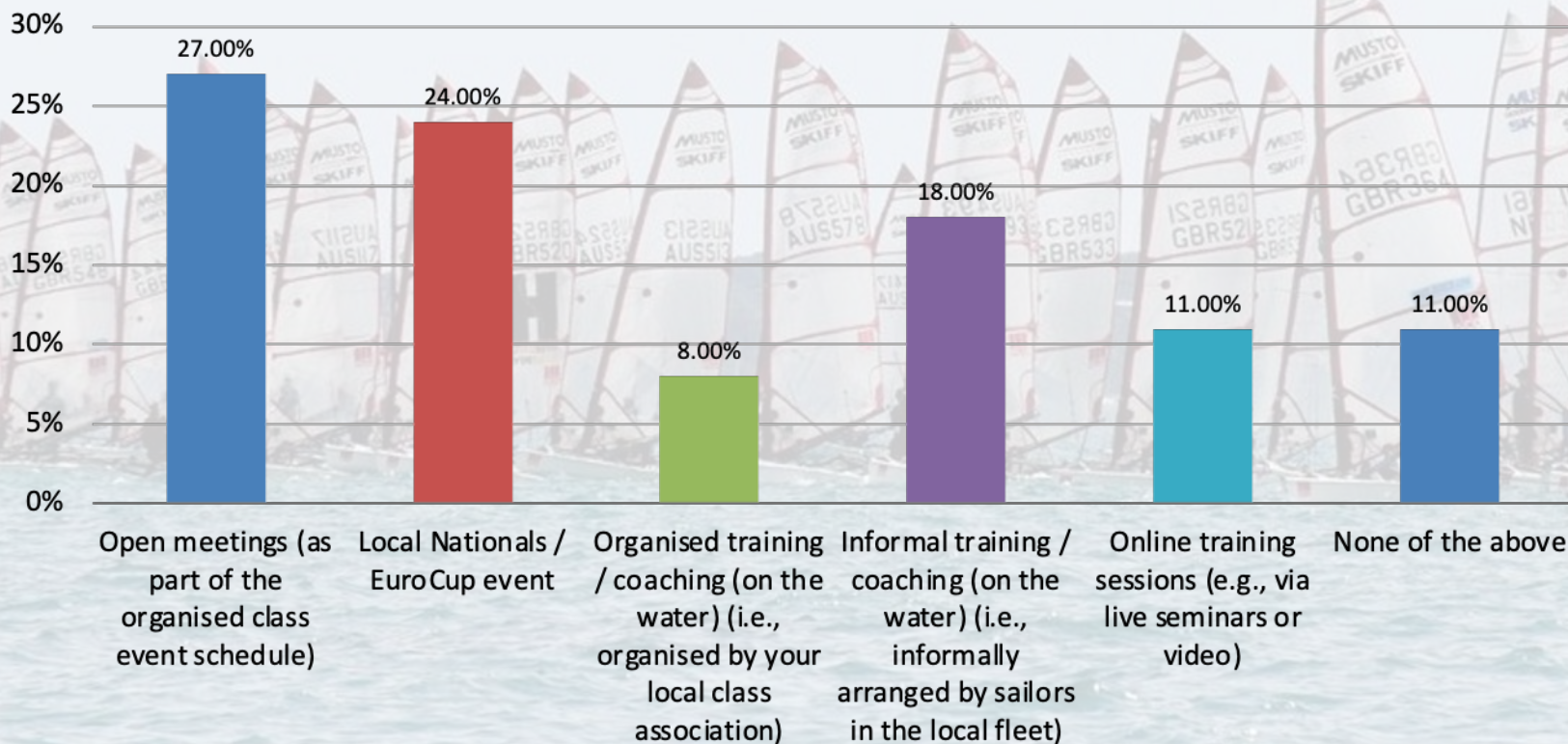
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**MUSTO SKIFF SAILOR FEEDBACK ON ORGANISED
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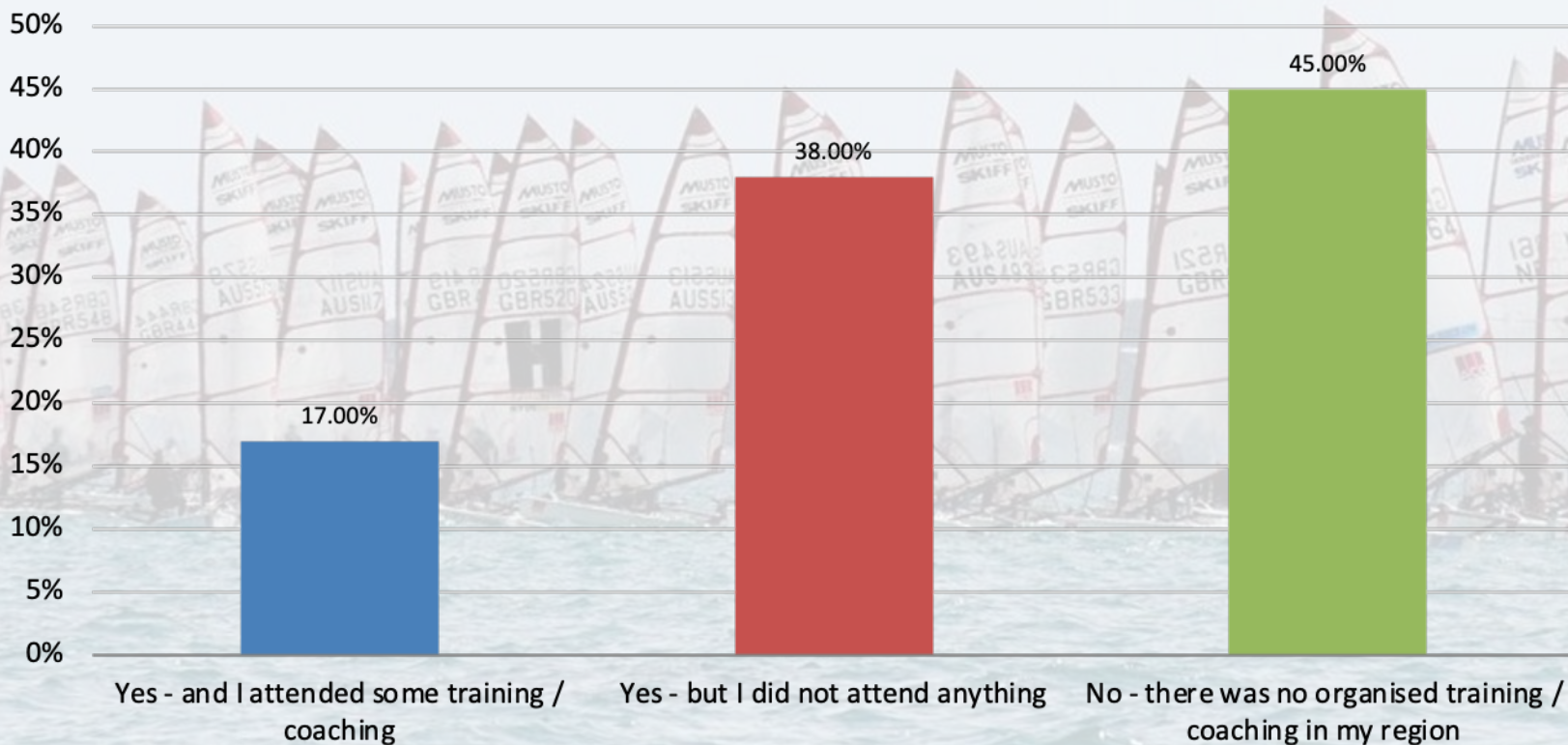
Class Feedback – Attendance at Class Activities

During 2021, our organised event schedule for the class and other training sessions were either cancelled or scaled back in some regions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, over 2021, some Musto Skiff sailors were able to participate in some class activities within their local region. This mainly included open meetings, local nationals, and informal training / coaching, as shown in the results below:



Class Feedback – Class Training / Coaching

Based on the 2021 survey, 55% of respondents had the opportunity to attend on the water Musto Skiff training / coaching sessions organised by their local class association. However, of the 55% of respondents who had this opportunity, only 17% took part in local organised training / coaching session.



Class Feedback – Class Training / Coaching

Based on the 2021 survey, the class highly rated all aspects of the organised training / coaching sessions in their local region.

The class rated the following as excellent overall:

1. **Venue suitability for training activities** was 57% excellent overall
2. **Contribution of top sailors** was 47% excellent overall
3. = **Onshore organisation for training activities** was 46% excellent overall
= **Club facilities for training activities** was 46% excellent overall

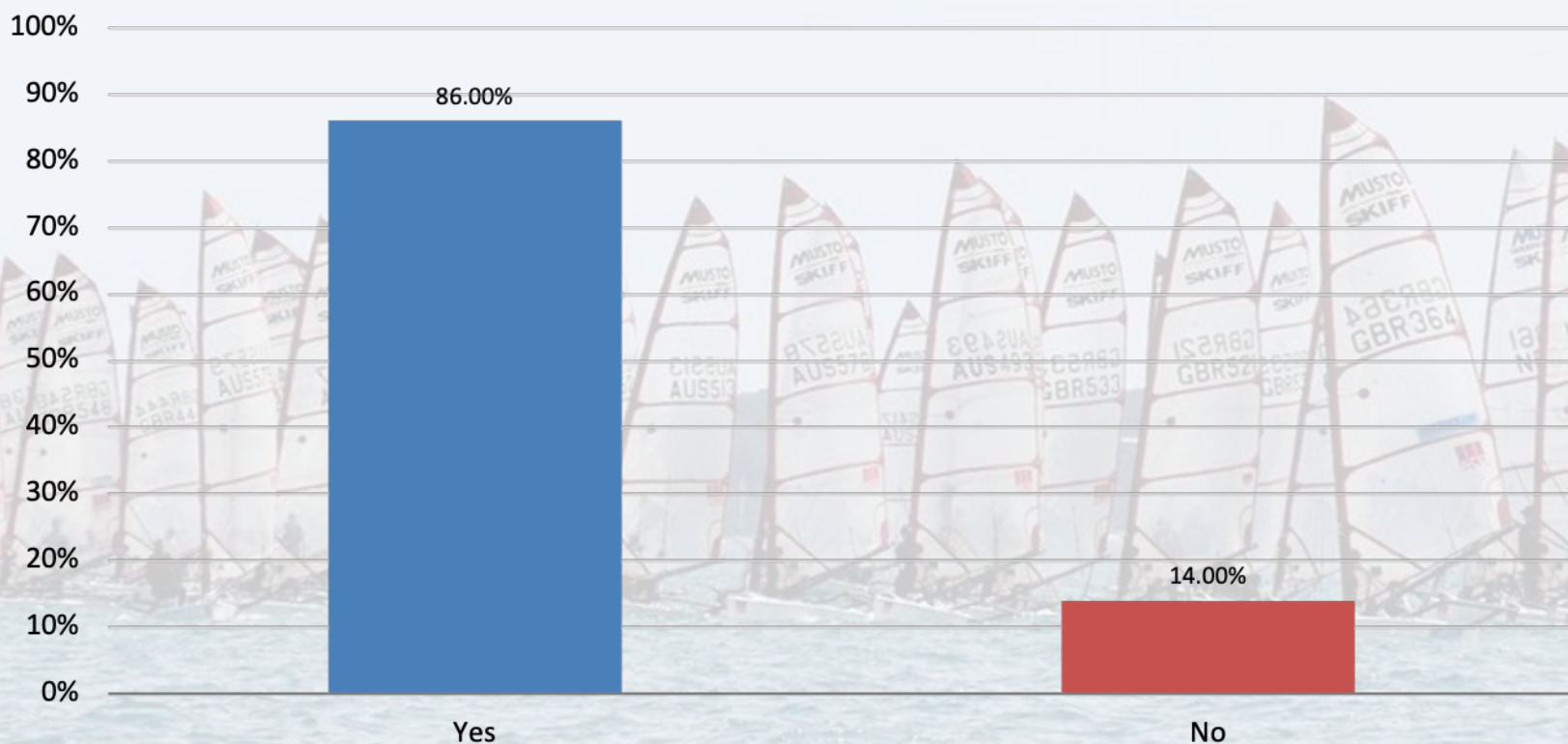
The class rated the following as excellent overall:

1. **Coaching style** was 71% good overall
2. **Level of knowledge of coaches** was 69% good overall
3. **Pre-event information and communications for training activities** was 64% good overall



Class Feedback – Class Training / Coaching

Based on the 2021 survey, 86% of the class would like to see more organised training sessions taking place in their region.





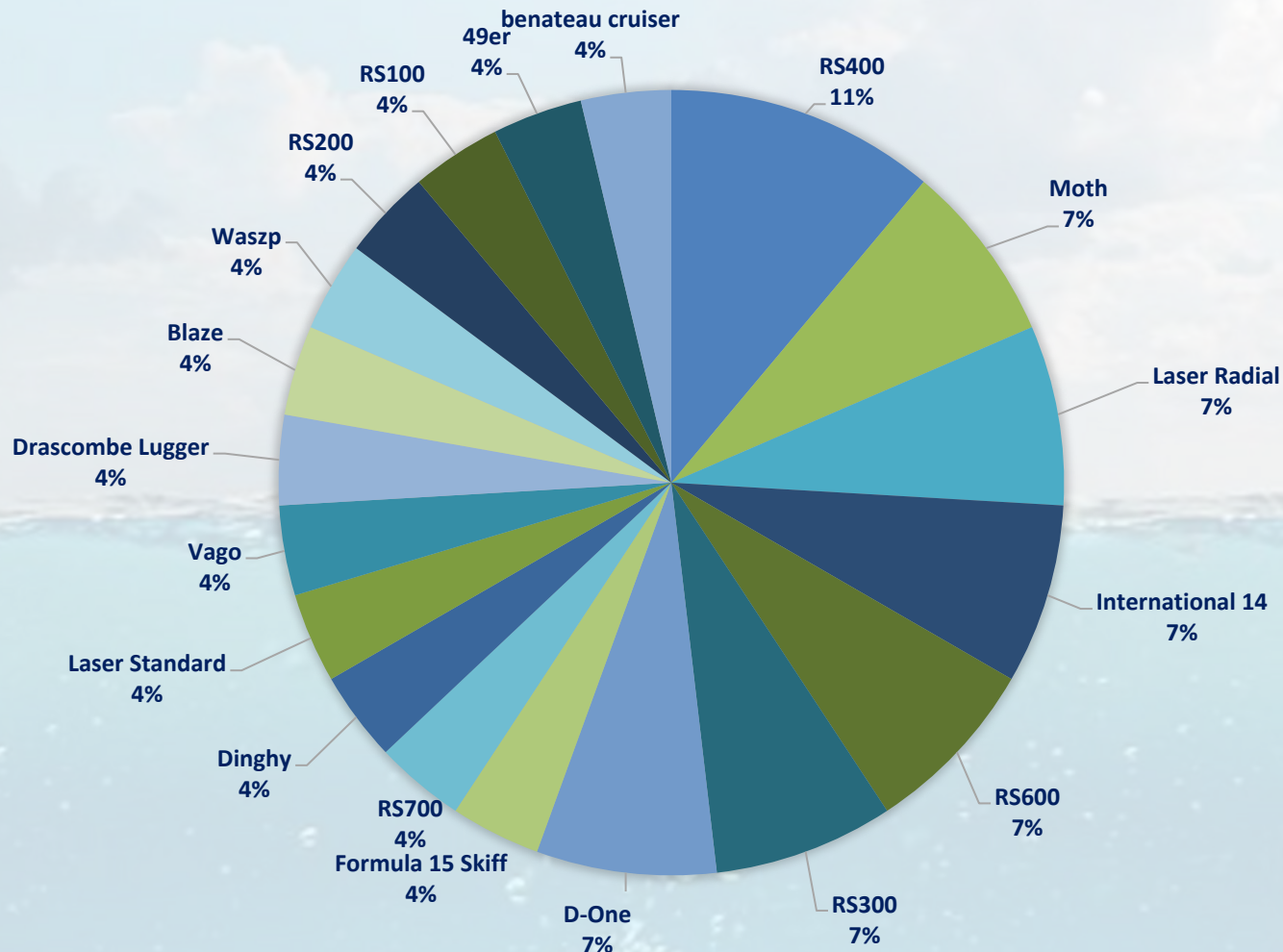
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SURVEY PARTICIPANTS – OTHER SAILOR STATISTICS

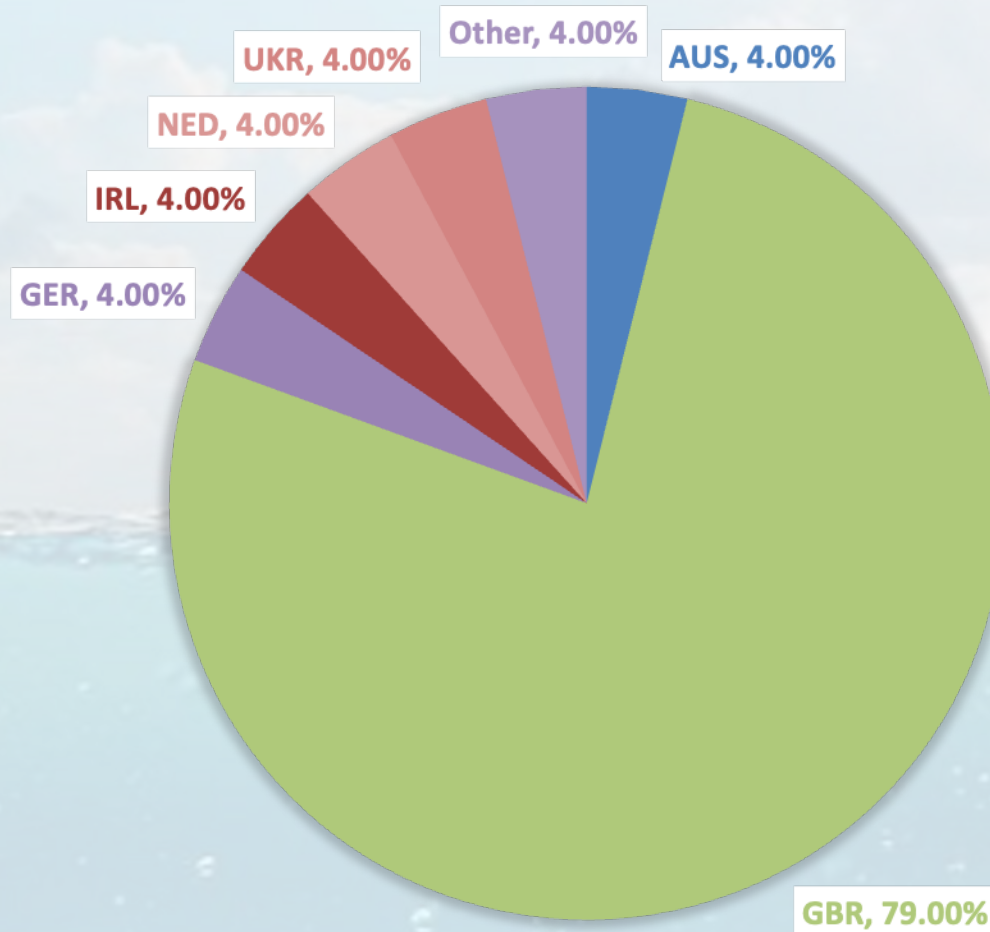
Other Sailors' Statistics – What Boats & Classes?

Based on the 2021 survey, the main boat type being sailed by respondents from the wider sailing community include the RS 400 (11%), and then the Moth, Laser Radical, International 14, RS 600, RS 300, and D-One (at 7% each).



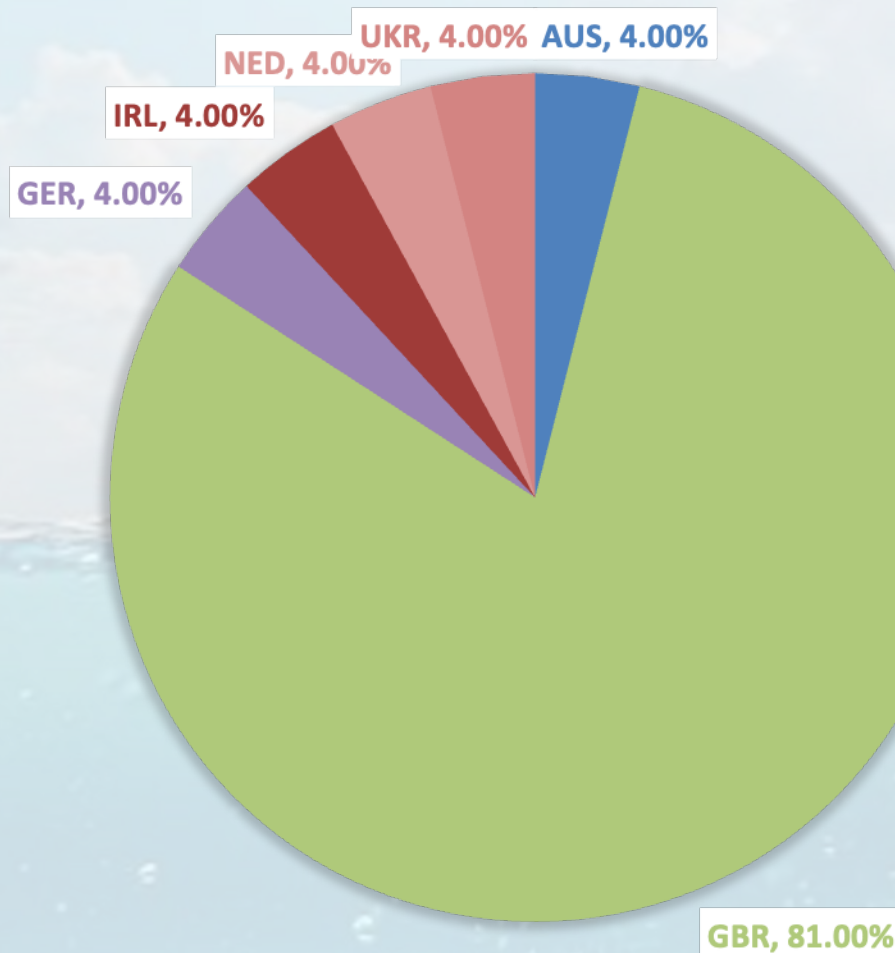
Other Sailors' Statistics – Country Representation

The most represented country for other sailors responding to the survey (i.e., those that are not currently sailing a Musto Skiff), included GBR (79%), followed by an equal share of 4% each for Australia, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, and then Ukraine. There was also 4% reporting as 'other'.



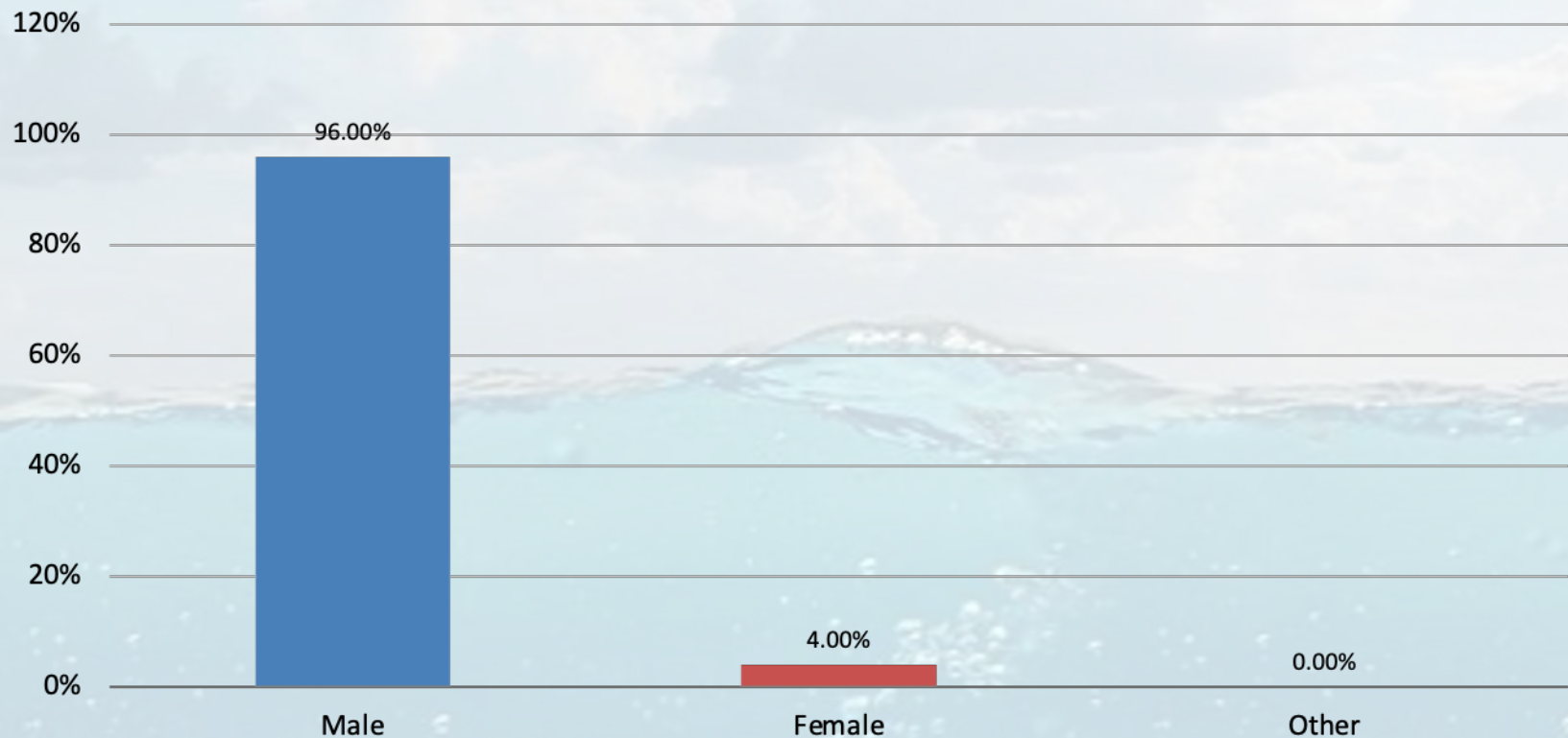
Other Sailors' Statistics – World Sailing Region

The most represented World Sailing region for other sailors responding to the survey (i.e., those that are not currently sailing a Musto Skiff), included GBR at 81%, followed by equal share of 4% each for Australia, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Ukraine.



Other Sailors' Statistics – Gender Representation

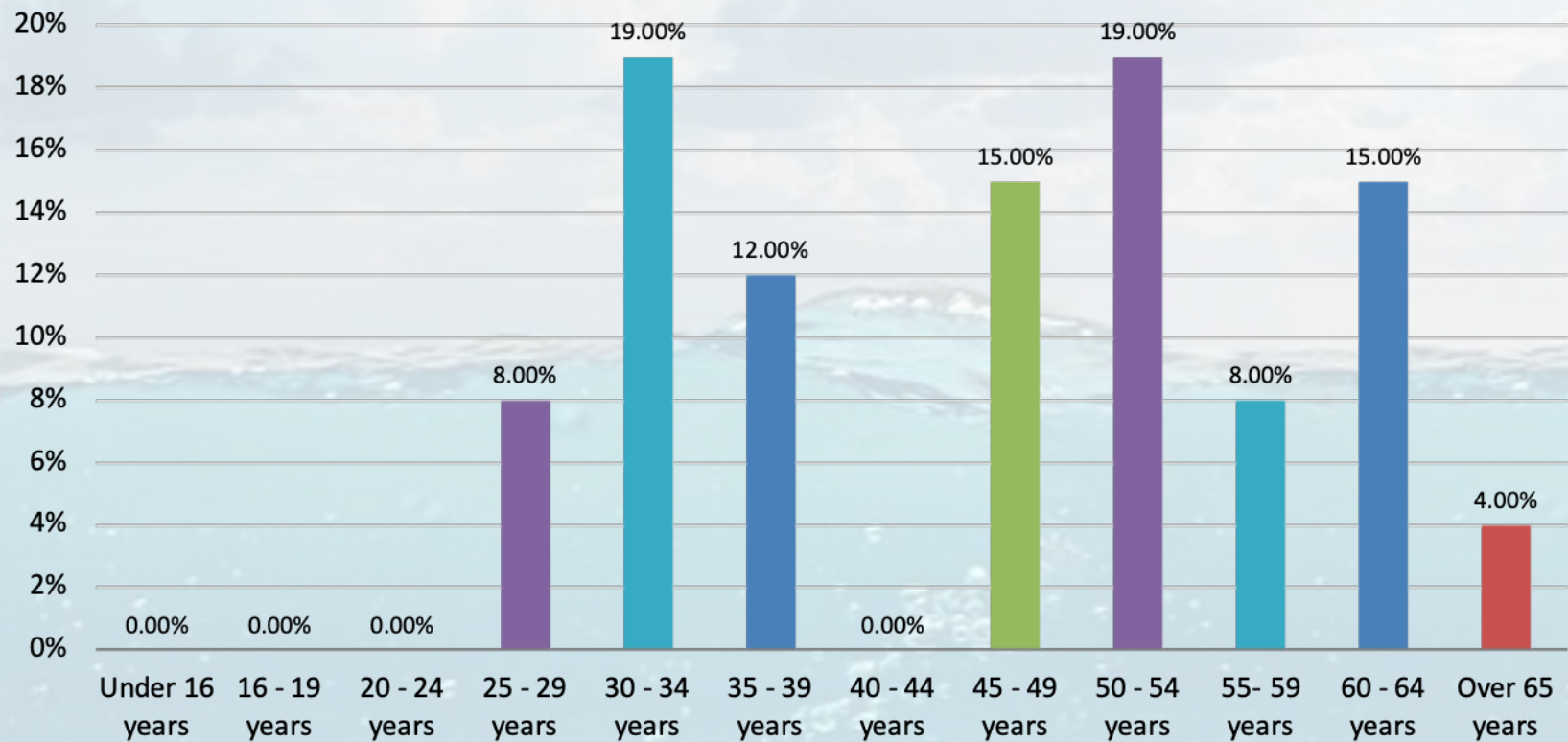
The majority of the wider sailing community participating in the 2021 survey identified as male, with 96% stating male and 4% stating female.



Other Sailors' Statistics – Age Range

Based on the demographic of survey respondents, there was a wide range of representation across the respondents, with the exception of your sailors (under 25 years) who were not represented.

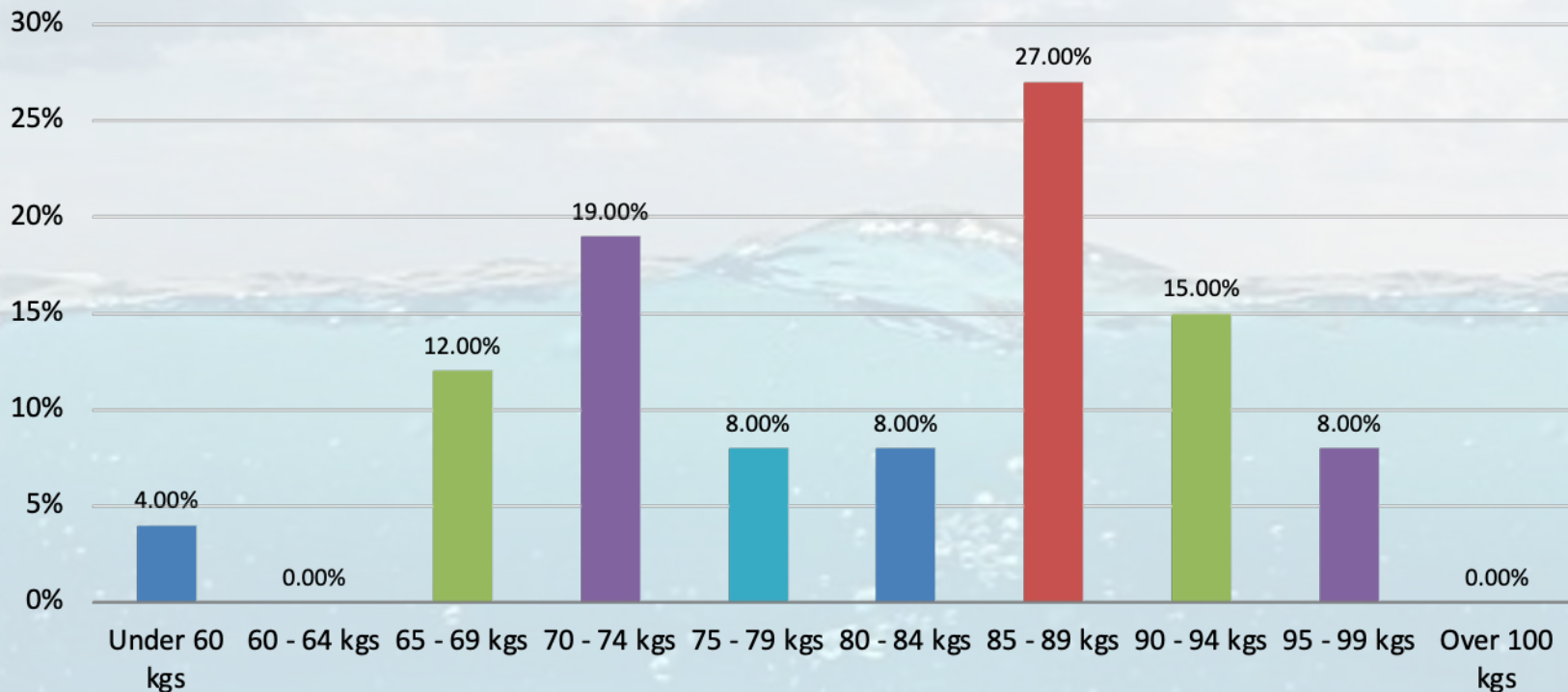
Participating sailors from the wider sailing community mainly represented the 30 – 34 years and 50 – 54 years categories (19% share each), with the next highest share being the 45 – 49 years and 60 – 64 years categories (15% share each).



Other Sailors' Statistics – Weight Range

Based on the demographic of survey respondents, the 'other sailors' group in the survey represented a wider range of weight categories compared to the Musto Skiff class sailors. The most represented category for this group was the 85 – 89 kgs category (27%), which is lower than that of the Musto Skiff class, which saw the most representation in the 85 – 89 kgs category.

The next most represented weight category for the other sailors group was 70- 74 kgs (19%), followed by 90 – 94 kgs. Unlike the Musto Skiff class, there was also representation in the lower weight categories, with 4% of respondents reporting under 60 kgs.





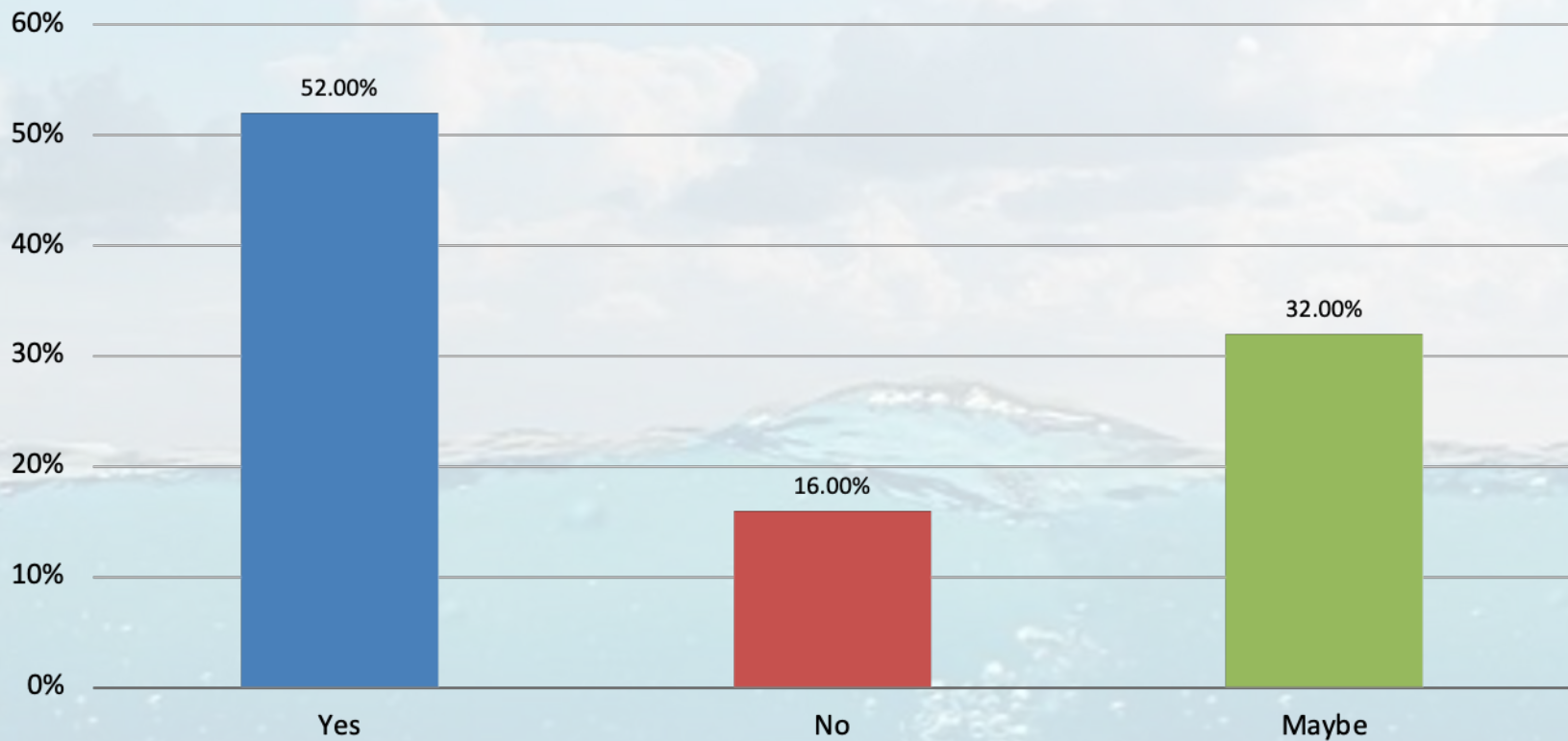
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OTHER SAILORS' FEEDBACK ON JOINING THE CLASS

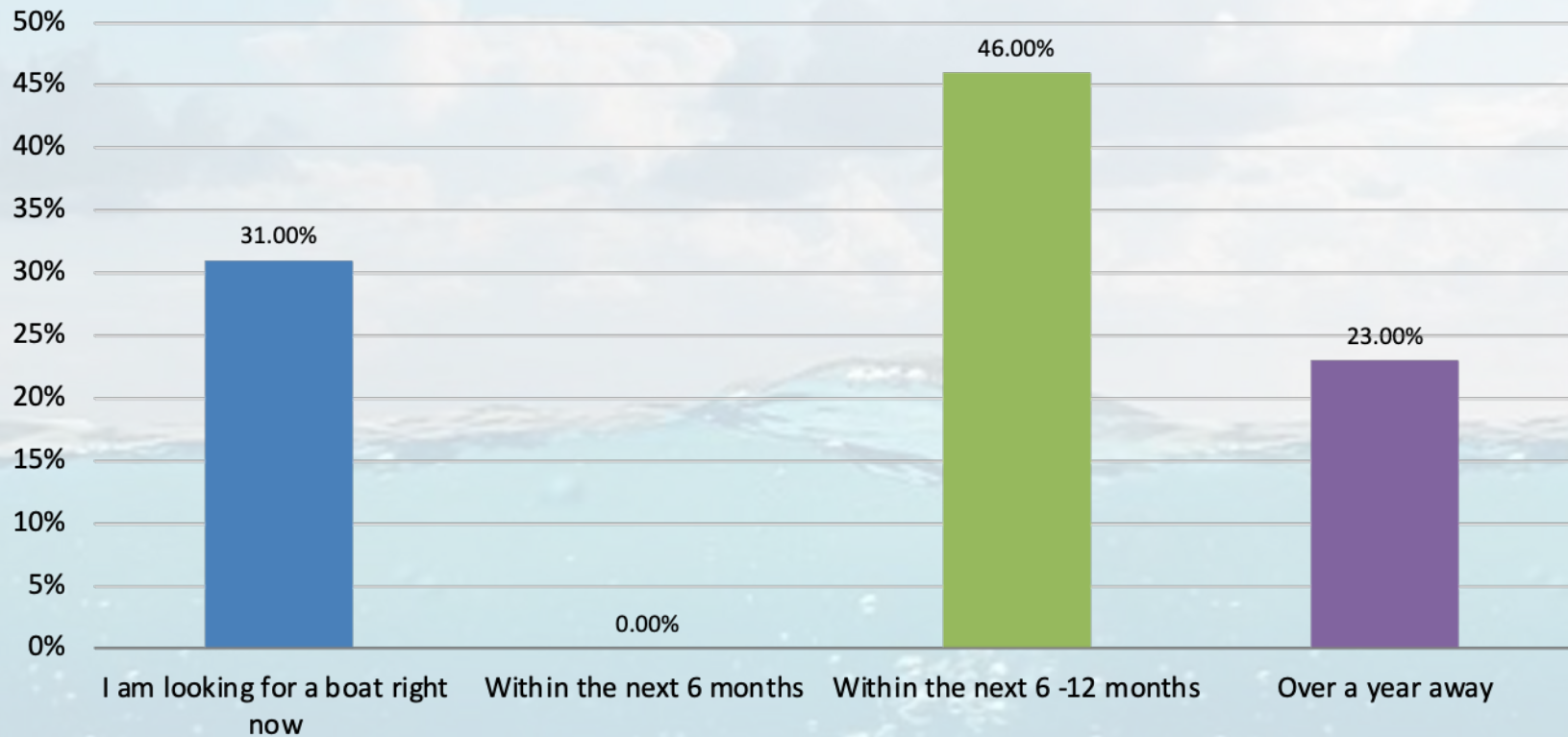
Other Sailors' Feedback – Joining The MSCA Class

Based on the 2021 survey, 52% of sailors in the wider sailing community group would like to join the Musto Skiff Class. A further 32% would consider it. The remaining 16% of respondents are not interested in joining the Musto Skiff class.



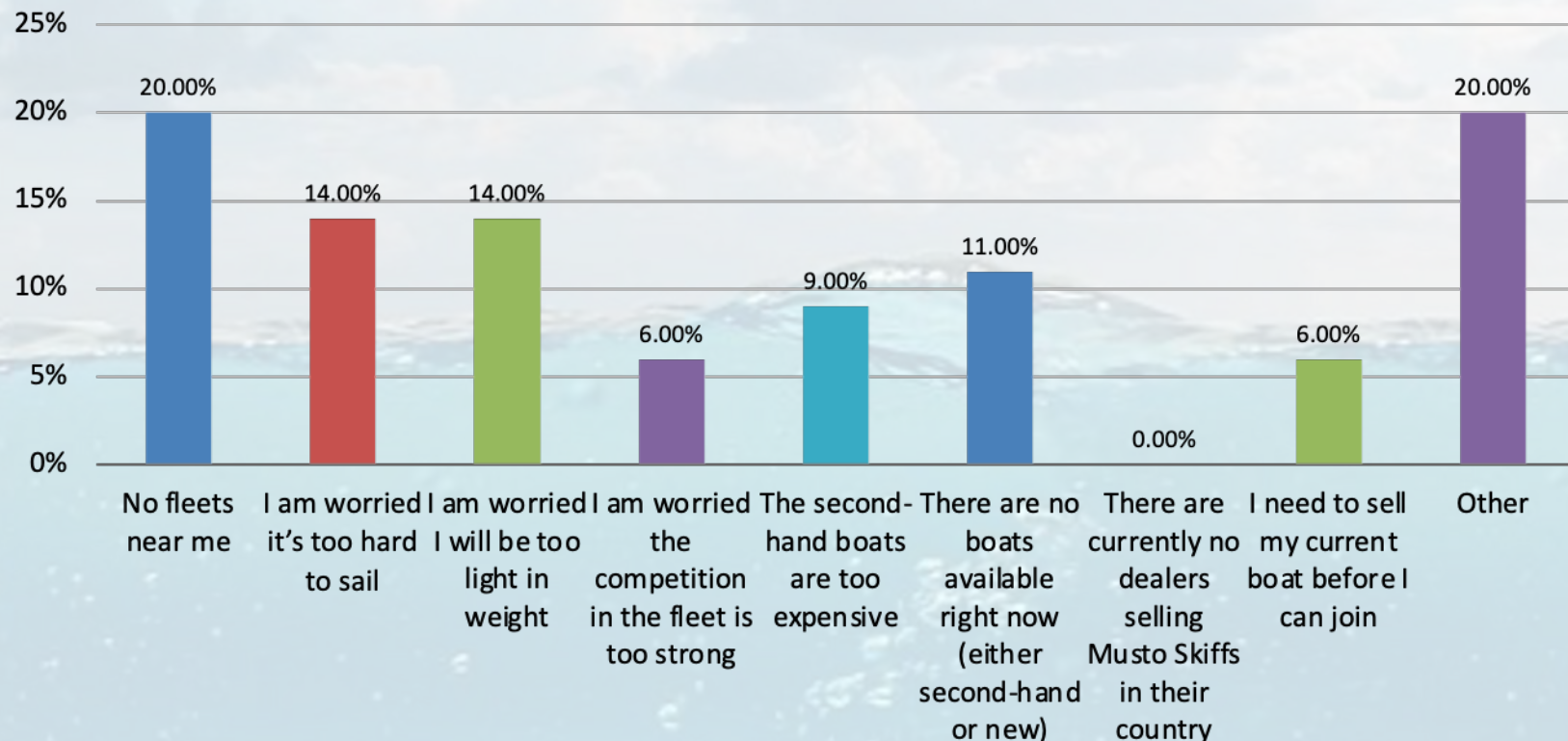
Other Sailors' Feedback – Joining The MSCA Class

Of those in the wider sailing community who expressed an interest in joining the Musto Skiff class, 31% are looking for a boat right now, 46% are looking to join within the next 6 – 12 months, and 23% are looking to join the class in a years time or longer.



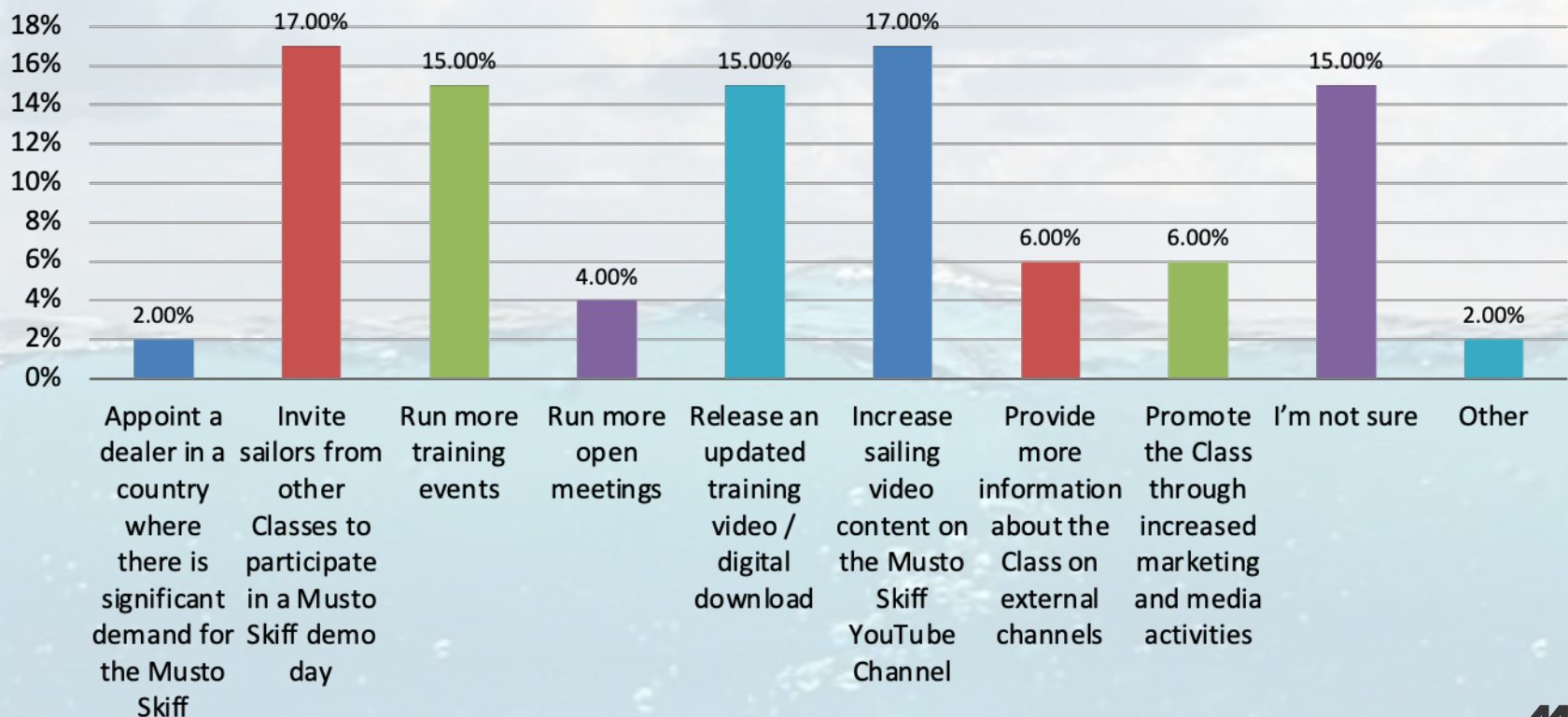
Other Sailors' Feedback – Joining The MSCA Class

Of those in the wider sailing community who were not interested in joining the class, the main reasons preventing them from joining included (in order), no fleets being nearby (20%), worrying that the boat is either too hard to sail or they are too light in weight (14% share respectively), and no boats being immediately available (either second-hand or new).



Other Sailors' Feedback – Joining The MSCA Class

To encourage more sailors to join the Musto Skiff class, sailors in the wider sailing community suggested that the class association or boat builder consider inviting sailors from other classes to participate in a Musto Skiff demo day (17%), increase sailing video content on the Musto Skiff YouTube Channel (17%), run more training events (15%), and release an updated training video / digital download (15%).





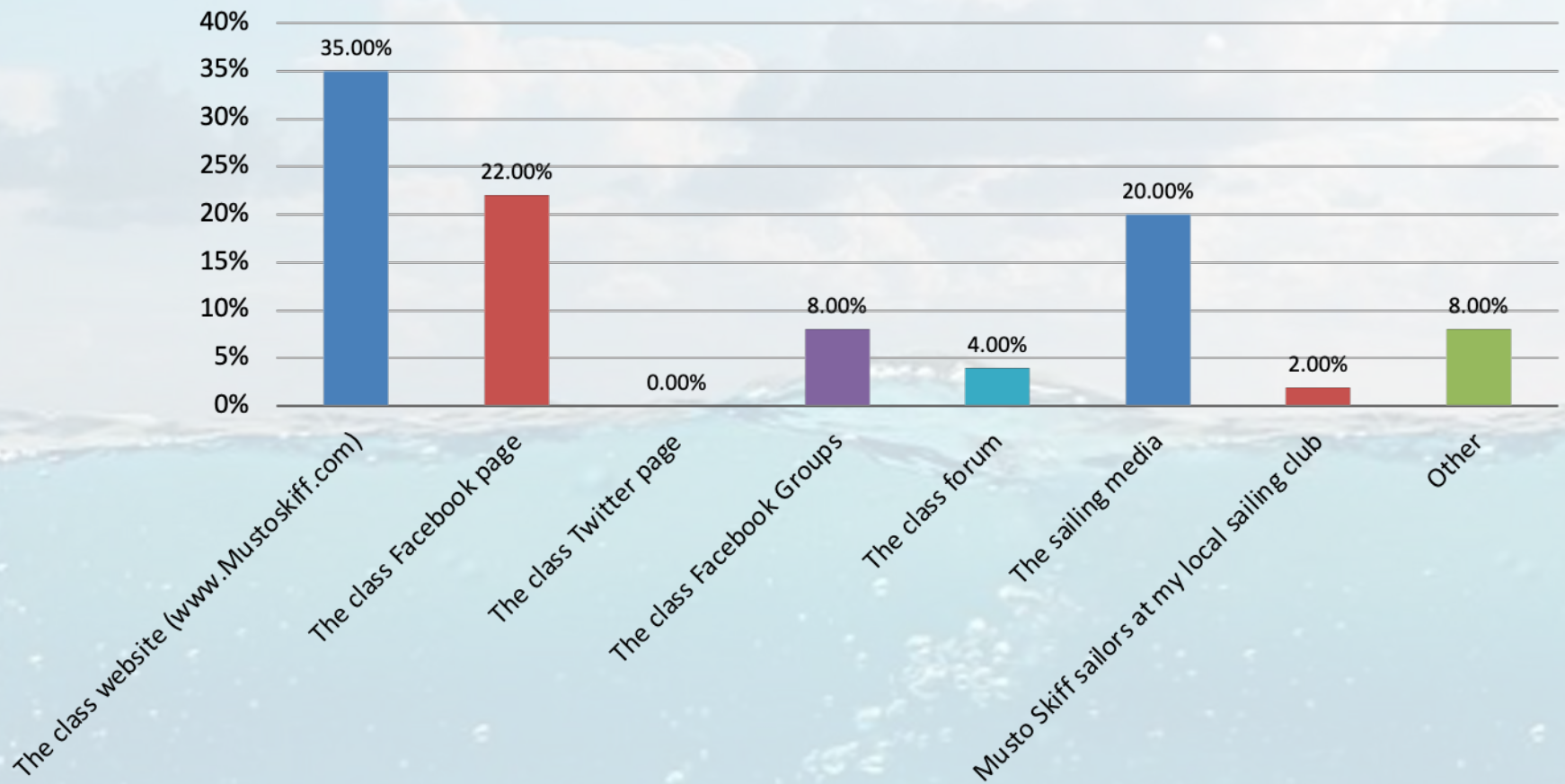
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OTHER SAILORS' FEEDBACK – CLASS COMMS

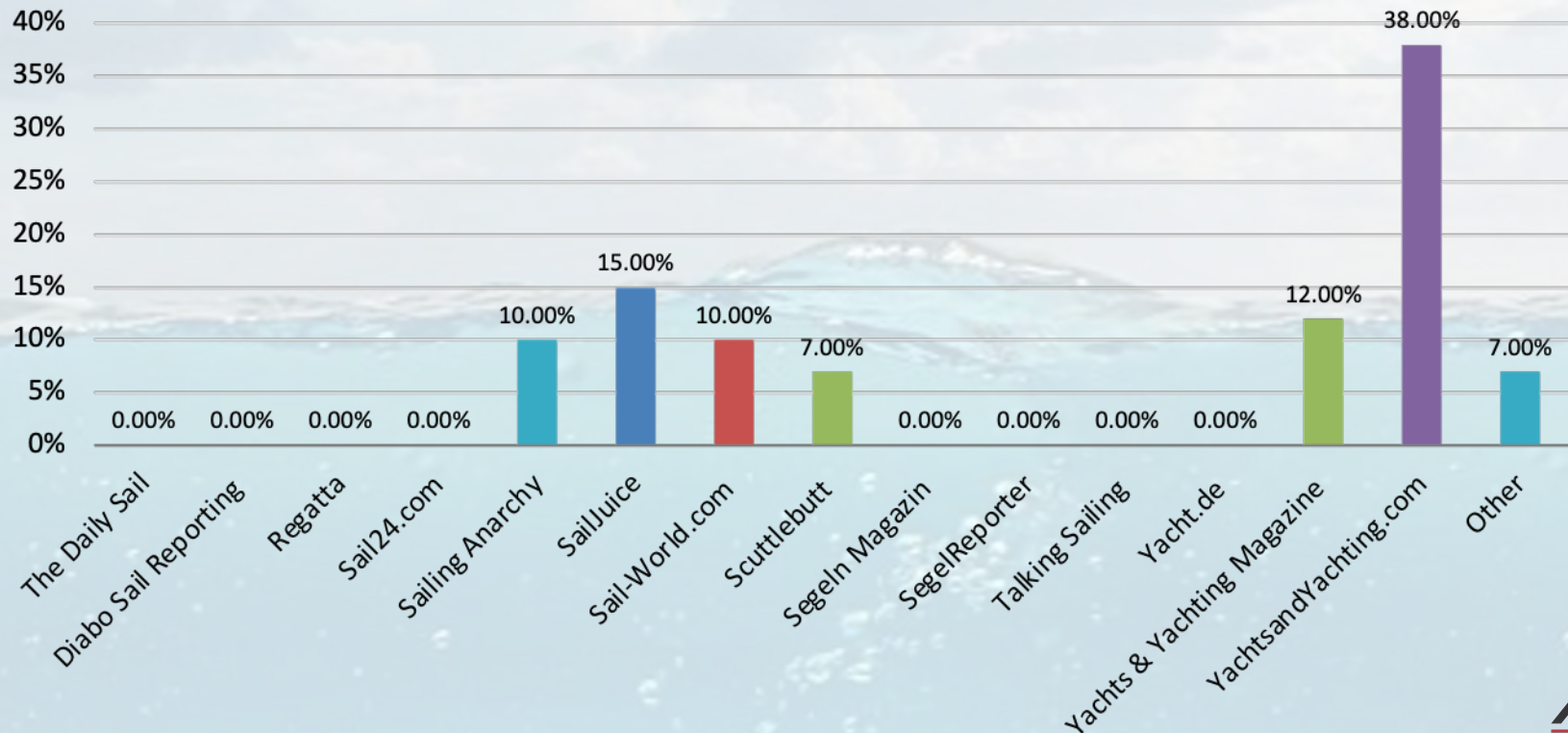
Other Sailors' Feedback – Engaging in Class Comms

Based on the 2021 survey, sailors in the wider sailing community typically seek information about the Musto Skiff class activities from the class website (35%), the class Facebook page (22%) and the sailing media (20%).



Other Sailors' Feedback – Engaging in Wider Media

Based on the survey respondents, the sailors in the wider sailing community use more online than print media, with **yachtsandyachting.com (38%)** being the main media title that the other sailor typically go to for information on the latest Musto Skiff news. The second most popular sailing media amongst the class is **Sailjuice (15%)**, followed by **Yachts & Yachting Magazine (12%)**.



Other Sailors' Feedback – Social Media Engagement

The International Class Committee manages a range of social media pages and groups for International Musto Skiff class sailors. Some National Associations also manage their own social media groups for their local Musto Skiff class sailors.

We asked for feedback from the wider sailing community on our Musto Skiff Class Association (MSCA) social media activities. This included how often other sailors used each of the class social media pages or groups to find out event information and class updates for the Musto Skiff class.

Over 2021, the GBR Facebook was the most used social media channel, followed by the class YouTube channel. This indicates more video content would be useful to attract those looking to join the class or demo a Musto Skiff. Here is what the wider sailing community told us about their most used International Musto Skiff Class Channels.....



They often use the GBR Facebook Page and Group for updates and information about the class.



They sometimes use the International YouTube channel for information about the class.



They mostly never use the International Twitter page for updates and information about the class.

Other Sailors' Feedback – Quality of Class Communications

Results summary:

Over 2021, the International Class Committee managed a range of activities to communicate and engage with the class. As well as social media, we were interested to get class feedback on these wider activities, including the international class website and e-newsletter.

- Over 2021, the highest rated international communication channel amongst the sailing community was the online media coverage for the class (56% good to excellent), followed by the class website (48% good to excellent), and the international class YouTube channel (45% good to excellent).
- The lowest rated international communication channel was the class Twitter page, but this was unrated due to 88% of survey respondents from the wider sailing community group stating that they 'never use it'. Of the small number that did use it, they rated it as average (12%).
- No channels were rated as below average or poor by the wider sailing community group.



Other Sailors' Feedback – Quality of Class Communications

Results summary for overall ratings for class communications:



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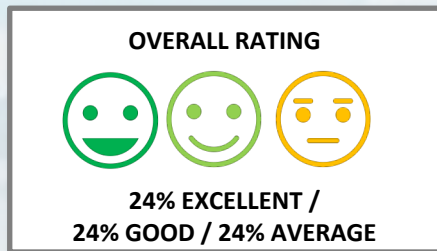
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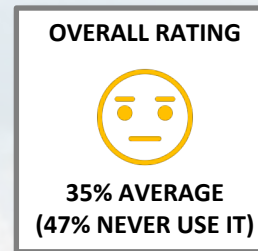
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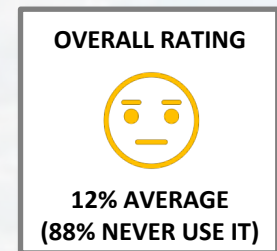
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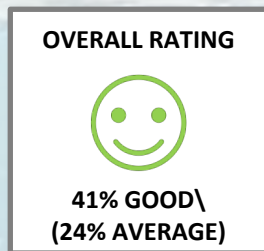
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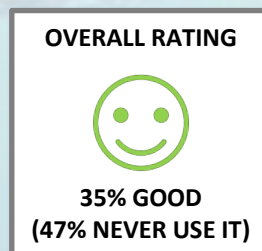
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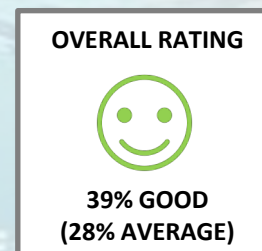
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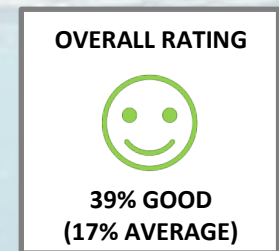
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International Musto Skiff
Facebook GROUP



International Musto Skiff
YouTube Channel



Online media coverage



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MUSTO SKIFF CLASS ASSOCIATION 2021

INTERNATIONAL AGM / CLASS MEMBER REPORT

Survey Response Statistics – 2021 (AGM - Online)

2021 SURVEY RESPONSE STATISTICS....

5 regional class associations were represented in the AGM (online survey)



98% of AGM (online survey) respondents were current Musto Skiff Class Association members

2% of AGM (online survey) respondents were Musto Skiff Class Association Life Members

100% of AGM (online survey) respondents identified as male

43 of respondents completed the AGM section of the survey

14 of the respondents started, but did not complete, the AGM section of the survey

2021 AGM SURVEY SUMMARY – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The 2021 MSCA Annual Survey Report Summary

- 43 responses representing 5 countries.
- 98% of AGM (online survey) respondents were current Musto Skiff Class Association members and 2% were Musto Skiff Class Association Life Members

2021 Nationals and Planning for 2022 Nationals

- 56% of Musto Skiff Class members attended their Nationals / EuroCup event in 2021.
- 26% had a Nationals / EuroCup event, but did not attend and for 19%, there was no Nationals / EuroCup event in their country.
- The quality of Nationals / EuroCup events were rated as ‘excellent’ overall for most points, indicating a good quality of events in each country. Venue suitability was rated very highly by the class overall at 78% excellent. Race management and competition within the fleet were also rated highly at 70% excellent for each point.
- For those that could not attend their Nationals / EuroCup event, work commitments (18%) and family commitments (18%) were the main reasons specified for non-attendance. However, 36% did not state any specific reason.

Looking Ahead to the 2022 Worlds

- 43% would consider attending the 2021 Worlds planned for Kiel in Germany, and 33% said ‘maybe’
- The main reason specified for not committing to the planned Worlds in 2021 was “Too much uncertainty around the Covid-19 pandemic” (at 21%), followed by “work commitments” (at 21%).

2021 AGM SURVEY SUMMARY – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 52% of Musto Skiff Class members would support hosting a World Championships in a location with a very small local fleet or no fleet at all. This is slightly lower than the response to this same question in 2020, which stated 68% would support this.

Looking Ahead to the 2022 Worlds – continued:

- The most popular locations suggested for a future Worlds (in order) included: South Africa (no specific location), followed by North America – specifically San Francisco, but also the Columbia Gorge. The third most named country was Italy, with Garda, Lake Como and Malcesine all named as specific locations.
- In 2020, South Africa (specifically Cape Town - Langebaan) was the most suggested location amongst the class. The committee is now considering proposal submissions for South Africa and other countries and reviewing the long-term event schedule to accommodate this.

Feedback and Results for the 2021 AGM Vote on trapeze harness rule RRS50.1(c):

- 98% voted YES – RRS50.1(c) should be excluded from the Class Rule
- 2% voted NO – we should allow RRS50.1(c) to apply and buy new harnesses
- Based on the outcome of this vote and feedback in the survey, the international committee will now liaise with World Sailing to exclude RRS50.1(c) from the Class Rules.

2021 AGM SURVEY SUMMARY – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Feedback and Results for the 2021 AGM Vote regarding adding a class rule on carrying a knife when racing for safety:

- 24% voted YES – The Class Rules should require that a knife must be carried on person (in clothing) at all times when racing
- 76% voted NO – The Class Rules should not require a knife to be carried. Safety is a personal responsibility and should not rely on the Class Rules to govern it
- Based on the outcome of this vote and feedback in the survey, the international committee will not include knife carrying on person in the Class Rules and this will be the personal responsibility of each individual racing.



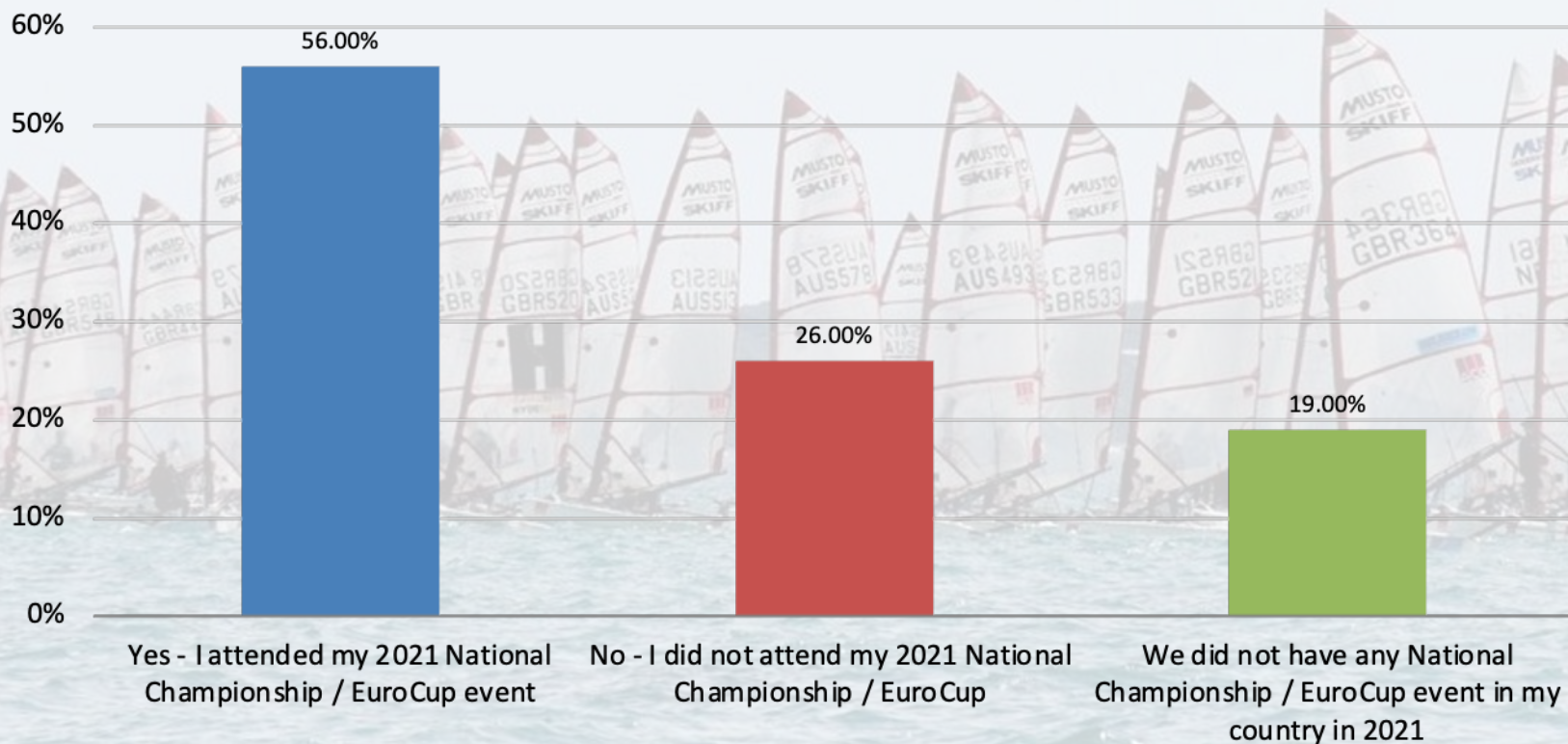
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**2021 AGM MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER FEEDBACK:
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS / EURO CUP**

Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

In 2021, 56% of the class attended a National Championship / EuroCup event in their country. However, 26% did not attend this event and 19% had no National Championship / EuroCup in their country.



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

Those that attended a Nationals / EuroCup event, were asked to rate their 2021 National Championship / Euro Cup event on the following points:

- **Pre-event information and communication**
- **Race management**
- **Level of competition within the fleet**
- **On-shore organisation**
- **Club facilities**
- **Measurement control**
- **Venue suitability for the championships**
- **Evening social events (if permitted during the event)**
- **Information and communication during the event**
- **Post event communications**

All points were rated as 'excellent' overall, with the exception of measurement control, which was rated as 'good' overall.

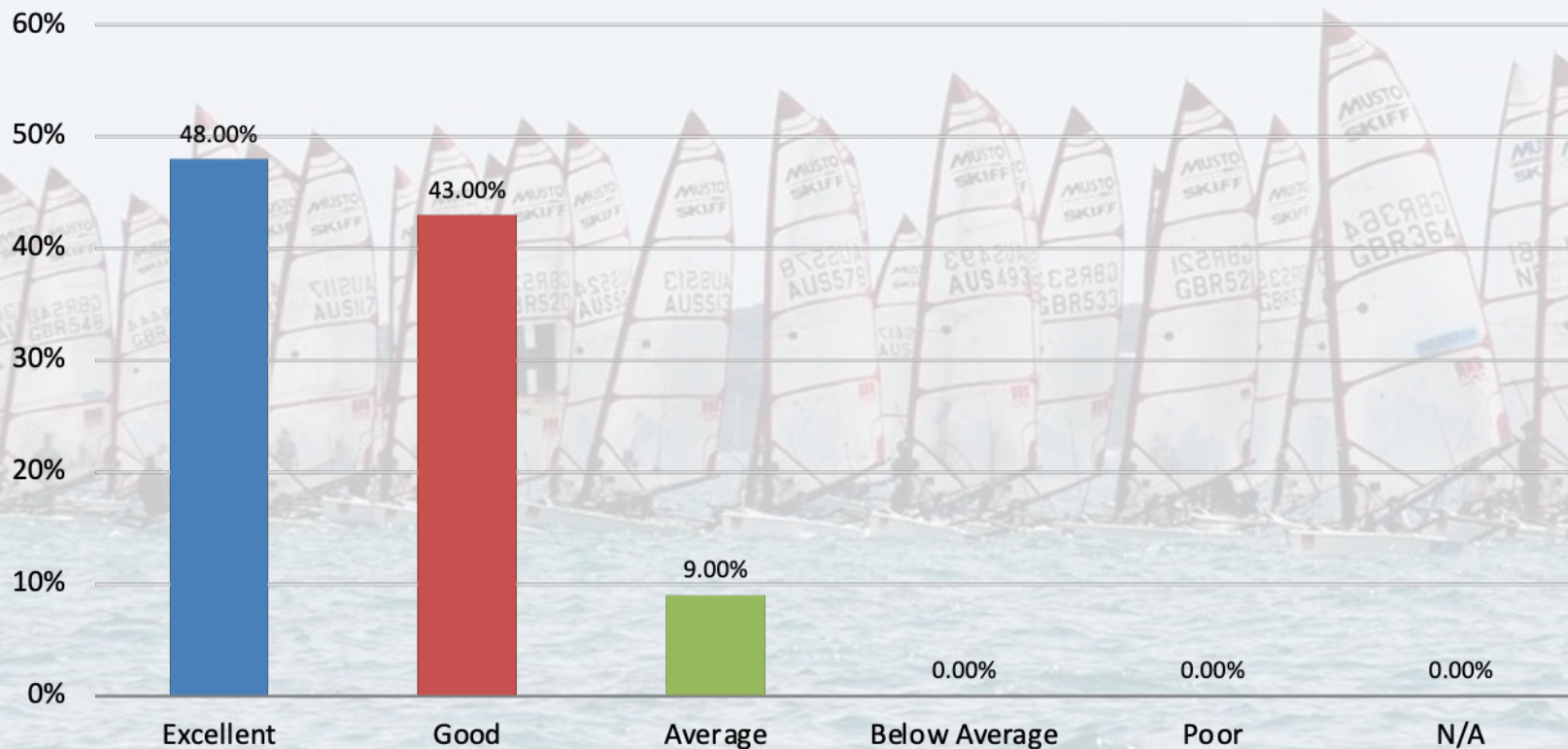
Venue suitability was rated very highly by the class overall at 78% excellent. Race management and competition within the fleet were also rated highly at 70% excellent for each point.

For those that could not attend their Nationals / EuroCup event, work commitments (18%) and family commitments (18%) were the main reasons specified for non-attendance. However, 36% did not state any specific reason.

Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

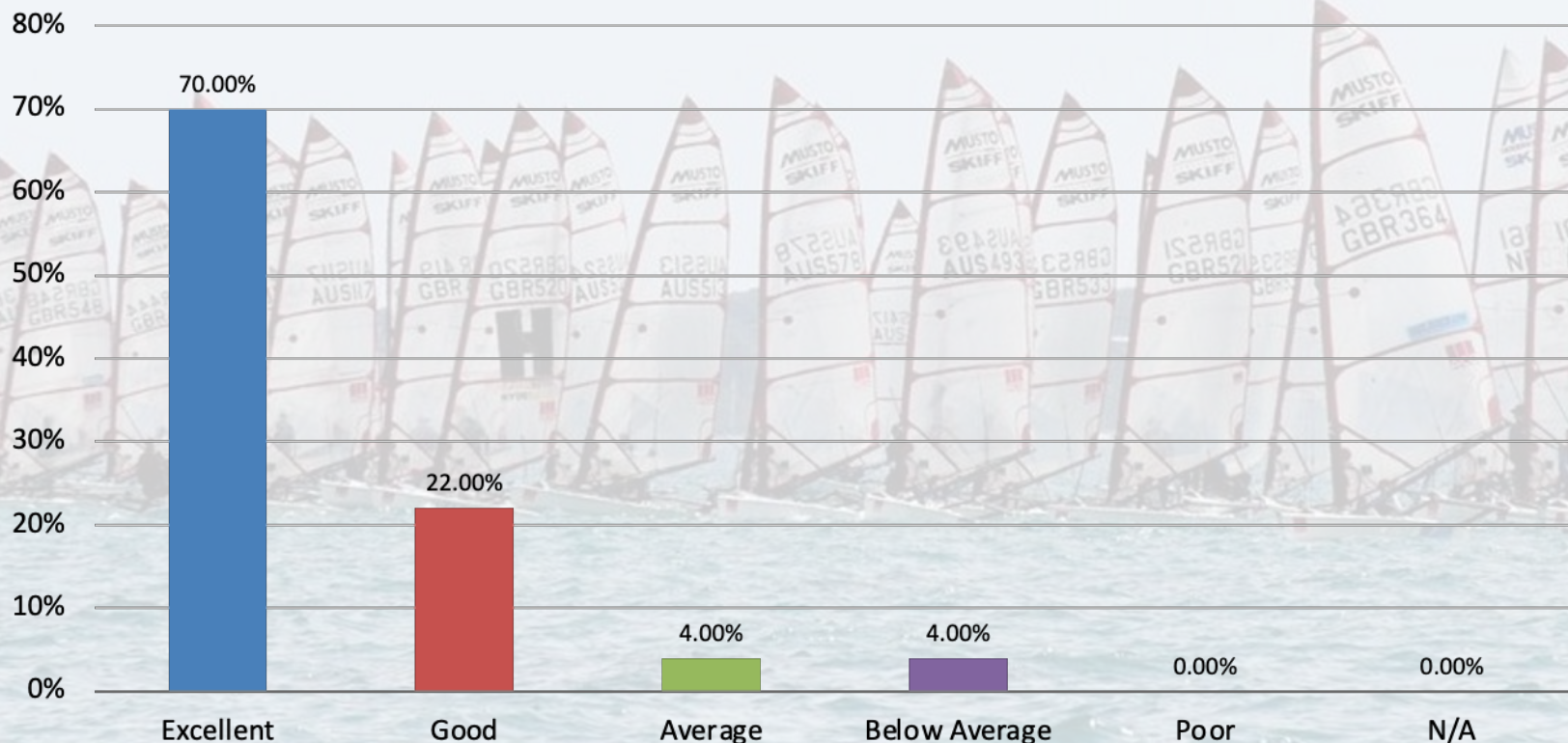
Q: How do you rate your 2021 National Championship / Euro Cup event on the following points:

Pre-event information and communication



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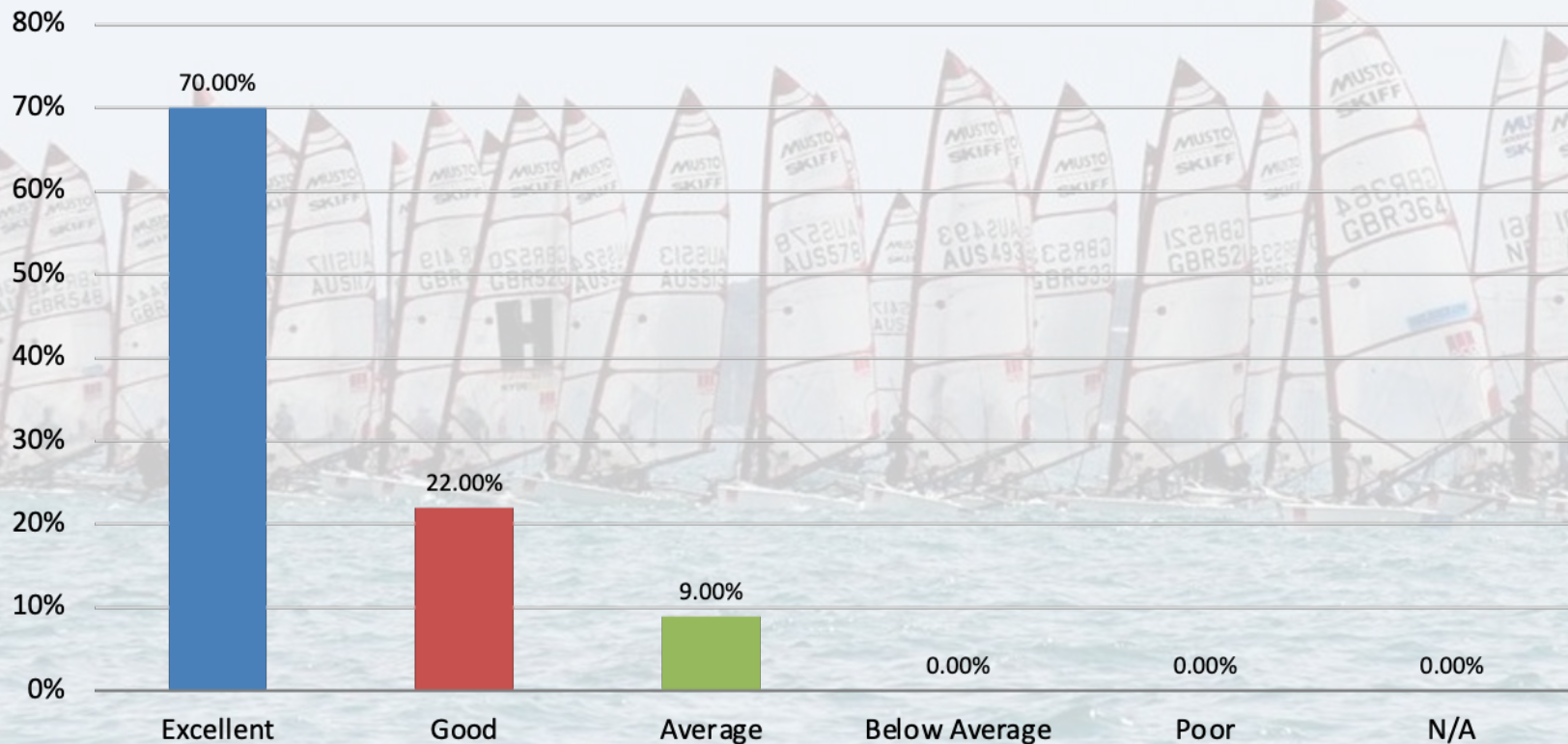
Race management



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

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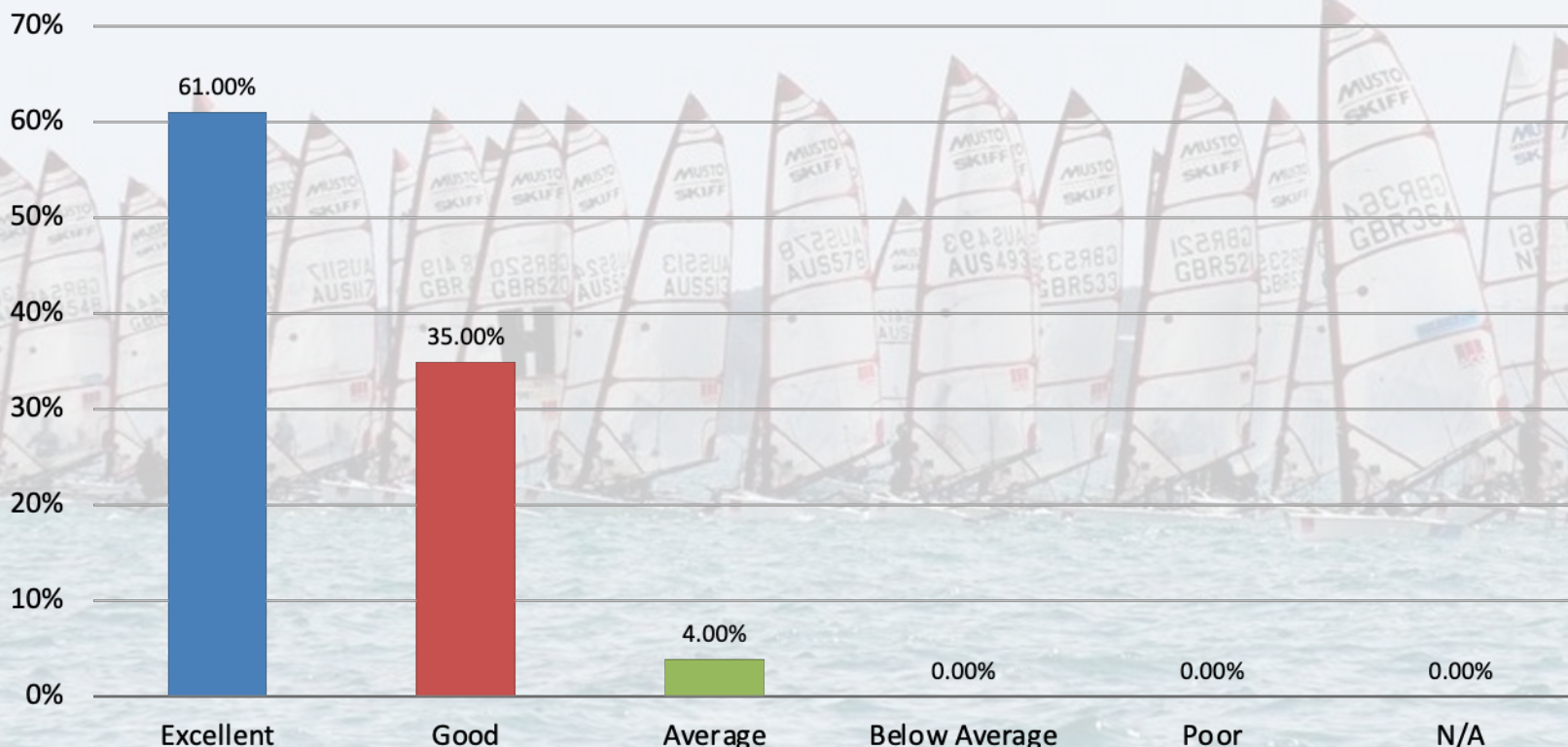
Level of competition within the fleet



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

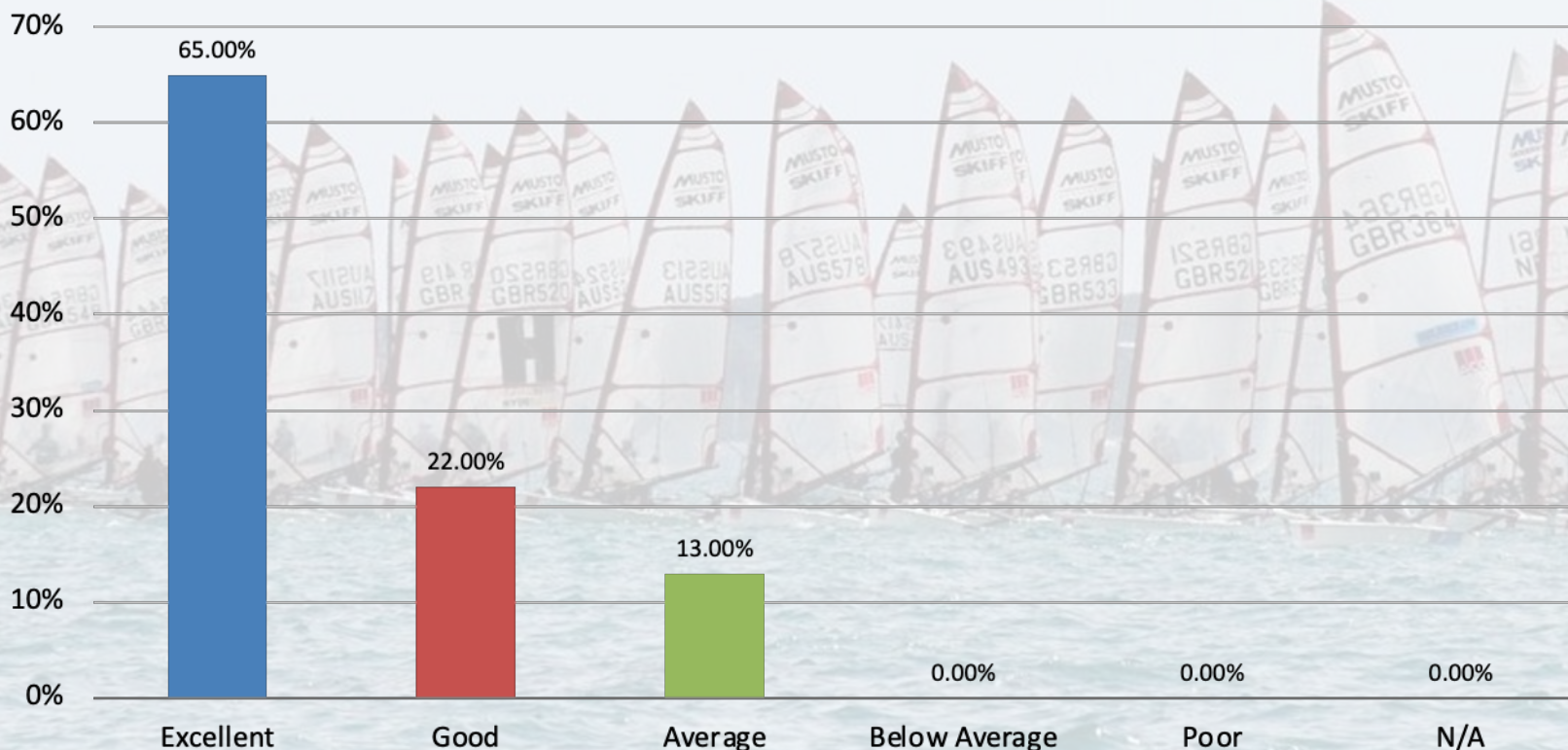
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On shore organisation



Q: How do you rate your 2021 National Championship / Euro Cup event on the following points:

Club facilities



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

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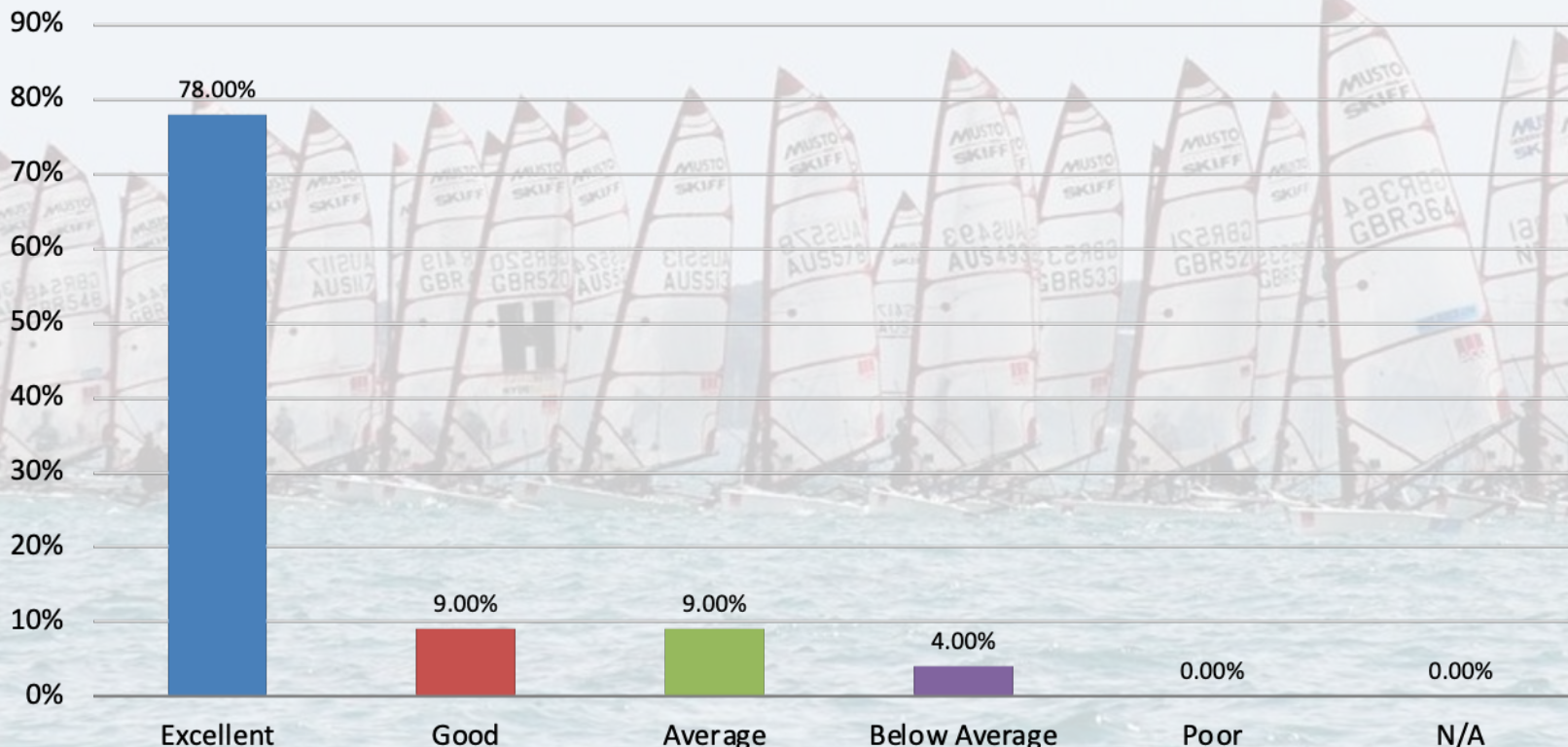
Measurement control



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

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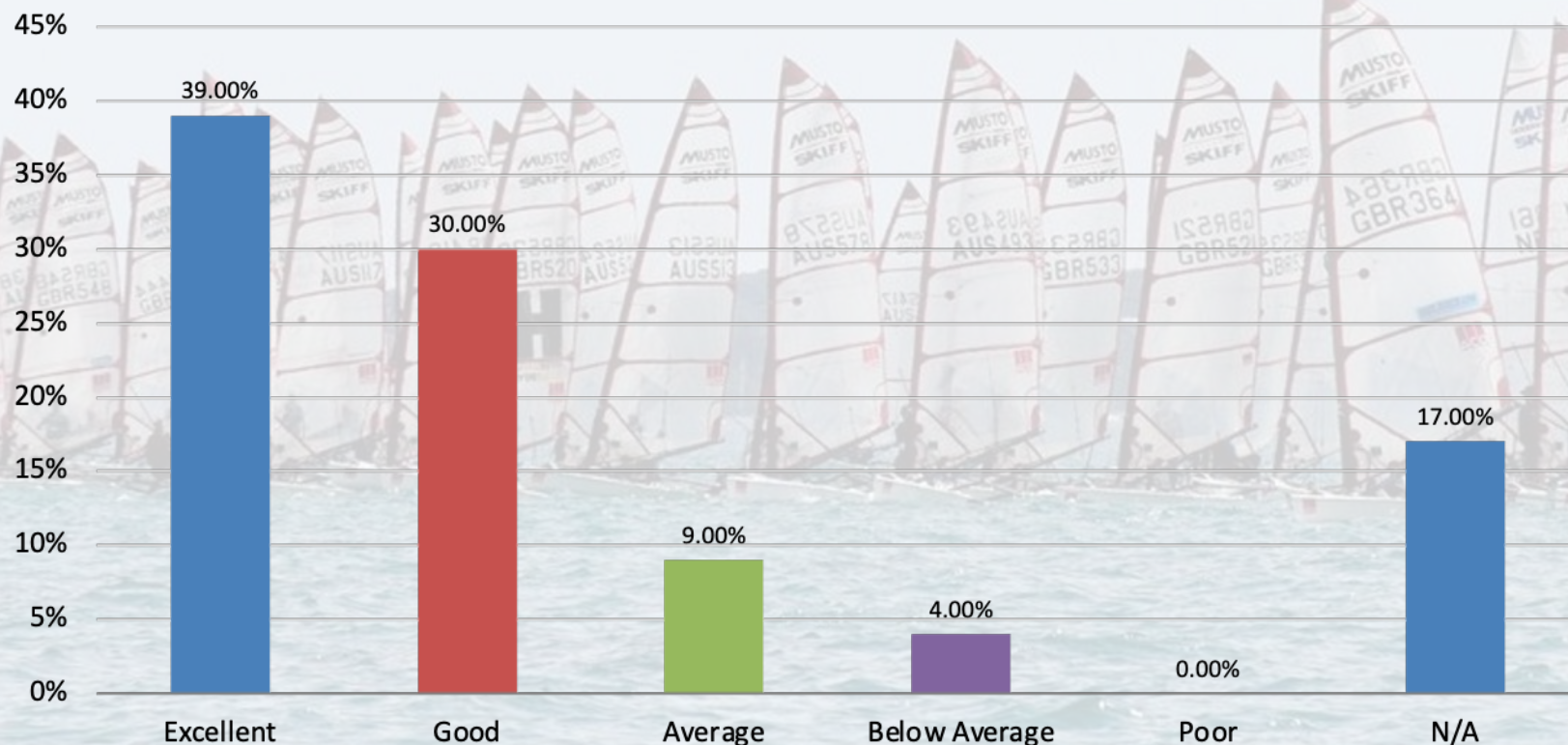
Venue suitability for the championships



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

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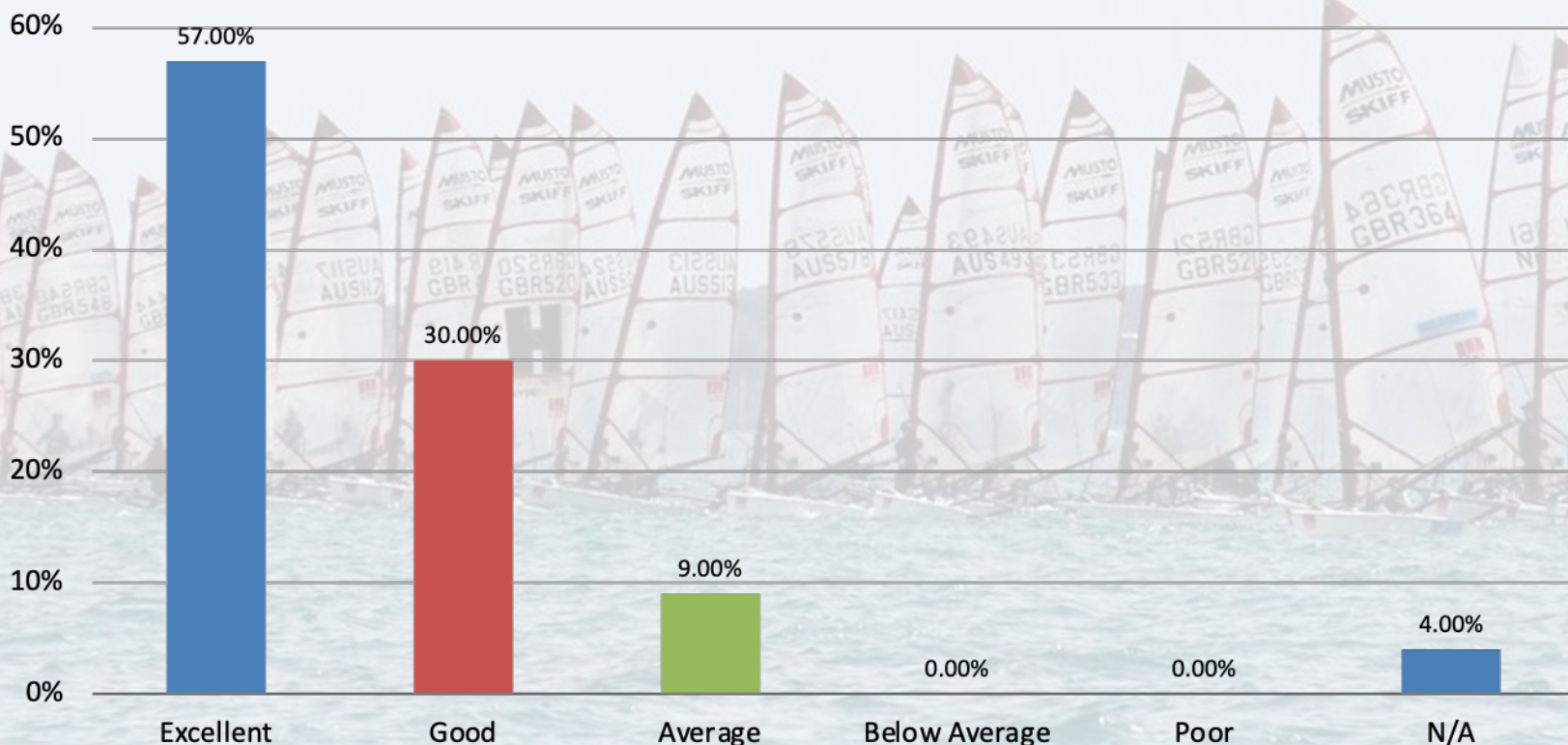
Evening social events (if permitted during the event) (If no social events were held, select 'No event socials')



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

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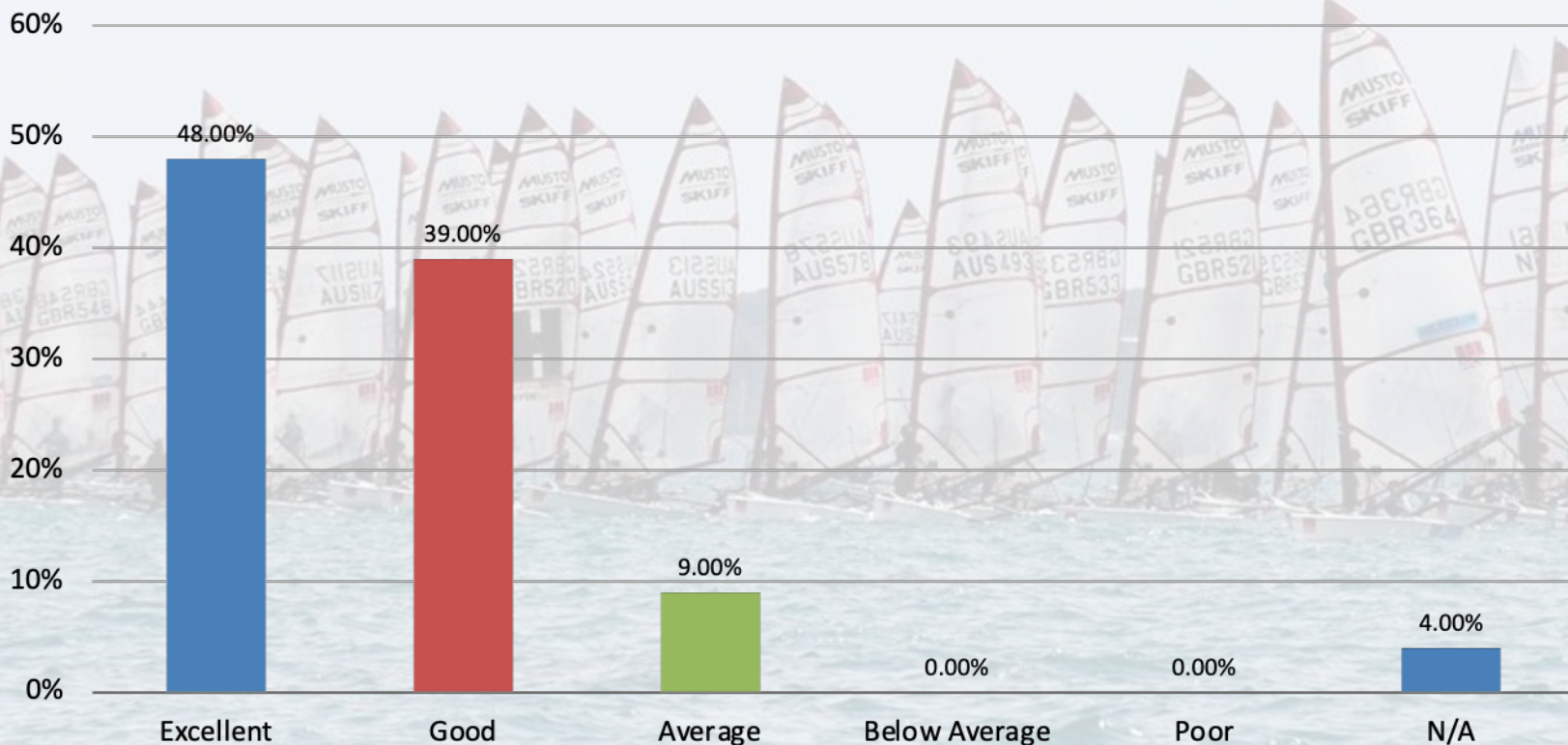
Information and communication during the event



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

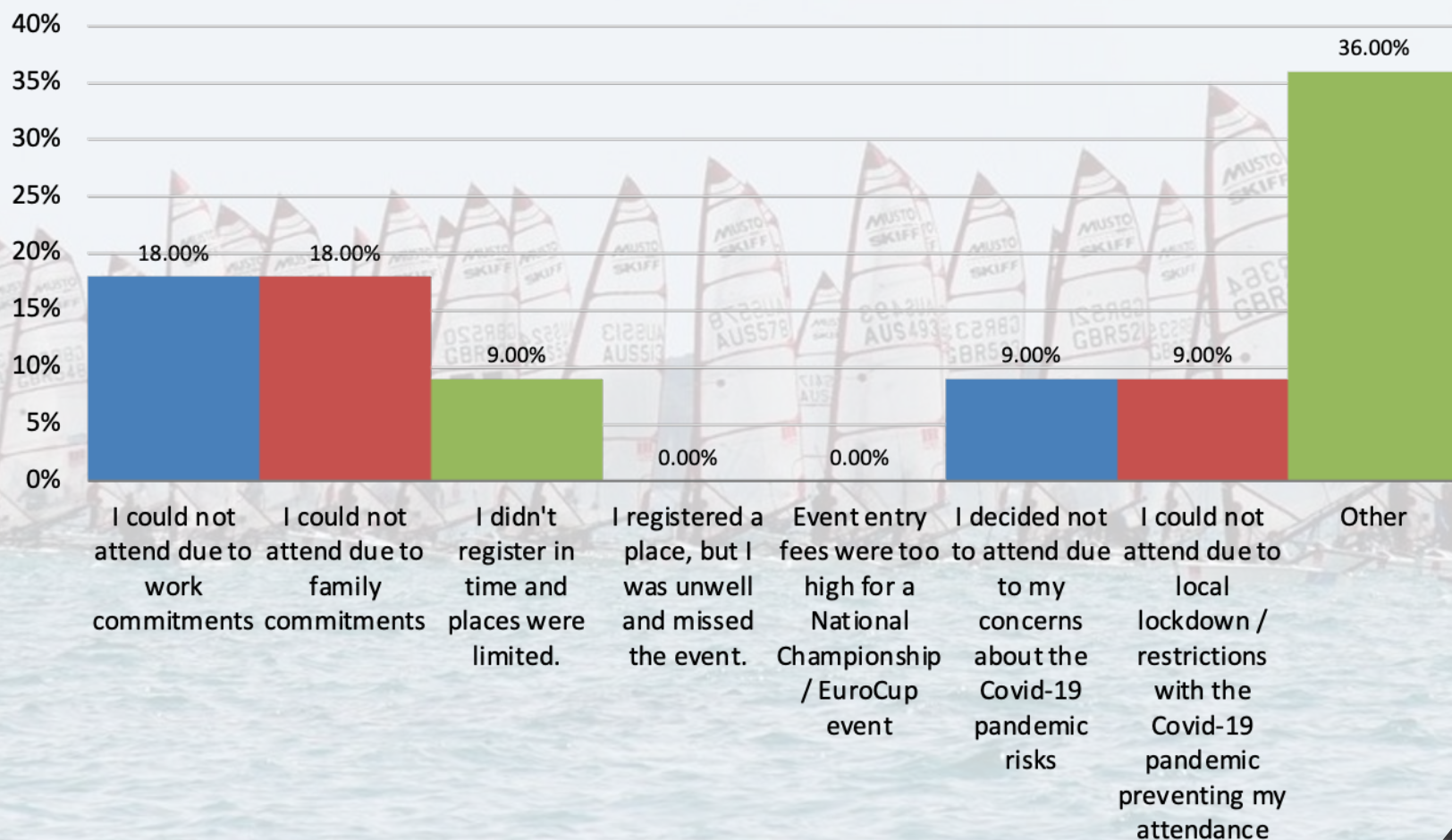
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Post event communications



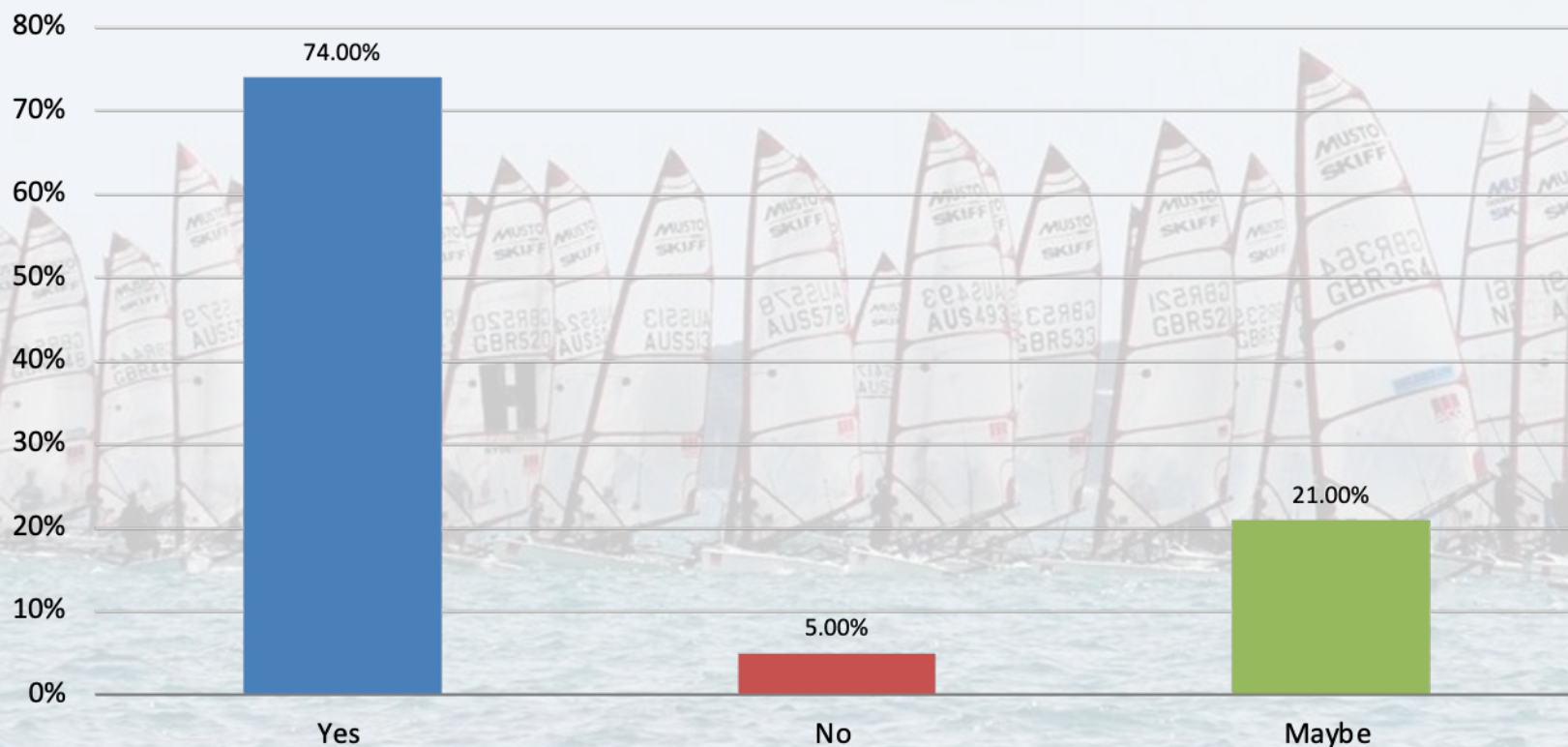
Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

Q: If you did not attend a National Championships or EuroCup in your country in 2021, what was the main reason for not attending?



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

Q: If it is deemed 'covid-safe' to go ahead with a National Championship / EuroCup event in your country in 2022, do you plan to participate in it?



Class Members – National Championships / EuroCup

Q: If you said not to attending a National Championship / EuroCup in your country in 2022, what is the main reason stopping you from planning to attend should it go ahead?

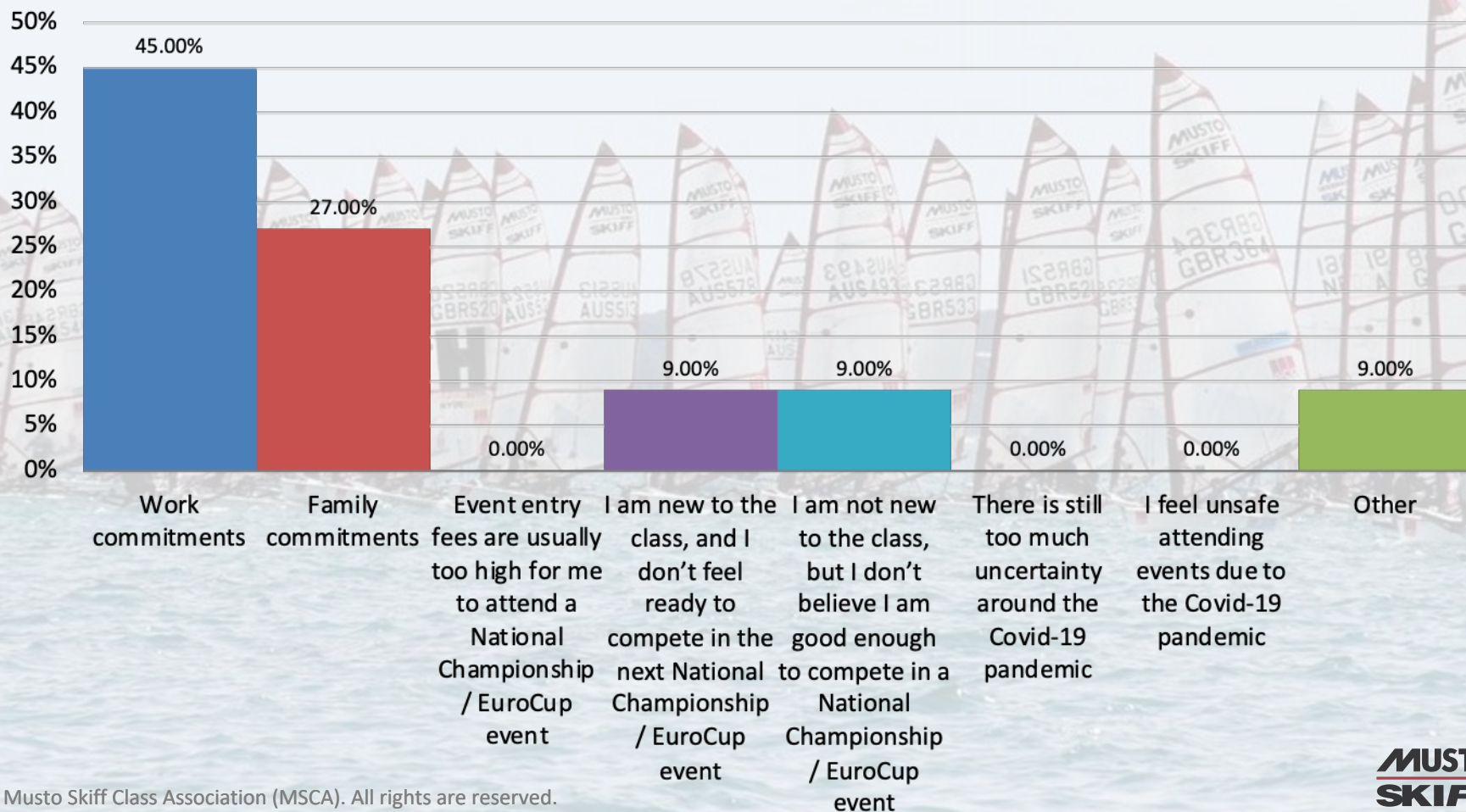




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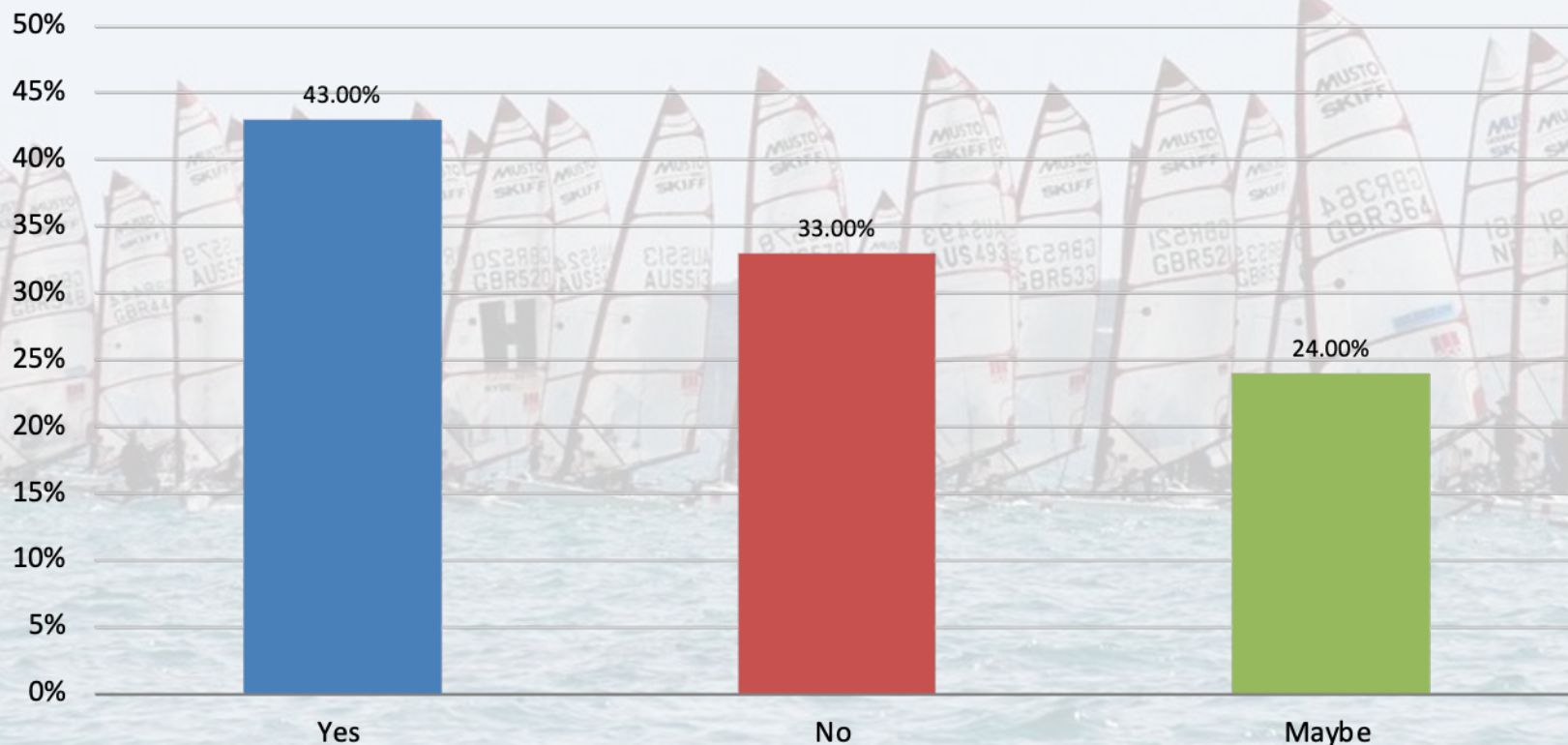
**2021 AGM MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER FEEDBACK:
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Key Highlights:

- 43% would consider attending the 2021 Worlds planned for Kiel in Germany, and 33% said 'maybe'
- The main reason specified for not committing to the planned Worlds in 2021 was “Too much uncertainty around the Covid-19 pandemic” (at 21%), followed by “work commitments” (at 21%).
- 52% of Musto Skiff Class members would support hosting a World Championships in a location with a very small local fleet or no fleet at all. This is slightly lower than the response to this same question in 2020, which stated 68% would support this.
- The most popular locations suggested for a future Worlds (in order) included: South Africa (no specific location), followed by North America – specifically San Francisco, but also the Columbia Gorge. The third most named country was Italy, with Garda, Lake Como and Malcesine all named as specific locations.
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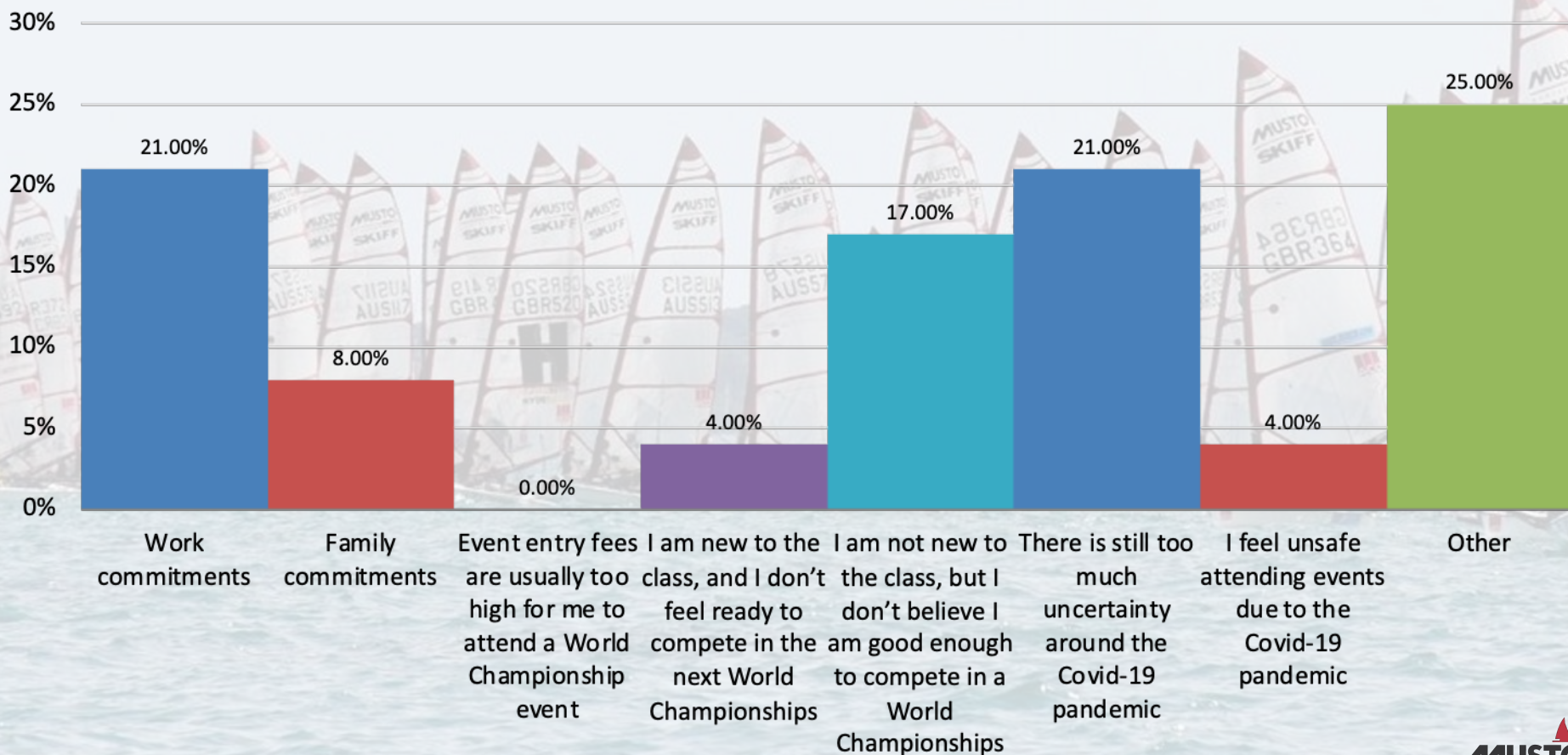
Class Members – World Championships

The IMSCA recently announced that the 2022 World Championships will be in Kiel, Germany, over 21 - 26 June 2022, as part of the 2022 Kiel Week regatta. If it is deemed 'covid-safe' to go ahead as planned with a Worlds in Kiel, Germany, 43% intend to go as a competitor. A further 24% said maybe, but 33% said they do not intend to go. *(Viewpoint captured over Dec 2021 to Jan 2022)*



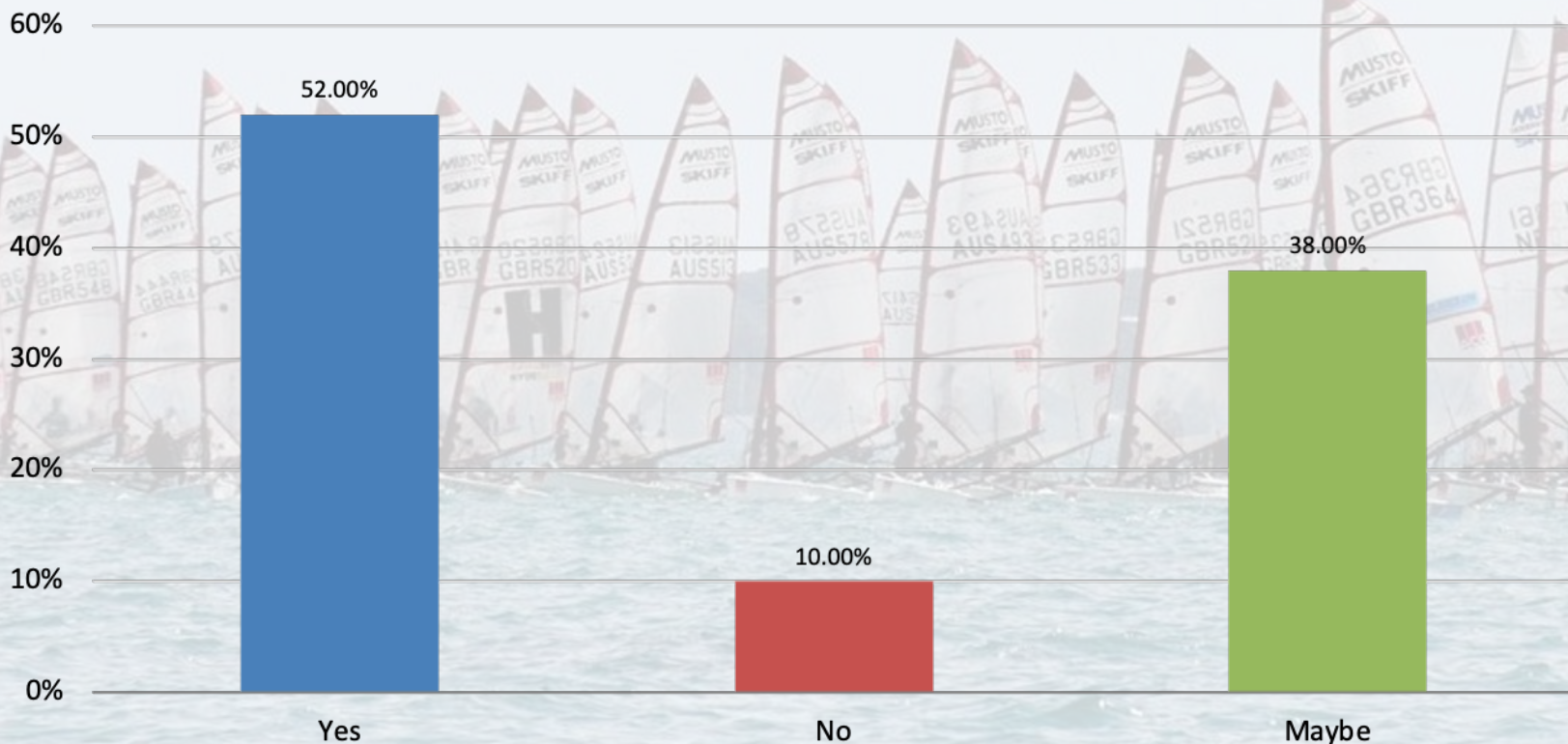
Class Members – World Championships

Q: At this stage, if you said no to attending the planned 2022 World Championship event in Kiel, Germany, what is the main reason stopping you from planning your attendance? *(Viewpoint captured over Dec 2021 to Jan 2022)*



Class Members – World Championships

The IMSCA typically hosts World Championships in a country or location where a local Musto Skiff fleet is already established. If the IMSCA has the opportunity to host a World Championships in a location with a very small local fleet or no fleet at all, 52% would attend and support this location. A further 38% said maybe.



Class Members – World Championships

We asked if there are any alternative locations that the class members would like to see considered for a future World Championship event.

By far the most named country was **South Africa (no specific location)**, followed by **North America – specifically San Francisco, but also the Columbia Gorge**. The third most named country was **Italy, with Garda, Lake Como and Malcesine** all named as specific locations.

Other countries and named locations included:

- **AUSTRALIA - Lake Macquarie (NSW), Sydney Harbour**
- **FRANCE - Quiberon Carnac, South of France**
- **UK – Scotland and Weymouth**
- **SPAIN – Valencia, Palma**
- **SWITZERLAND – Silvaplana**
- **NETHERLANDS - Medemblik**
- **PORTUGAL – Cascais**
- **CARIBBEAN - Barbados**
- **OTHER – Oman, Dubai, Bermuda, Hungary**

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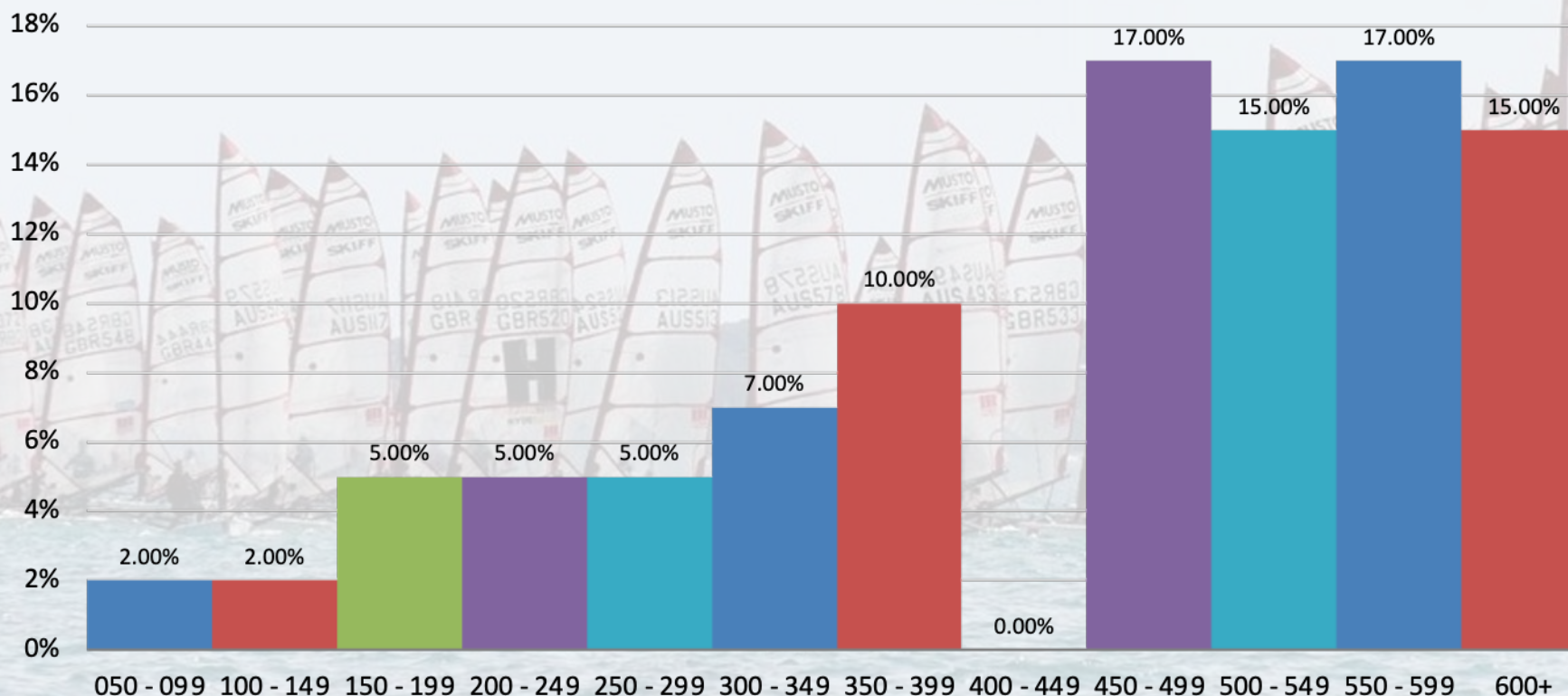
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**2021 AGM MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER FEEDBACK:
PRODUCT EXPERIENCE**

Class Members – Product Experience

Q: In what range is the sail number of your boat? (If you currently have more than one boat, select your main boat)



Class Members – Product Experience

How did the class rate the quality of the components of the Musto Skiff boat?



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE



BELOW AVERAGE



POOR

OVERALL RATING



EXCELLENT

HULL

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

MAST

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

MAINSAIL

OVERALL RATING



EXCELLENT TO GOOD

SPINNAKER / KITE

OVERALL RATING



EXCELLENT

DECK GEAR (FITTINGS)

OVERALL RATING



AVERAGE

TOP COVER
(OVINGTON SUPPLIED)

OVERALL RATING



AVERAGE

BOTTOM COVER
(OVINGTON SUPPLIED)

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

TROLLEY / TRAILER
(OVINGTON SUPPLIED)

Class Members – Lending Boats for Test Sails

Some of our members have encouraged sailors outside of the Musto Skiff Class to join the fleet by lending their own boat for a test sail. We asked if class members would be willing to loan their boat to someone interested in the class for a test sail. Half of the respondents said that they would, and just 10% said they would not lend out their boat.

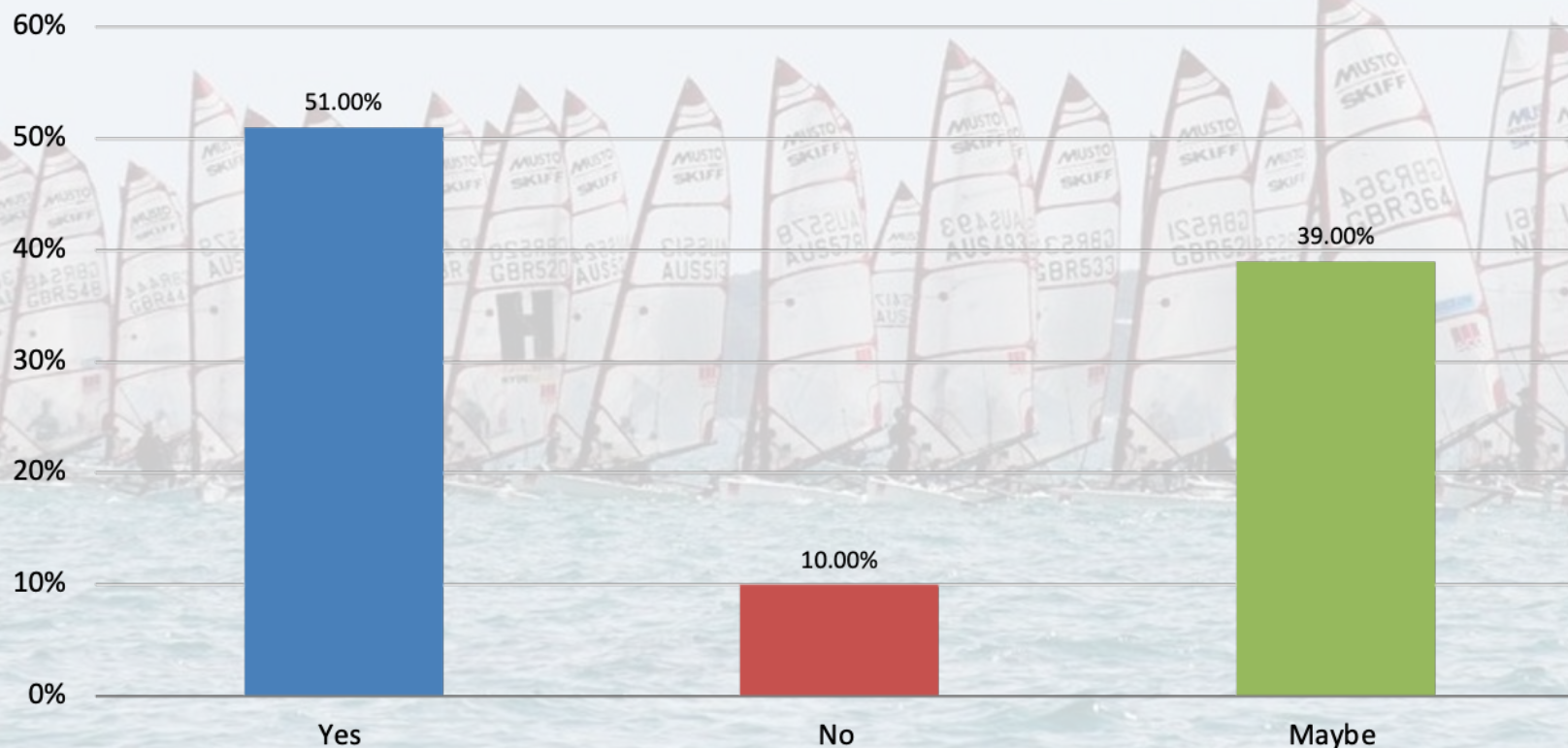




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**2021 AGM MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER FEEDBACK:
OFFICIAL CLASS SPONSORS & PARTNERS**

Class Members – Official Class Sponsors & Partners

ENGAGEMENT WITH PRODUCTS/SERVICES OF OUR CLASS SPONSORS & PARTNERS

The Musto Skiff Class is proud to be associated with a range of sponsors and partners at both a local and international level. Some of these partners are directly associated with the Musto Skiff boat product (i.e. Ovington, Harken, Hyde Sails, and Selden Masts) and some are long-term sponsors of the Class (i.e. Musto, ACO and Noble Marine Insurance).



In the 2021 Annual Survey, we took the opportunity to gather feedback from the class on their engagement and experience with the products and services of our sponsors and partners.

Class Members – Official Class Sponsors & Partners

We asked the Musto Skiff class if they would recommend the products or services of our class partners and sponsors:



88% of class members would definitely recommend the products or services.



86% of class members would definitely recommend the products or services.



98% of class members would definitely recommend the products or services.



60% of class members would definitely recommend the products or services.



93% of class members would definitely recommend the products or services.



64% of class members would definitely recommend the products or services.



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**2021 AGM MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER VOTE:
HARNESSE RULE - RRS50.1(C) & SAFETY KNIFE RULE**

Class Members – AGM Vote on Class Matters

2021 AGM Vote on trapeze harness rule RRS50.1(c)

The new World Sailing Racing Rules (2021 - 2024) include new rule RRS50.1(c):

“A trapeze harness worn by a competitor ... shall be of the quick release variety complying with ISO 10862 which allows the competitor to detach from the hook or other method of attachment at any time.”

This RRS will apply from 1 January 2023.

We (the Musto Skiff Class) can exclude this RRS50.1(c) in our Class Rules. The 2021 AGM (Online Survey) provided the opportunity for class members to vote on including or excluding this new rule in our Class Rules. The Class Member vote was:

98% YES – RRS50.1(c) should be excluded from the Class Rule

2% - NO – we should allow RRS50.1(c) to apply and buy new harnesses

RESULT:

Overall Majority vote for YES to exclude RRS50.1(c) from the Class Rules.

Class Members – AGM Vote on Class Matters

2021 AGM Vote on related safety measure regarding carrying a knife when racing:

We (the Musto Skiff Class) acknowledge that there is a concern about sailors being trapped in rigging, and agree that this should be taken seriously. Therefore, as a related safety measure, the class could consider adopting a Class Rule requiring competitors to carry a knife with them when racing.

We asked the Class Members to vote on making this mandatory in the Class Rules or not. The Class Member vote was:

24% YES – The Class Rules should require that a knife must be carried on person (in clothing) at all times when racing

76% - NO – The Class Rules should not require a knife to be carried. Safety is a personal responsibility and should not rely on the Class Rules to govern it

RESULT:

Overall Majority vote for NO to including a Class Rule on knife carrying on person at all times when racing.



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**2021 AGM MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER VOTE:
ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS & COUNTRY REPS**

Class Members – AGM Vote on Class Matters

Election of Musto Skiff International Committee Members for 2022

There are currently six active Committee Members covering different roles. For the currently active roles, class members were asked to vote if they are in favour of re-electing the following named members to stand for each active role in 2022:

- **Andy Tarboton (RSA) – Chairman**
- **Jamie Hilton (GBR) – Treasurer**
- **David Rickard (AUS) – Acting Class Secretary**
- **David Rickard (AUS) – Compliance Officer**
- **David Rickard (AUS) – Technical Liaison & Technical Sub-Committee Member**
- **Chris Turner (GBR) - Builders Rep & Chair of the Technical Sub-Committee**
- **Rob Taylor (GBR) - Class Measurer & Technical Sub-Committee Member**
- **Natalie Hilton (GBR) - Marketing & Communications**

RESULTS:

All Committee Members received an overall majority vote of YES to stand in their roles for 2022.

Class Members – AGM Vote on Class Matters

Election of national committee members for the role of Country Representatives for 2022

There are currently thirteen active Committee Members covering different roles in various regions.* For the currently active roles, we asked class members to vote if they are in favour of re-electing the following member for their region in 2022:

- AUS Representative - Tim Hill (AUS)
- AUT Representative - Klaus Costadedoi (AUT)
- BEL/NED Representative - Huud Ouwehand (NED)
- ESP Representative- Justo Martinez (ESP)
- FRA Representative - Joann Justeau (FRA)
- GBR Representative - Ben Schooling (GBR)
- GER Representative – Gilbert Brietzke (GER)
(New for 2022 to replace Bo Frohne)
- ITA Representative - Bruno Pari (ITA)
- NOR/SWE/DEN/FIN Representative - Geir Odmar Heldal (NOR)
- RSA Representative - Andy Tarboton (RSA)
- RUS Representative - Yaroslav Petrov (RUS)
- SUI Representative - John Archer (GBR)
- USA/CAN Representative - James Bane (USA)

RESULTS:

All Committee Members received an overall majority vote of YES to stand in their roles for 2022. Those in blue remain unopposed with no votes submitted.

*NOTE: Other Country Representatives may be elected through a local AGM and some may not have confirmed their position at the time of the survey going live. For this reason, your Country Representative may not be showing on this list.

A FINAL WORD FROM THE CLASS OF 2021....

“Huge thanks to Andy, Jamie & the team for all your hard work!”

“Looking forward to start with the Musto in 2022 and get to know the class better.”

“You do a great job, it has never been easier to find and distribute information about this wonderful boat. I'm glad to be a member of this association. Keep it up.”

“People's free time may continue to be at a premium, so it's important to get them sailing.”

“Big thanks association, brilliant boat, friendliest class about with best Mates. Want to stay fit enough to keep sailing a Musto....”

“I see a major opportunity for the class to grow through the adoption of a smaller rig. I know it may not be popular with some of the testosterone fuelled sailors but getting people over the hurdle of managing the boat quicker will help grow the class.”

“I would personally like to thank the Committee for all the hard work they put in keep it up!”



**Thank you to everyone who participated in the
2021 MSCA Annual Class Survey.**

**We also want to extend our thanks to all of the Musto Skiff sailors who supported the class in
2021 – we look forward to seeing all of you on the water again in 2022!**

**With thanks to all our international and regional
class sponsors and partners:**



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