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2024 MSCA Class Survey INSIGHTS REPORT

International Musto Skiff Class Association

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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 members for members.

As a World Sailing Class Association, the MSCA aims to host a World Championship each year, in addition to supporting local class association event calendars, including National Championships, 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.

Local class associations also benefit from additional support from sponsors and partners at a local level. This includes the continued partnership between Noble Marine Insurance and the GBR class to fund training programs and the UK National Championships.

For more information on the class, visit: www.mustoskiff.com





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ABOUT THE MUSTO SKIFF 2024 CLASS SURVEY



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The Musto Skiff Class Survey is created by the International Committee of the Musto Skiff Class Association (MSCA), in partnership with the class boat builder, Ovington Boats Ltd.

PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES

- The purpose of the Class Surveys is to gather feedback from class members and the wider sailing community on all Musto Skiff activities over the year. This includes feedback on the boat experience, training, organised events, and class marketing.
- In each survey, MSCA class members are invited to take part in an annual online International AGM. This provides an opportunity to vote for International Committee Members and Country Representatives, as well as vote on important class matters and proposals to grow and develop the class. This is the 21st Annual Class Survey to date.
- In addition to direct feedback during the season from class members, the insights and feedback gathered from each survey help the International Committee to understand what members want from the class association. It also helps to ensure the successful planning and delivery of future events such as World Championships at an international level and National Championships at a local level.
- For the continued improvement and growth of the class, each survey also includes a separate section to gather insights and feedback from the wider sailing community on how they view and engage with the Musto Skiff Class Association and its members.

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METHODOLOGY

- The 2024 Class Survey opened on the 21st of December 2024. The survey was open for seven weeks, closing on 7th February 2025.
- The online survey was accessible via a survey link, which was publicly available via the main class social media platforms (i.e., the class Facebook Page, Facebook Groups, and the X page), the class website, and the monthly class eNews, which includes 1,100+ subscribers. The survey link was also shared in relevant sailing media via a press release in December 2024, inviting both class members and the wider sailing community to participate.
- The wider sailing community (i.e., those who are interested in the class but don't currently sail a Musto Skiff) was invited to respond to a specific set of questions with the objective of gathering their views on the class and any potential interest in joining the class. The purpose of including this survey group is to ensure we are gathering wider views from the sailing community to better understand how to attract new sailors and further grow the class.
- Upon the close of the survey, all responses were collated, and the survey results were reviewed by the MSCA International Committee. Key insights and results from the 2024 Class Survey are included in this report, which was published in March 2025.
- Any data gathered from the survey responses is only reported in the aggregate. All survey responses are coded upon receipt using the survey platform, QuestionPro, with all data within this report remaining confidential and non-identifiable.

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2024 INTERNATIONAL AGM – ONLINE

- The International AGM for the Musto Skiff class is hosted online each year via the Class Surveys to enable members in every country to participate and vote on important class matters. Only current class members are eligible to participate in this AGM. This year's International AGM was accessible online via a separate survey link provided at the end of the main section of the 2024 Class Survey.
- This year's International AGM included a class member vote of 'yes' or 'no' on the question of whether the use of speedpucks should continue to be permitted under the Class Rules. Class members could also vote on International Committee Members and Country Representatives for the 2025 season.

ACCEPTED LIMITATIONS

- Whilst the Class Surveys are 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. Some survey submissions may be omitted from analysis if a survey response is identified as a fake or duplicate submission. Survey participants are also likely to differ each year. The survey data is, therefore, viewed as insightful feedback that represents the class, but the data is not viewed as the only source for tracking changes or trends year-on-year.
- With the acceptance of these inherent limitations with this type of survey, the MSCA Class Survey continues to be a valuable resource to guide future decisions and considerations around class events, marketing, committee activities, and the boat experience. However, with these limitations in mind, insights and data are always considered alongside other data resources, historical trends, and information already known about the class, its members, and MSCA activities.



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2024 CLASS SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS



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2024 CLASS SURVEY PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

2024 MAIN SURVEY PARTICIPANT STATISTICS....

13 countries were represented in the main survey



112 participated in the survey

89% completion rate at the close of the main survey

6 minutes average completion time

97% identified as male

2% identified as female

1% identified as other



90% of all respondents sailed a Musto Skiff at the time of the survey

10% of all respondents were from the wider sailing community and did not sail a Musto Skiff at the time of the survey

88% of respondents who sailed a Musto Skiff were current MSCA members.

12% of respondents who sailed a Musto Skiff were not MSCA members.

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2024 SAILOR DEMOGRAPHICS—MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS AND OTHER SAILORS

Sailor Representation in the 2024 Class Survey:

- **Musto Skiff sailors** represented 90% of all survey participants, and 88% of this total were also MSCA class members. In the 2023 survey, 81% of participants sailed a Musto Skiff, and 94% were MSCA class members at the time of the survey.
- **Other sailors** (i.e., those from a class outside the Musto Skiff class) represented 10% of all survey participants. This is a decrease from the 2023 survey, which reported 19% representation for other sailors, indicating another year-on-year decrease for this participation group.

Country Representation:

- Overall, the 2024 Class Survey attracted **112 responses** (down from 128 in 2023) and this response group represented **13 countries** (up from 11 in 2023).
- For **Musto Skiff sailors**, the most represented country in the 2024 Class Survey was the UK (54%), followed by Germany (15%), and then Australia and Switzerland (each at 9%). Rounding out the top five was the Netherlands (4%), and then South Africa (3%).
- For **all other sailors**, only two countries were represented. This included the UK (87.5%), followed by the USA (12.5%).

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Sailor Demographics:

For the Musto Skiff sailors in the 2024 Class Survey:

- The most represented age group was sailors aged 40 - 44 years, at 16%. The next most represented age group was sailors aged 35–39 years at 12%, followed by sailors aged 25–29 years and 55–59 years at 11% each.
- Youth sailors (24 years and under) represented 11% of all Musto Skiff sailors in the 2024 Class Survey. This is an increase on the 2023 Class Survey that reported this age group as 9% representation. This is a positive upward trend, with the 2022 Class Survey reporting youth sailors at a 6% share of all participants.

For all other sailors in the 2024 Class Survey:

- A wide age range was represented in the 2024 Class Survey. However, one of the most represented age groups included sailors aged 35–39 years and sailors aged over 65 years, both representing 25% each in share.
- In terms of youths, the latest 2024 Class Survey reported youths at 12.5% representation. This indicates a decline in the previous 2023 Class Survey, which reported those aged 16–19 years at 21% representation.

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2024 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS—KEY INSIGHTS

Most Engaged Marketing Platforms:

- Over 2024, the **Musto Skiff International Facebook Page** was the most engaged marketing platform for Musto Skiff sailors, with 63% using it always or often. This was followed closely by the **Musto Skiff International Facebook Group**, with 56% of Musto Skiff sailors using this channel always or often. The third most engaged platform was the **Class E-Newsletter** at 55% using it always or often.
- For other sailors seeking information on the class activities, the **Musto Skiff International Class website** was the most engaged platform over 2024 at 42% share using it always or often. This was followed by the **sailing media** at 25% share, and then the **International Class Facebook Page** at a 17% share.

Most Engaged Social Media Channels:

- Out of all the class social media channels, the **International Musto Skiff Class Facebook Page** was the most engaged social media platform for the Musto Skiff class over 2024. This was also the most popular social media platform with all other sailors when seeking information on the class activities.
- Once again, the **X Page (formerly Twitter)** was the least popular across both response groups. For Musto Skiff sailors, 98% stated they never use the X Page for class information. This is in line with general trends indicating that users are now less engaged with X following impactful changes to the platform experience. Continued decline for this channel indicates that the committee should consider moving away from the X Page and focusing on more popular channels, including the International Class Facebook Page and Instagram page, which was newly launched in July 2024.

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PR & Media Engagement for Class Updates:

- For **Musto Skiff sailors**, the most popular sailing media over 2024 included **yachtsandyachting.com** with a 27% share (down from a 31% share in 2023), followed by **Sail-World.com** at 15% (up from 7% in 2023), and then **Sailing Anarchy** at a 14% share (down from 19% in 2023).
- For **all other sailors**, the most popular sailing media over 2024 also included **yachtsandyachting.com** at 35% share (up from 24% share in 2023), followed by **Sailing Anarchy** and **SailJuice**, each with 18% share. This is an increase for both titles, with Sailing Anarchy at 9% share in 2023 and SailJuice at 3% share in 2023.



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2024 ORGANISED EVENTS AND TRAINING—KEY INSIGHTS

Based on Musto Skiff sailors participating in the 2024 Class Survey:

- 30% of Musto Skiff sailors participated in organised open meetings over 2024. This shows no change compared to those surveyed in 2023.
- 33% of Musto Skiff sailors participated in either organised or informal training during 2024. Whilst this was a slight decrease from 2023 (which was reported at 34% for this metric), 36% of those surveyed in 2024 said that they had the opportunity to join training but did not attend this.
- 17% of all the training that took place over 2024 was informal training arranged by sailors in the local fleets. This is a slight decrease from 2023, which was reported at 19%.
- 29% of Musto Skiff sailors said there was no organised training or coaching in their region over 2024. This is an increase from 2023, which was reported at 26%.
- 71% of Musto Skiff sailors would like to have more organised training in their region in 2024. This is a slight decrease from the 2023 Class Survey, which was reported at 75%.

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2024 VIEWS ON INCREASING INTEREST IN THE MUSTO SKIFF CLASS

Based on other sailors participating in the 2024 Class Survey:

- 75% would join the Musto Skiff class. This is up from 57% in the 2023 survey.
- 25% would maybe join the Musto Skiff class. This is up from 21% in the 2023 survey.
- 17% plan to look for a boat within the next 6 months. This is down from 25% in the 2023 survey.
- 17% plan to look for a boat within the next 6–12 months. This is down from 50% in the 2023 survey.
- 67% have no plans to get a Musto Skiff for the 2025 season. This is up from 25% in the 2023 survey, indicating a decline in interest to join the Musto Skiff class by purchasing a new or second-hand (used) boat based on this response group.



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PART 1
2024 MAIN SURVEY RESULTS
MUSTO SKIFF CLASS INSIGHTS

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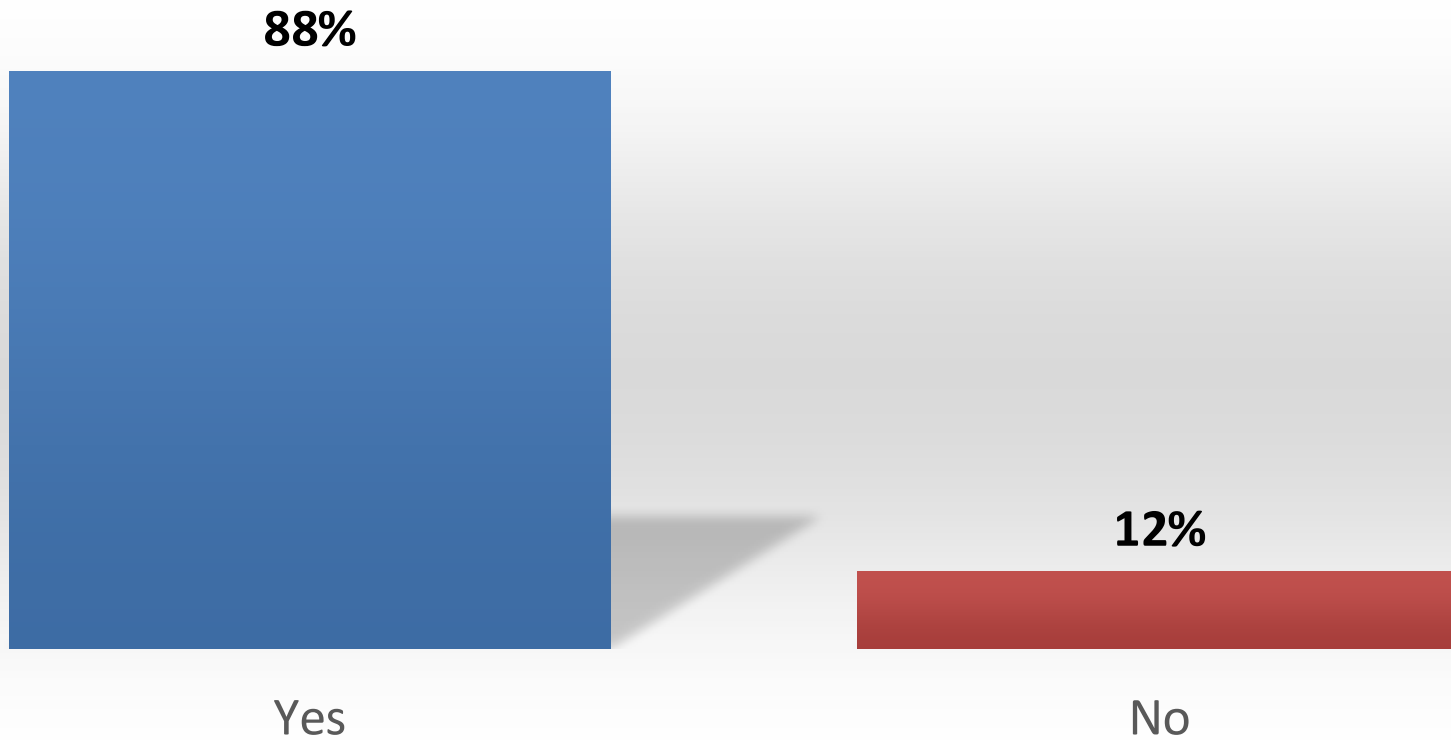
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2024 CLASS SURVEY: MUSTO SKIFF SAILOR DEMOGRAPHICS



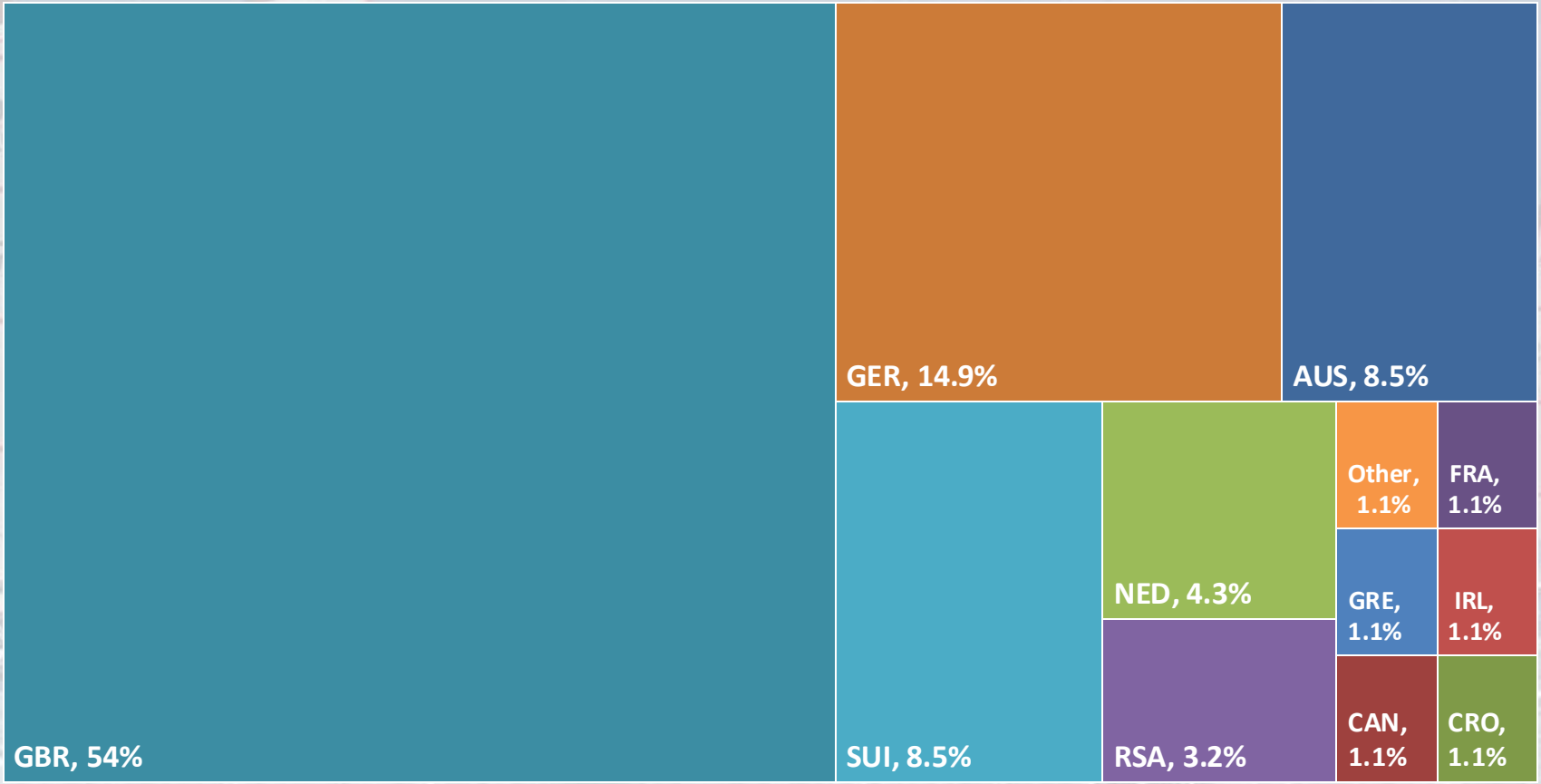
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: MEMBERS VS NON-MEMBERS

Q: Are you a paid member of the Musto Skiff Class Association?



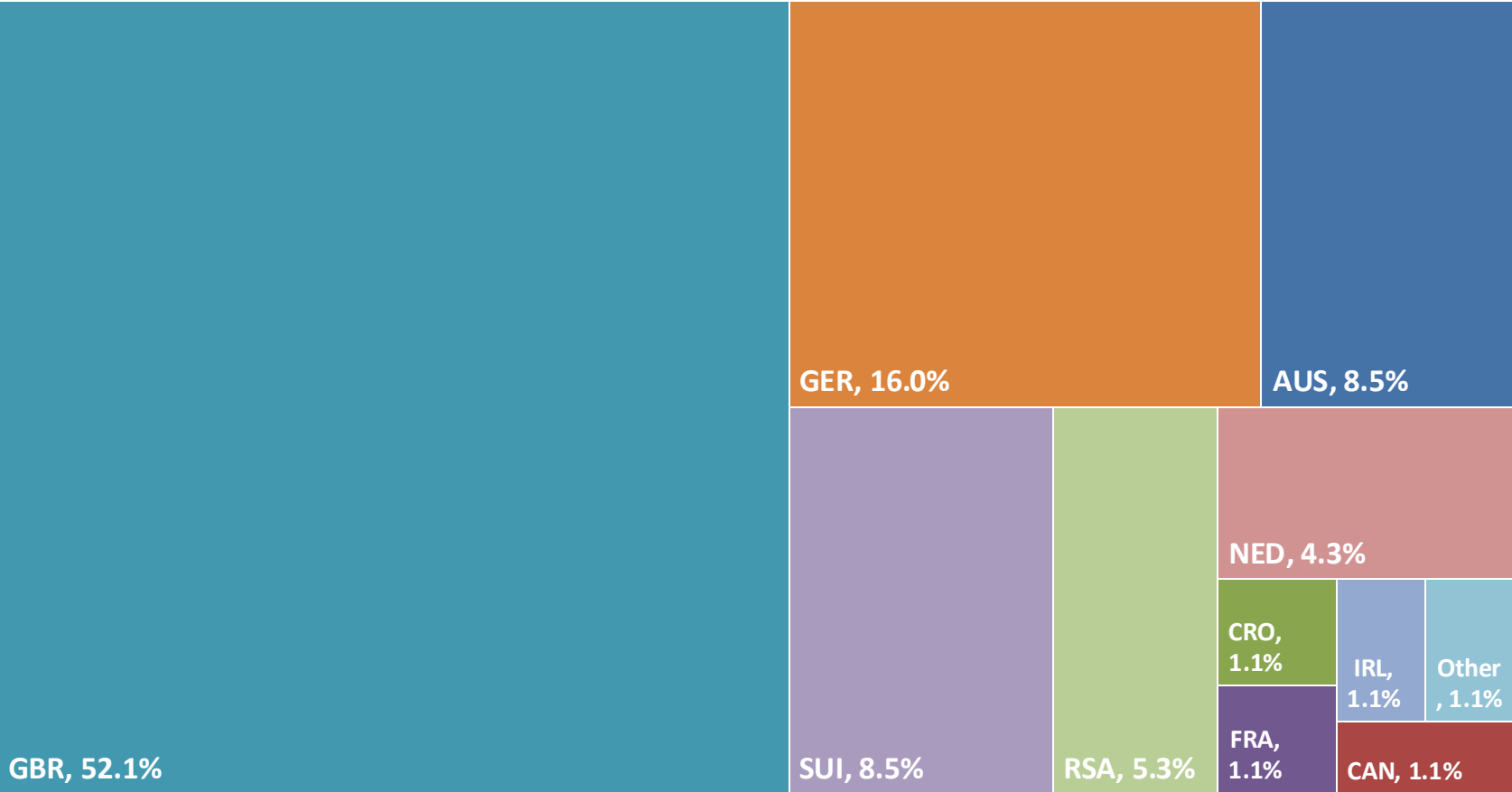
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: COUNTRY REPRESENTATION IN SURVEY

Q: What country do you represent?



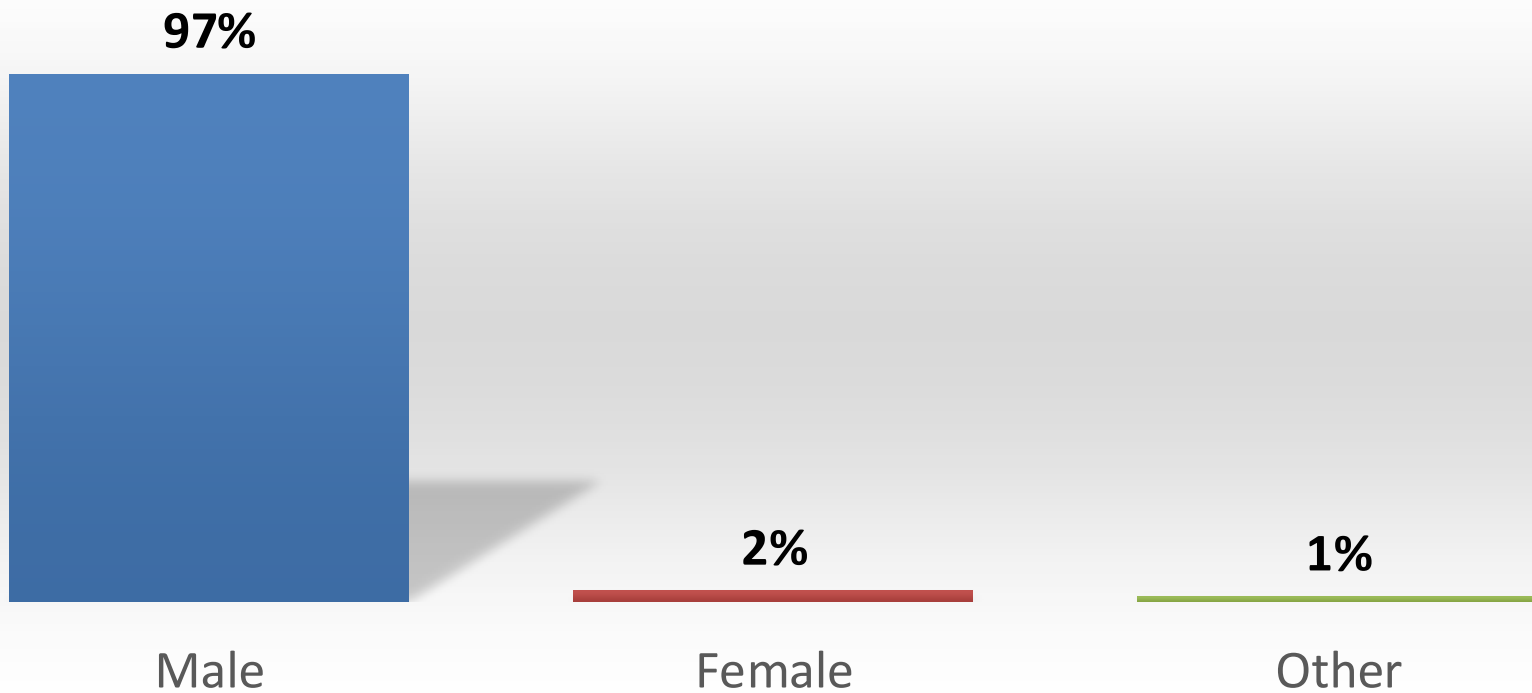
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: WORLD SAILING REGIONS IN SURVEY

Q: Which World Sailing region do you currently represent at organised events?



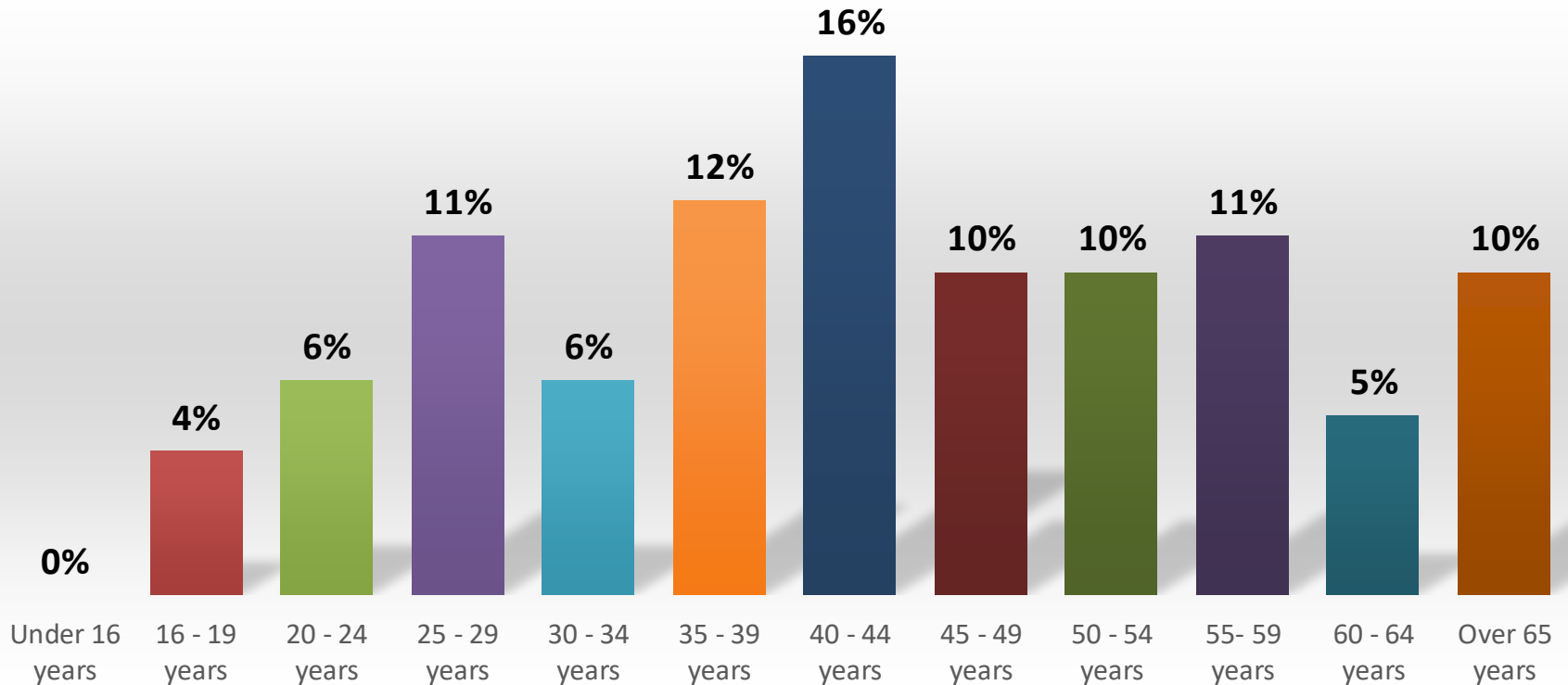
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: GENDER REPRESENTATION IN SURVEY

Q: What gender do you identify as?



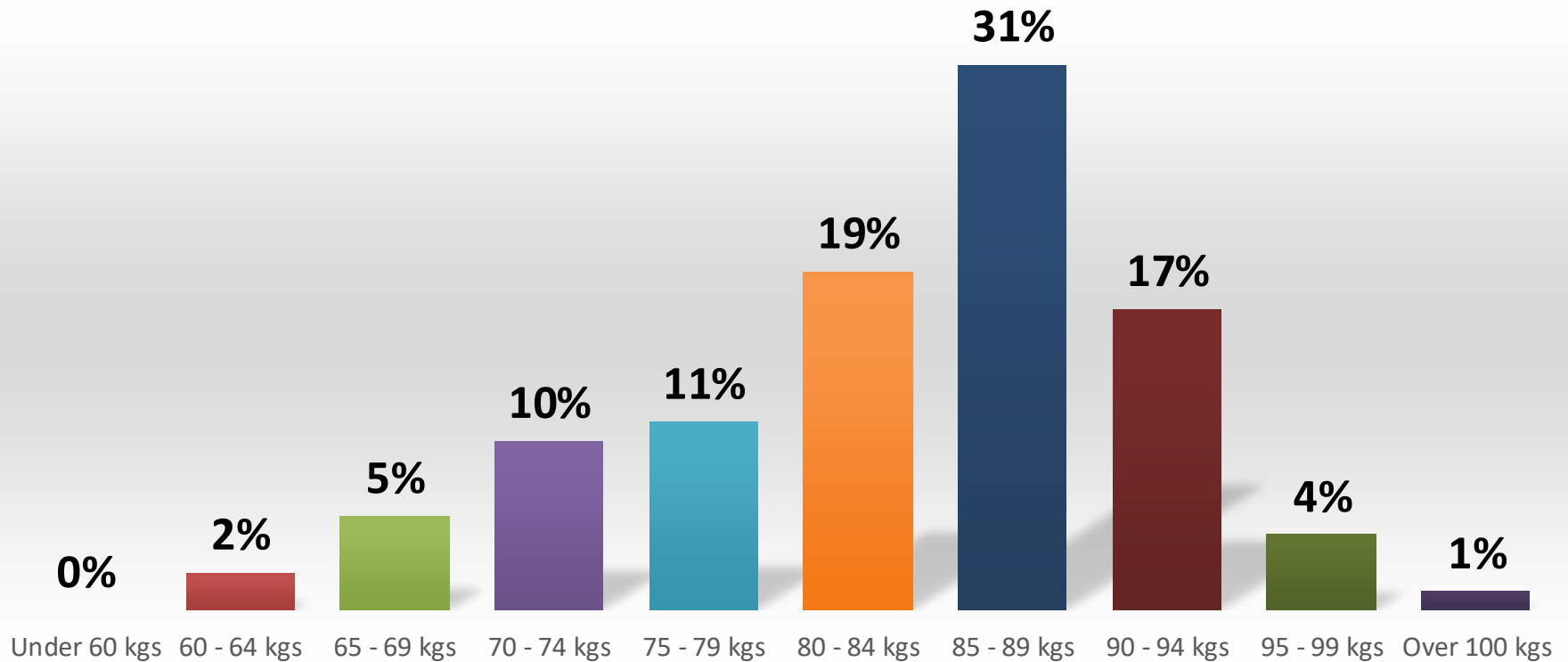
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: AGE REPRESENTATION IN SURVEY

Q: What is your age?



MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: WEIGHT RANGE IN SURVEY

Q: What is your current weight?





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2024 SEASON: MARKETING AND CLASS INTEREST



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MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

Over 2024, the following Musto Skiff marketing channels were the most engaged by Musto Skiff sailors:

#1



International Musto Skiff
Facebook PAGE
(63% always or often)

#2



International Musto
Skiff Facebook GROUP
(56% always or often)

#3



International Musto Skiff
Newsletter
(55% always or often)

#4



International Musto Skiff
Class Website
(50% always or often)

#5



Online media coverage
of Musto Skiff activities
(49% always or often)

#6



International Musto Skiff
YouTube Channel
(32% always or often)

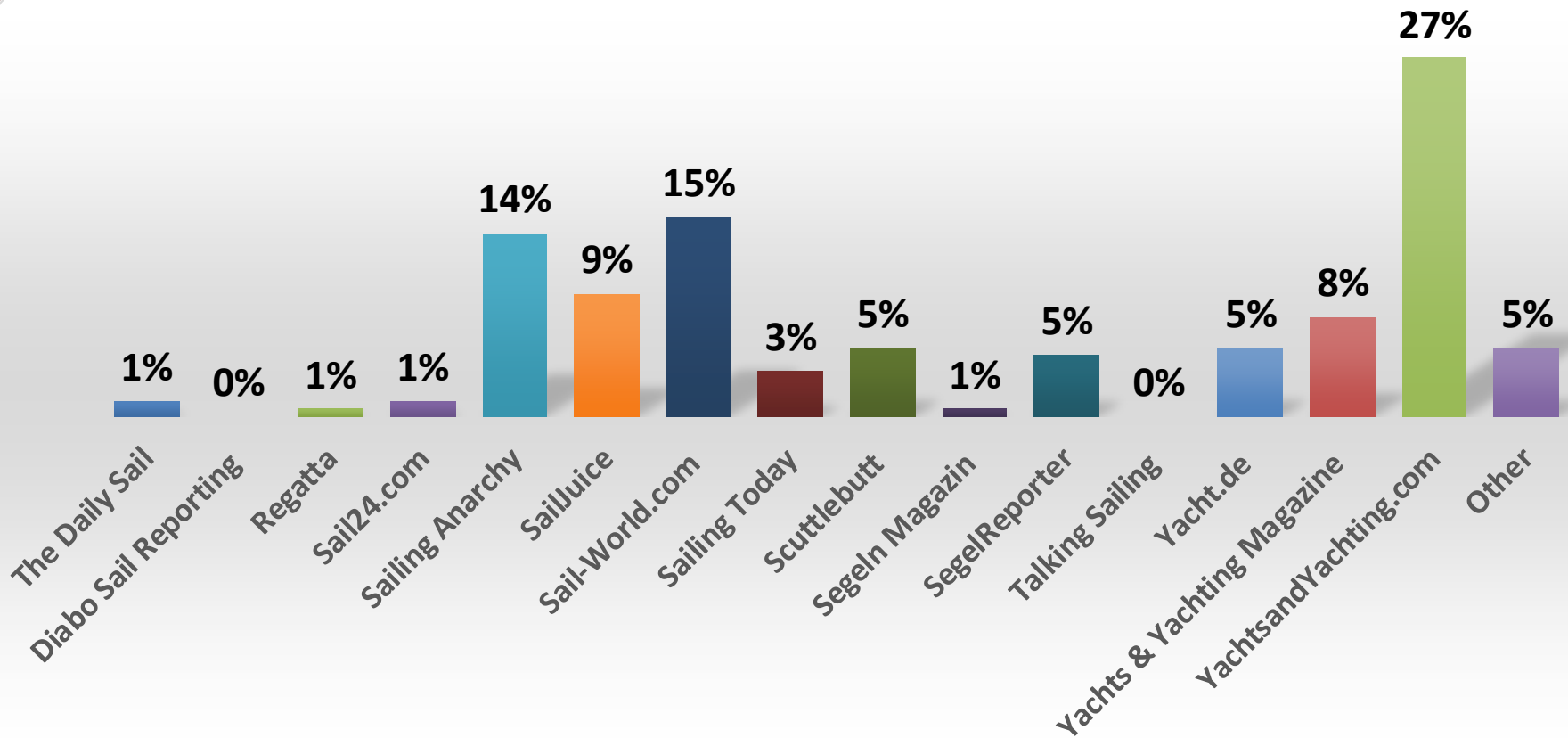
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International Musto Skiff
X (formerly Twitter) Page
(100% never)

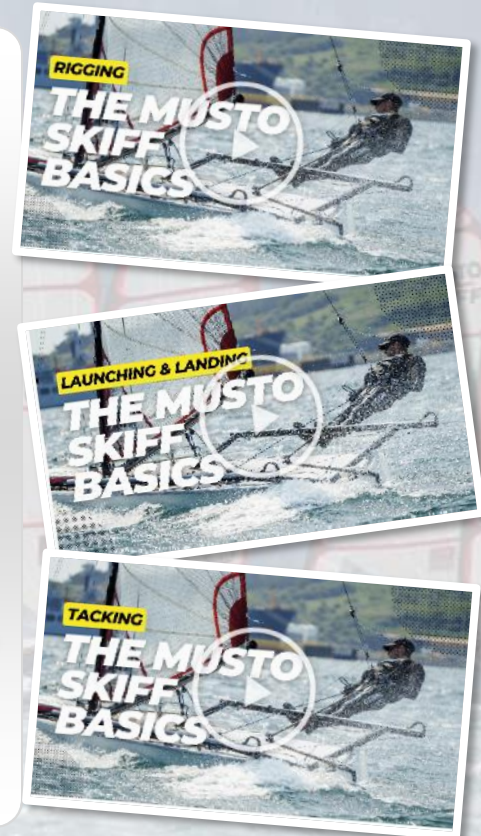
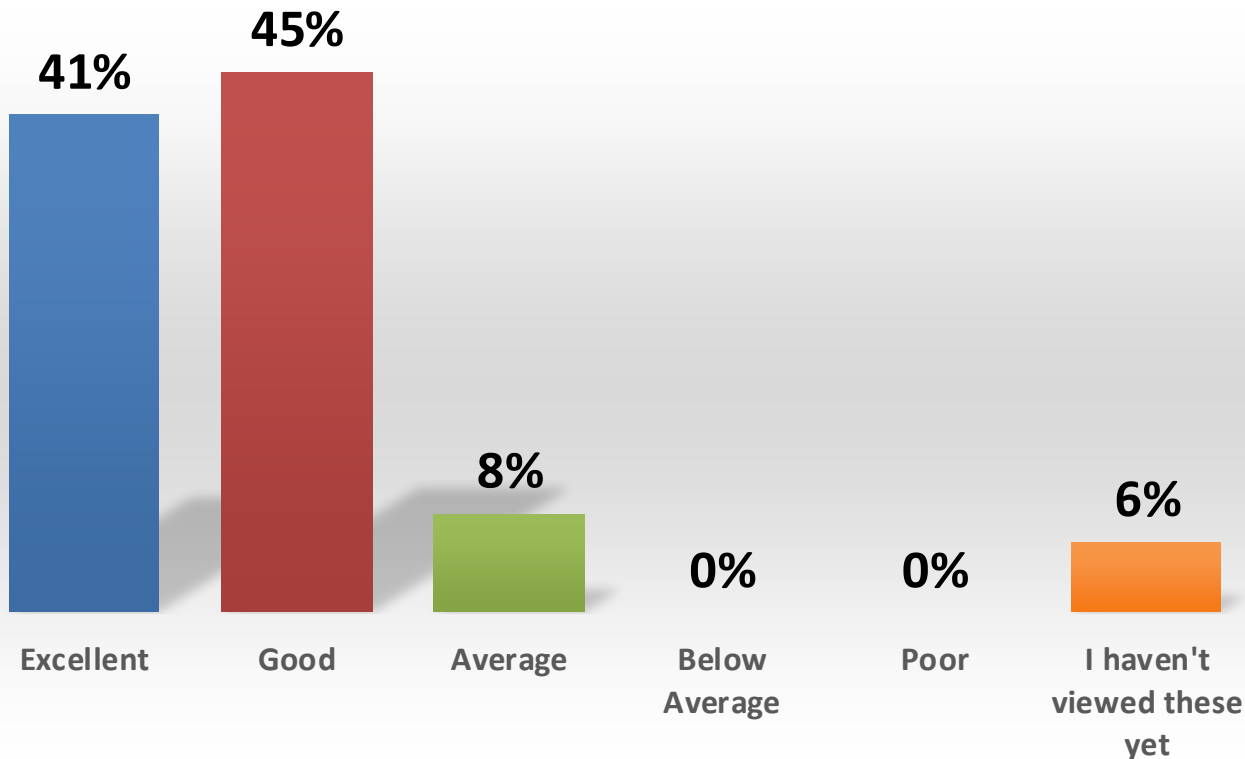
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: ENGAGEMENT WITH PR & MEDIA

The following media titles are the most popular with Musto Skiff sailors for the latest updates and news for sailing:



MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: 2024 TRAINING VIDEO FEEDBACK

Q: How do you rate the 'Musto Skiff Basics' training video series?



MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: ATTRACTING NEW SAILORS

2024 RESULTS SUMMARY:

According to Musto Skiff sailors in the survey, the top 3 reasons preventing new sailors from getting a Musto Skiff boat includes:

1. Sailors think it's too hard to sail (38% share of responses)
2. No fleets nearby (16% share of responses)
3. Sailors think they are too light in weight to sail a Musto Skiff (14% share of responses)

The 3 things that Musto Skiff sailors think the class association or boat builder can do to encourage more sailors to join the Musto Skiff fleet are:

1. Invite sailors to participate in a demo day (21% share of responses)
2. Run more on the water training events (19% share of responses)
3. Increase online sailing video content on the Musto Skiff YouTube channel (14% share of responses)



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2024 SEASON: CLASS EVENTS & TRAINING



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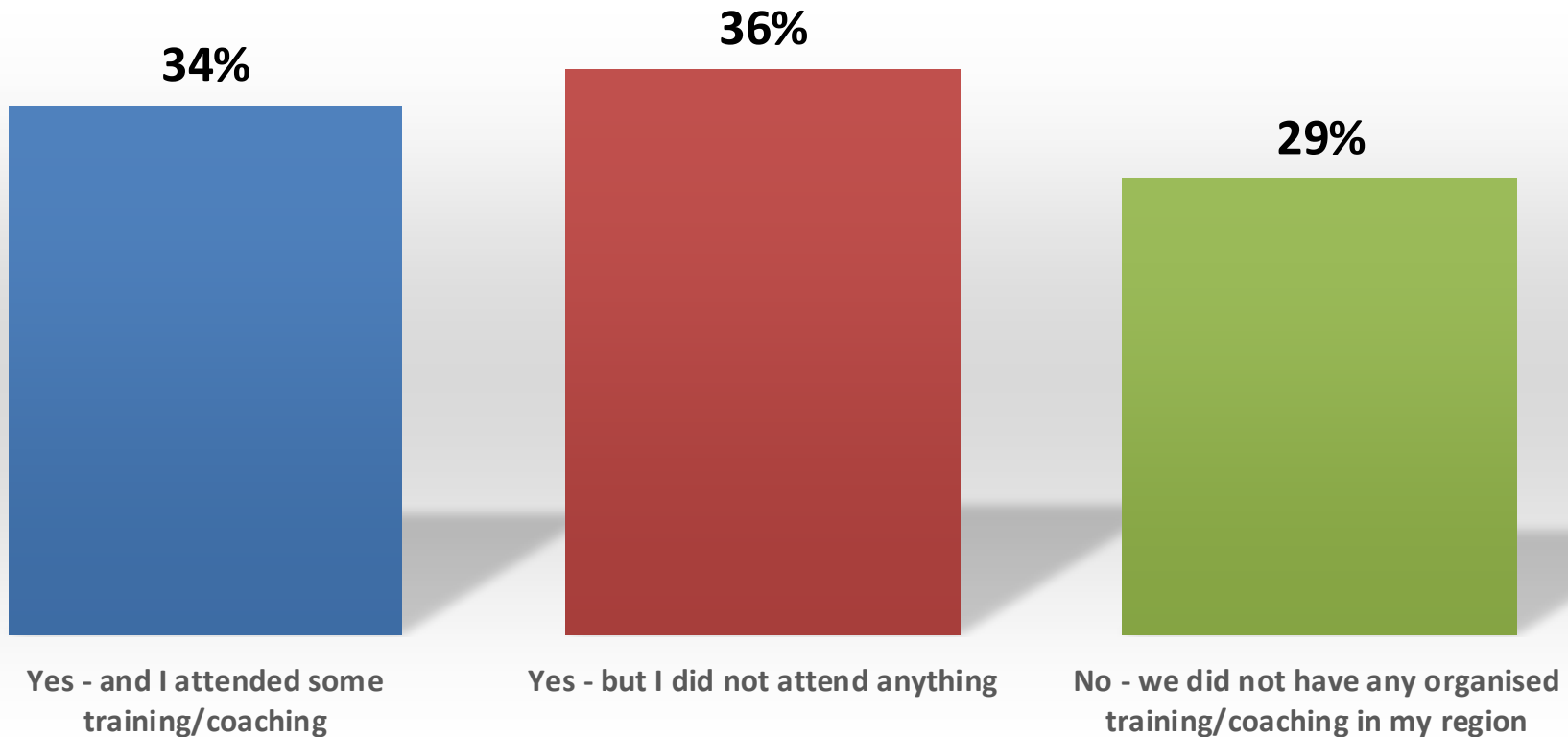
MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: EVENT & TRAINING ATTENDANCE

Q: Over 2024, what class activities did you participate in within your local region?



MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: CLASS TRAINING / COACHING

Q: Did your local class association provide any organised Musto Skiff training / coaching sessions over 2024?



MUSTO SKIFF SAILORS: CLASS TRAINING / COACHING

Q: Would you like to have more organised training sessions in your region?

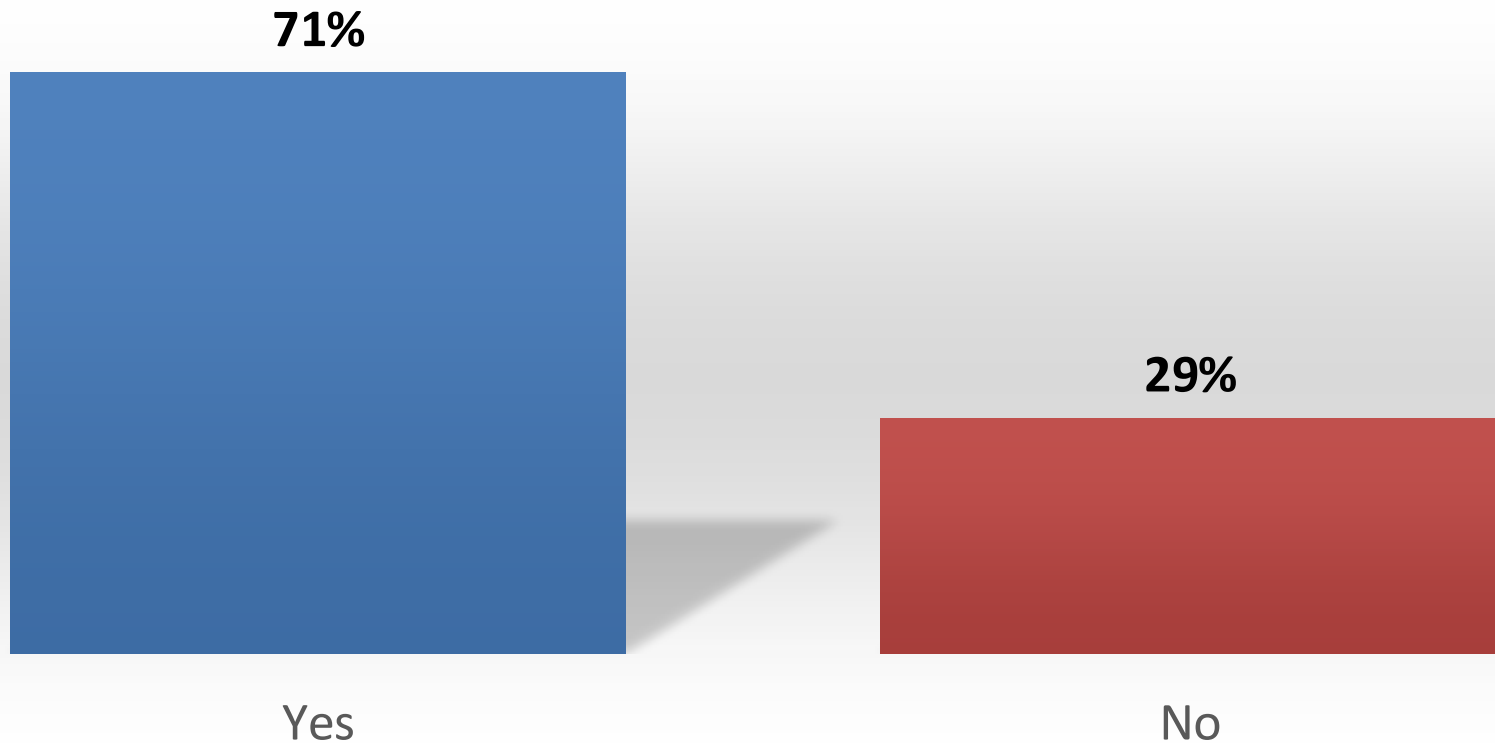




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PART 2 MAIN SURVEY RESULTS WIDER SAILING COMMUNITY INSIGHTS



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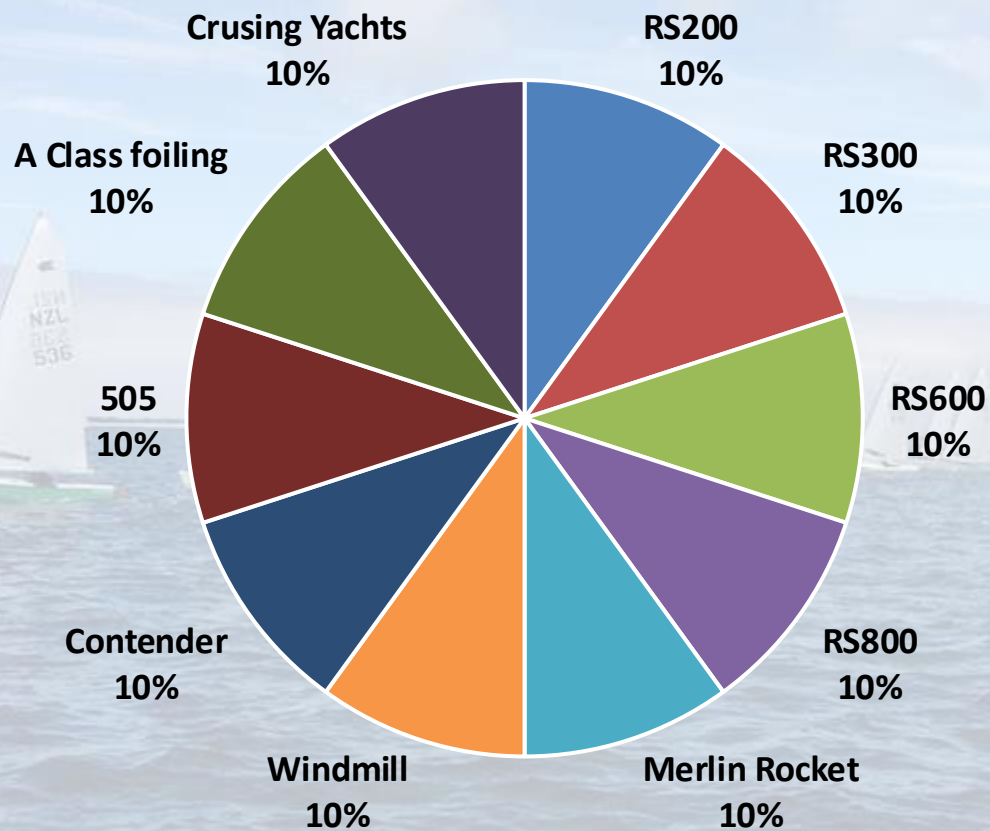
2024 CLASS SURVEY: OTHER SAILOR DEMOGRAPHICS



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OTHER SAILORS: CLASS REPRESENTATION IN SURVEY

Q: What is your main class / boat type?



OTHER SAILORS: COUNTRY REPRESENTATION IN SURVEY

Q: What country do you represent?



GBR, 87.5%

USA, 12.5%

OTHER SAILORS: WORLD SAILING REGIONS IN SURVEY

Q: What World Sailing region do you represent when competing in events?

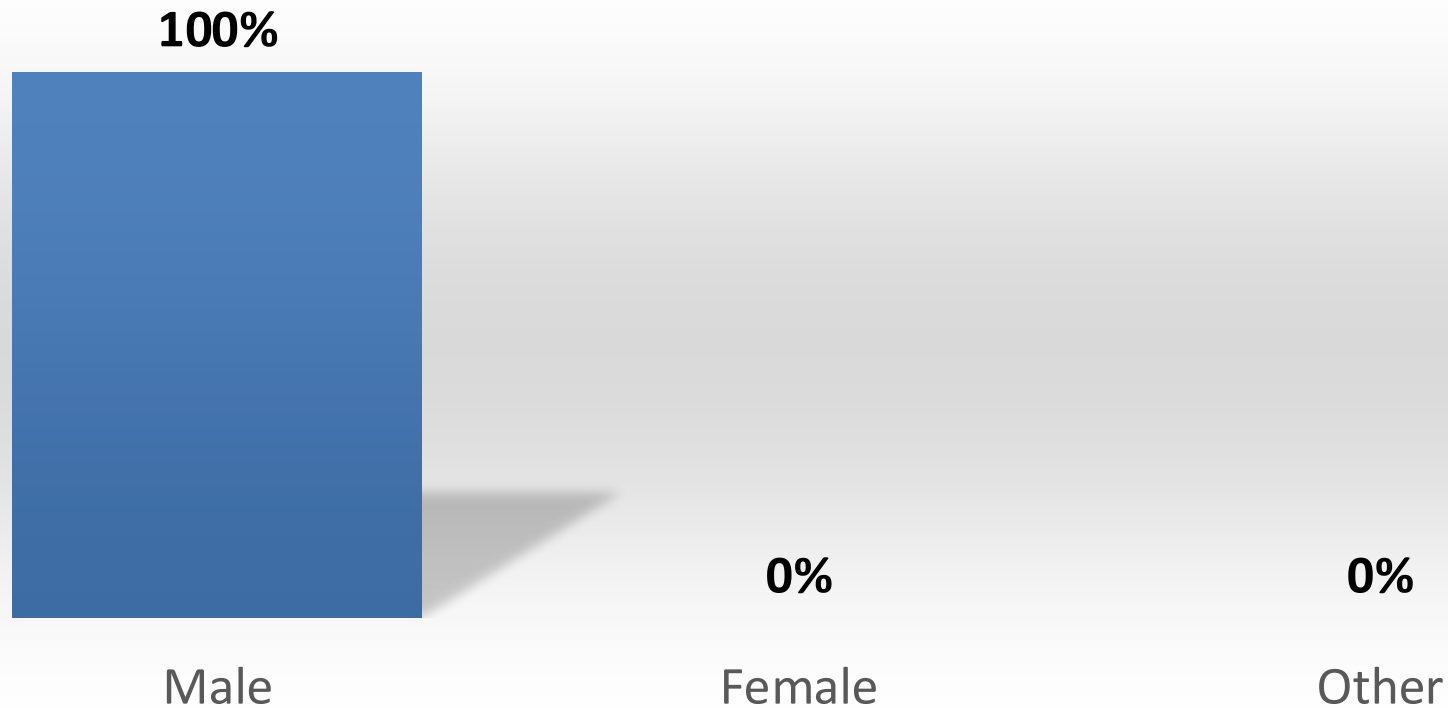


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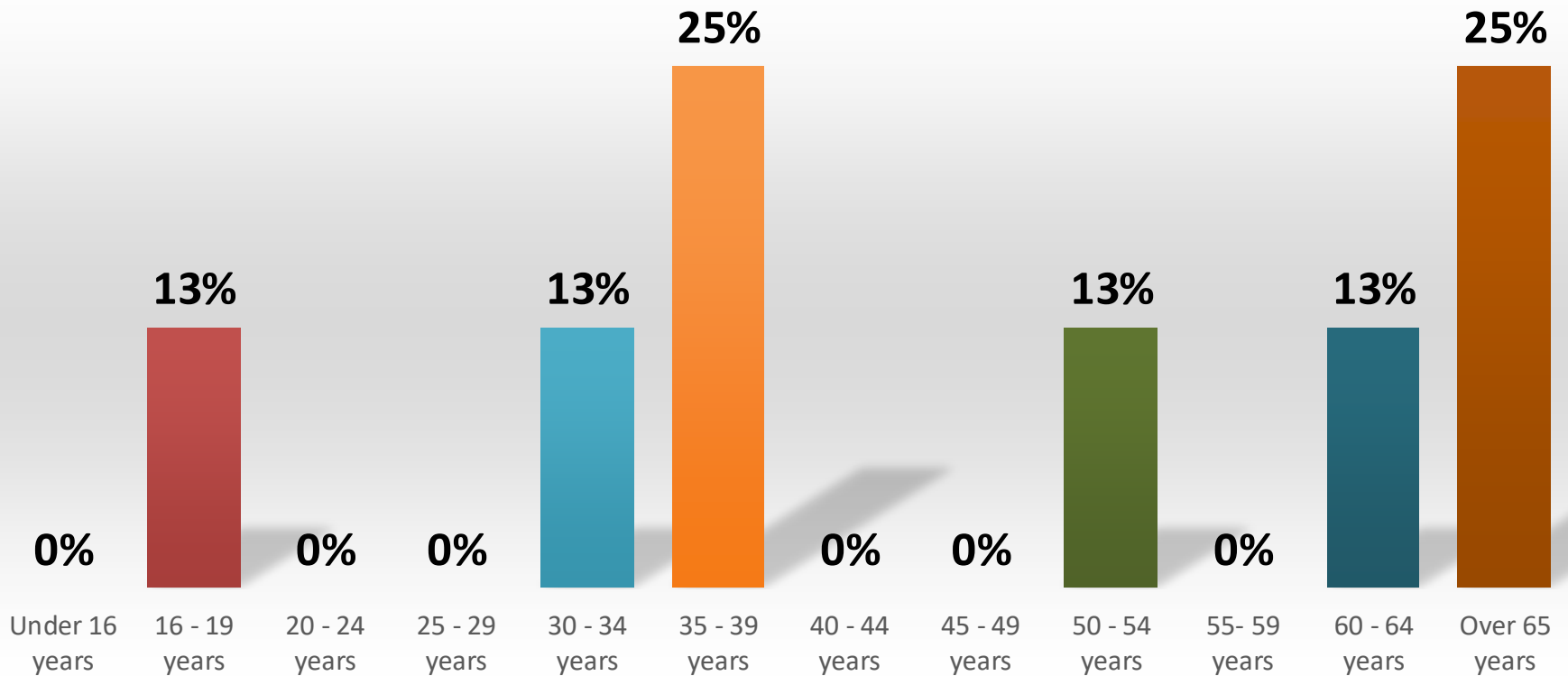
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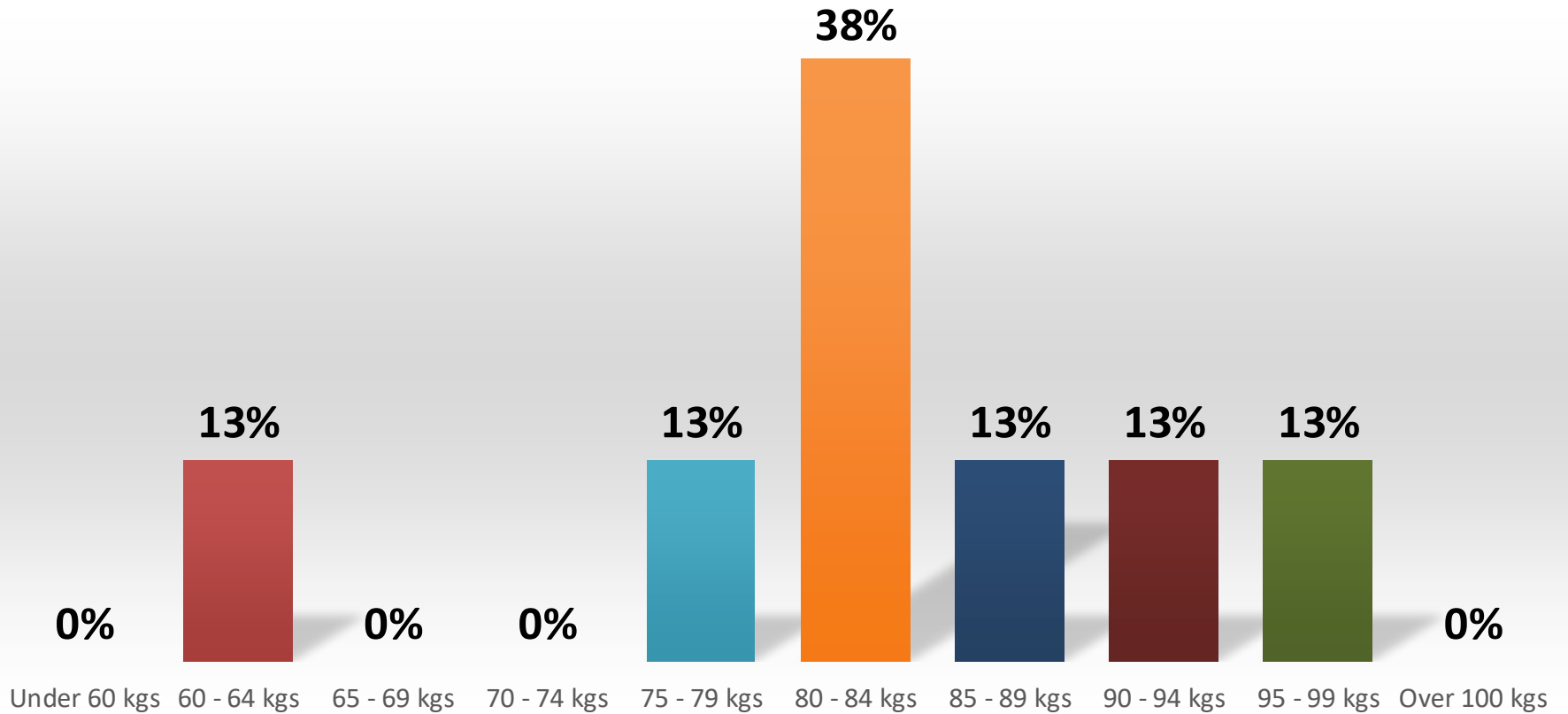
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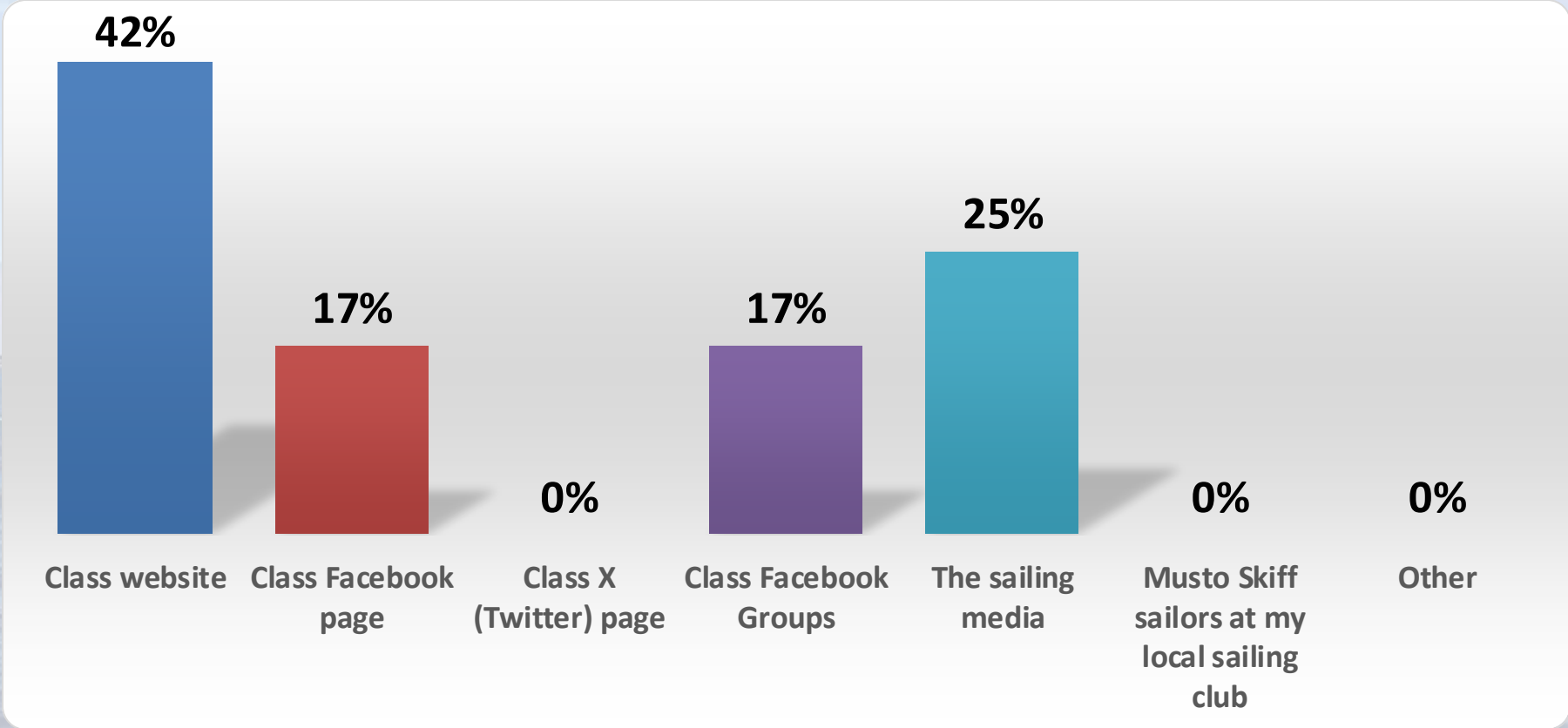
SAILING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK: THE CLASS & CLASS ACTIVITIES



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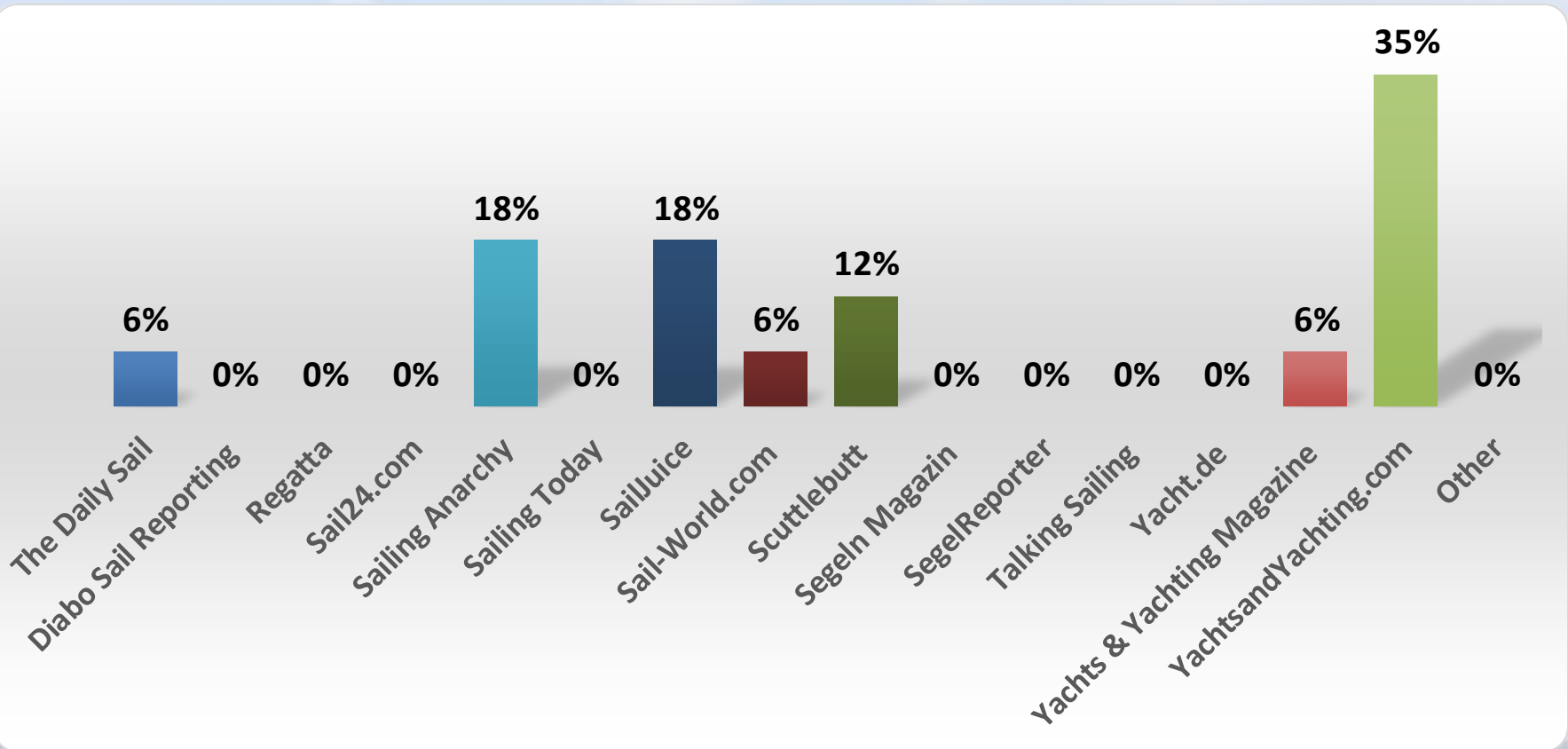
OTHER SAILORS: ENGAGEMENT WITH CLASS COMMS

Q: What class marketing channels do you use to get information about Musto Skiff class activities?



OTHER SAILORS: ENGAGEMENT WITH CLASS PR & MEDIA

Q: Which sailing media titles do you use most for information about the Musto Skiff class?



OTHER SAILORS: 2024 TRAINING VIDEO FEEDBACK

Q: How do you rate the 'Musto Skiff Basics' training video series?

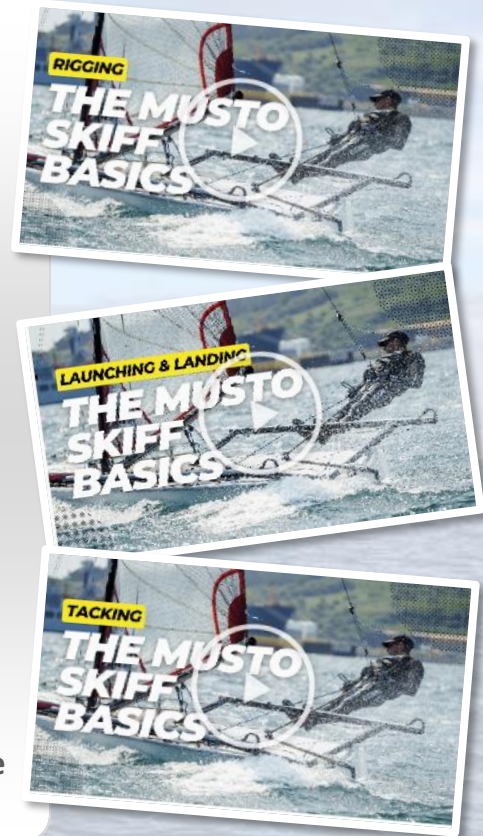
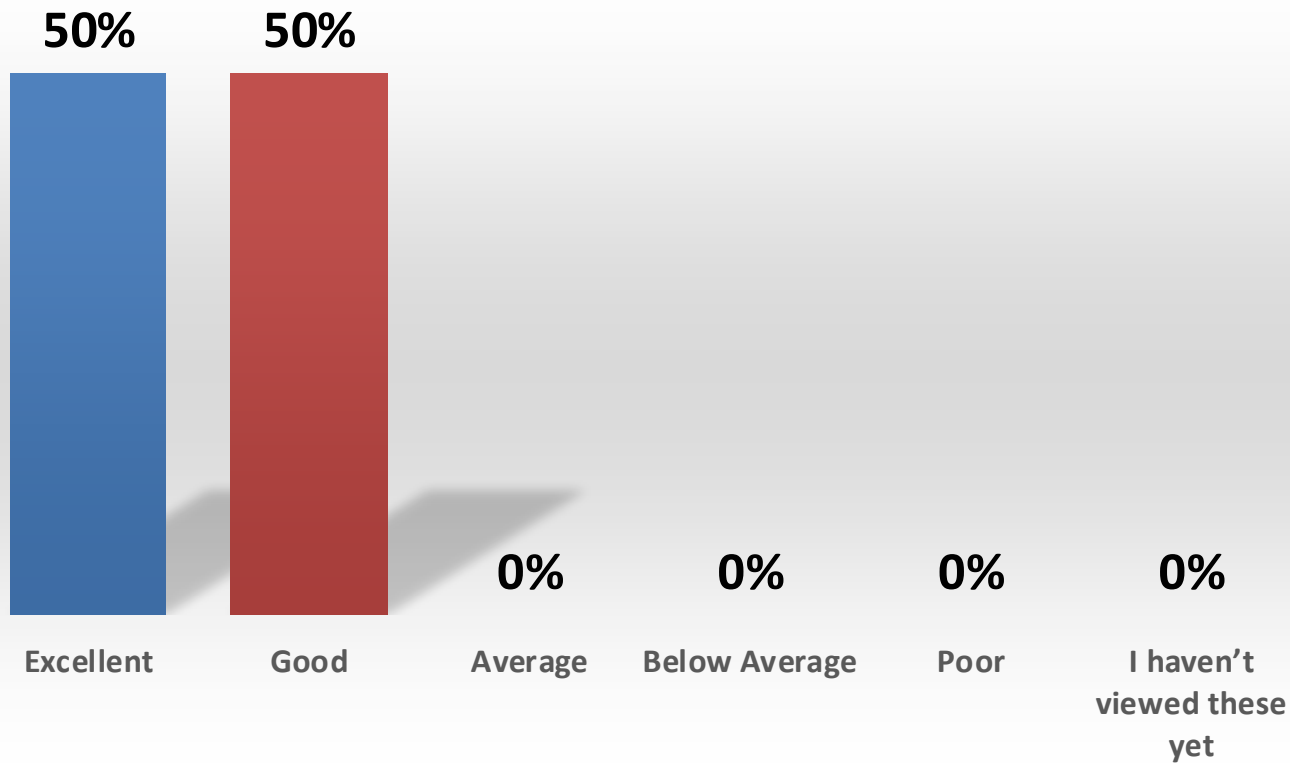




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PART 3 MUSTO SKIFF CLASS MEMBER SECTION: 2024 INTERNATIONAL AGM INSIGHTS & RESULTS



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2024 AGM / CLASS MEMBER SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS



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2024 AGM ONLINE SURVEY PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

2024 SURVEY PARTICIPANT STATISTICS....

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

41 participated in the AGM section of the 2024 survey

82% completion rate of the AGM section once started.

18 minutes average completion time



96% of AGM (online survey) respondents were active Musto Skiff Class Association members

2% of AGM (online survey) respondents were Life Members of the Musto Skiff Class and currently sail in the class.

2% of AGM (online survey) respondents were Life Members of the Musto Skiff Class but do not sail in the class.

2024 AGM ONLINE SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

2024 INTERNATIONAL AGM PARTICIPATION

- This year's online AGM included **41 participants representing six countries**. This was in line with the 2023 online AGM, which included 44 participants representing six countries. However, this is another consecutive year-on-year decline in member participation numbers.
- Of all the class members who participated in the 2024 online AGM, 96% are active Musto Skiff Class Association Members and 2% were active Life Members. This is an increase on the 2023 online AGM, which reported a 73% share in active members. However, more Life Members took part in the 2023 online AGM, with 27% participating in 2023 compared to just 4% in 2024.

2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ATTENDANCE & FEEDBACK

- 45% of Musto Skiff Class members attended a National Championship event in 2024. This is an increase from 2023, which saw 30% attendance.
- 45% of Musto Skiff Class members had a Nationals event but did not attend. This is a decrease from 2023, which saw 53% not attending their Nationals. For 2024, 11% stated that there was no Nationals event hosted in their country. This is a decrease from 2023, with 18% stating that there was no Nationals hosted for their region.
- The quality of Nationals events was rated as 'good to excellent' overall, indicating a high quality of events on average for each country. The level of competition in the fleet was also rated very highly overall at 55% excellent and 35% good. However, this is a decrease from 2023, where the level of competition was rated as 92% excellent and 8% good.

2024 AGM ONLINE SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- On average, information and communication during the events, club facilities, and onshore organisation were rated as good overall. Venue suitability for championships was also rated particularly high overall, with a rating of 45% excellent and 40% good.
- For those that could not attend their Nationals event in 2024, 'other commitments' was the main reason cited for non-attendance at a share of 62%. This was followed by 'other' (not specified) at 29%, and then 'overall cost of entering, travelling, and accommodation being too high' as the third most cited reason.

PLANNING FOR 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OR EURO CUP EVENTS

- If a National Championship or EuroCup / European Championship event is held in 2025, 70% of class members in the 2024 online AGM intend to participate, with 24% stating "maybe", and 7% stating that they do not intend to participate.
- Main reasons preventing attendance at a potential National or European Championship in 2025 include event dates being outside of school holidays, family or work commitments, or the location of events.
- Class members were asked to provide feedback on the timing of events to determine the impact of school holidays on their decision to attend an event. The feedback showed that 85% are more likely to participate in an event if it is hosted outside of the school holidays, with a further 6% saying that their decision to enter is unaffected by school holidays. The remaining 9% said they were less likely to participate in an event if it is hosted outside of the school holidays.

2024 AGM ONLINE SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2025 WORLDS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

- At the time of the 2024 Class Survey, 28% stated 'yes' to attending the 2025 Worlds in Sydney, Australia, and 72% stated 'no' to attending.
- The main reasons for not attending the 2025 Worlds included 'the total cost to attend with travel, accommodation, and entry fees being too high' at 52%, followed by other commitments at 24%, and 'other' (not specified) at 12%.

PROPOSAL FOR A 2025 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN GERMANY

- The committee is proposing to host a European Championship in 2025 at Warnemünde Week (over 10 - 13 July 2025). At the time of the 2024 Class Survey, 39% stated 'yes' to attending this, 33% stated 'maybe', and 28% stated 'no'.
- For those who said 'no' to attending a proposed European Championship in July 2025, the main reasons for not committing included 'other commitments' (not specified) at 50%, followed by 'other' (not specified) at 25%, and then the anticipated total cost to attend with travel, accommodation, and entry fees being too high, at 14%.

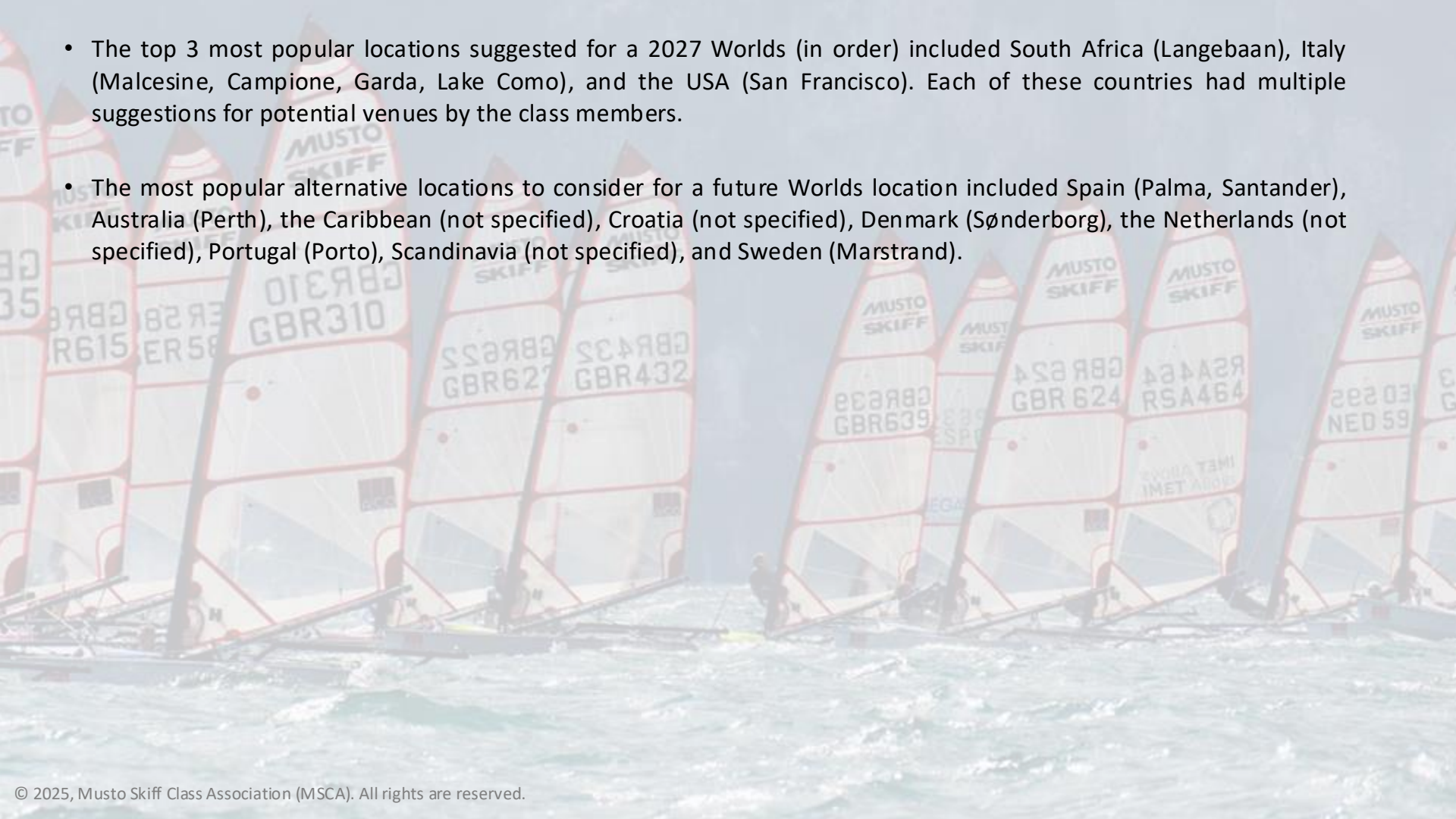
PROPOSAL FOR A 2026 WORLDS IN FRANCE

- The committee is proposing to host the 2026 World Championship in France. Three locations were put forward for class member feedback. In order of preference, the most popular destinations in France were Carnac, followed by an Atlantic Coast venue, and then a Mediterranean Coast venue.
- Spain was the most cited for an alternative 2026 Worlds location, with suggested venues of Denia, Palma, or Barcelona.

2024 AGM ONLINE SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

FEEDBACK ON FUTURE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATIONS

- The top 3 most popular locations suggested for a 2027 Worlds (in order) included South Africa (Langebaan), Italy (Malcesine, Campione, Garda, Lake Como), and the USA (San Francisco). Each of these countries had multiple suggestions for potential venues by the class members.
- The most popular alternative locations to consider for a future Worlds location included Spain (Palma, Santander), Australia (Perth), the Caribbean (not specified), Croatia (not specified), Denmark (Sønderborg), the Netherlands (not specified), Portugal (Porto), Scandinavia (not specified), and Sweden (Marstrand).



2024 AGM ONLINE SURVEY: KEY HIGHLIGHTS

RESULTS FOR THE 2024 AGM CLASS MEMBER VOTE ON THE USE OF SPEEDPUCKS BEING PERMITTED UNDER THE CLASS RULES:

- **24% voted 'YES' to speedpucks being permitted under the class rules**
- **76% voted 'NO' to speedpucks being permitted under the class rules**
- With 76% of the class members voting against speedpucks continuing to be permitted under the Class Rules, the committee has now moved forward with requesting a change to the Class Rules. Confirmation from World Sailing was pending at the time of this report being published, but this change is anticipated to go ahead, meaning speedpucks will no longer be permitted in organised events going forward.

RESULTS FOR THE 2024 AGM CLASS MEMBER VOTE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2025:

- All International Committee Members stand unopposed for 2025 with a majority vote of 'YES' from the class members.
- All International Country Representatives (not already elected by local AGM voting) stand unopposed for 2025 with a majority vote of 'YES' from their local class members.



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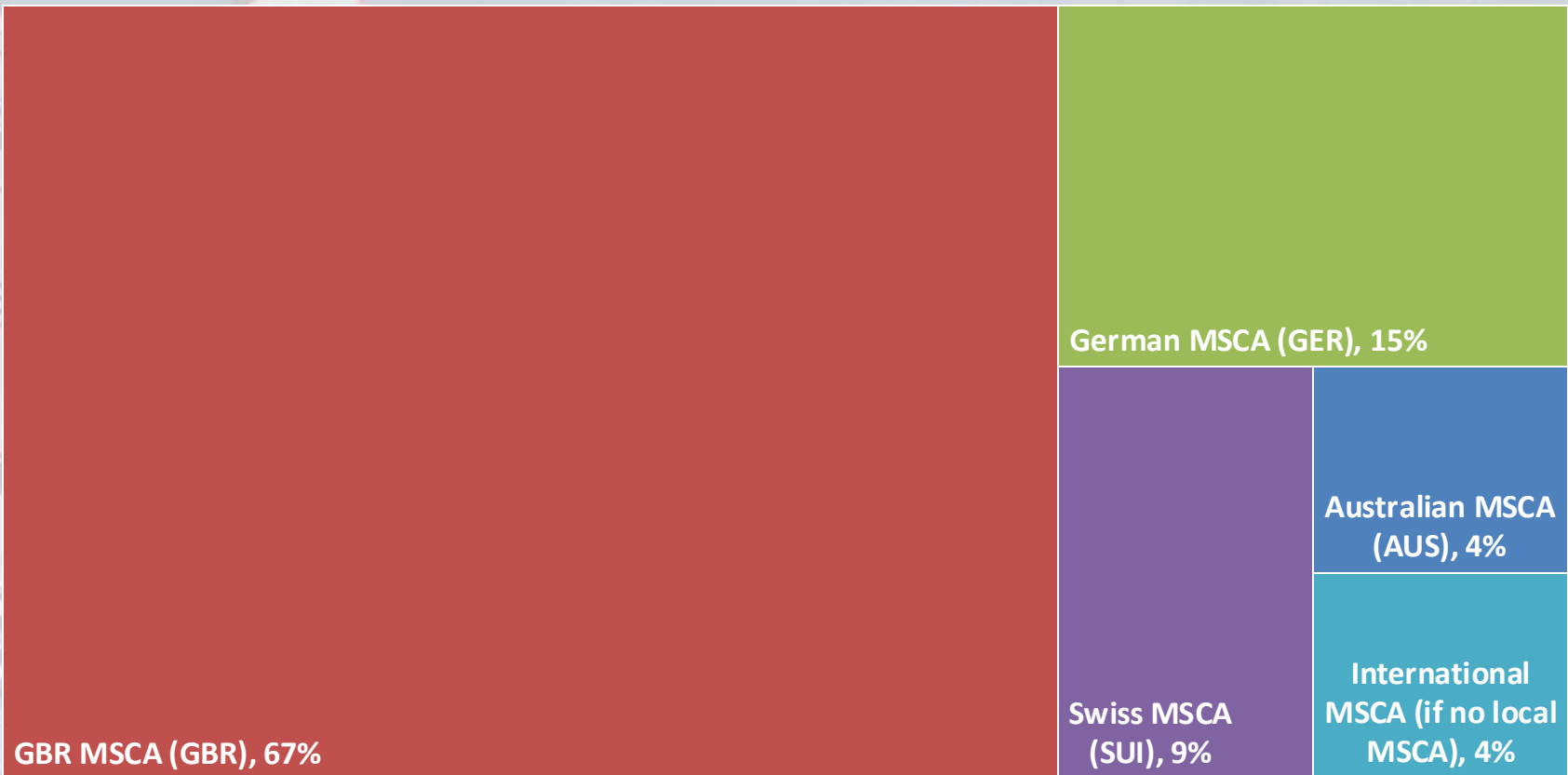
2024 AGM / CLASS MEMBER SURVEY: CLASS MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS



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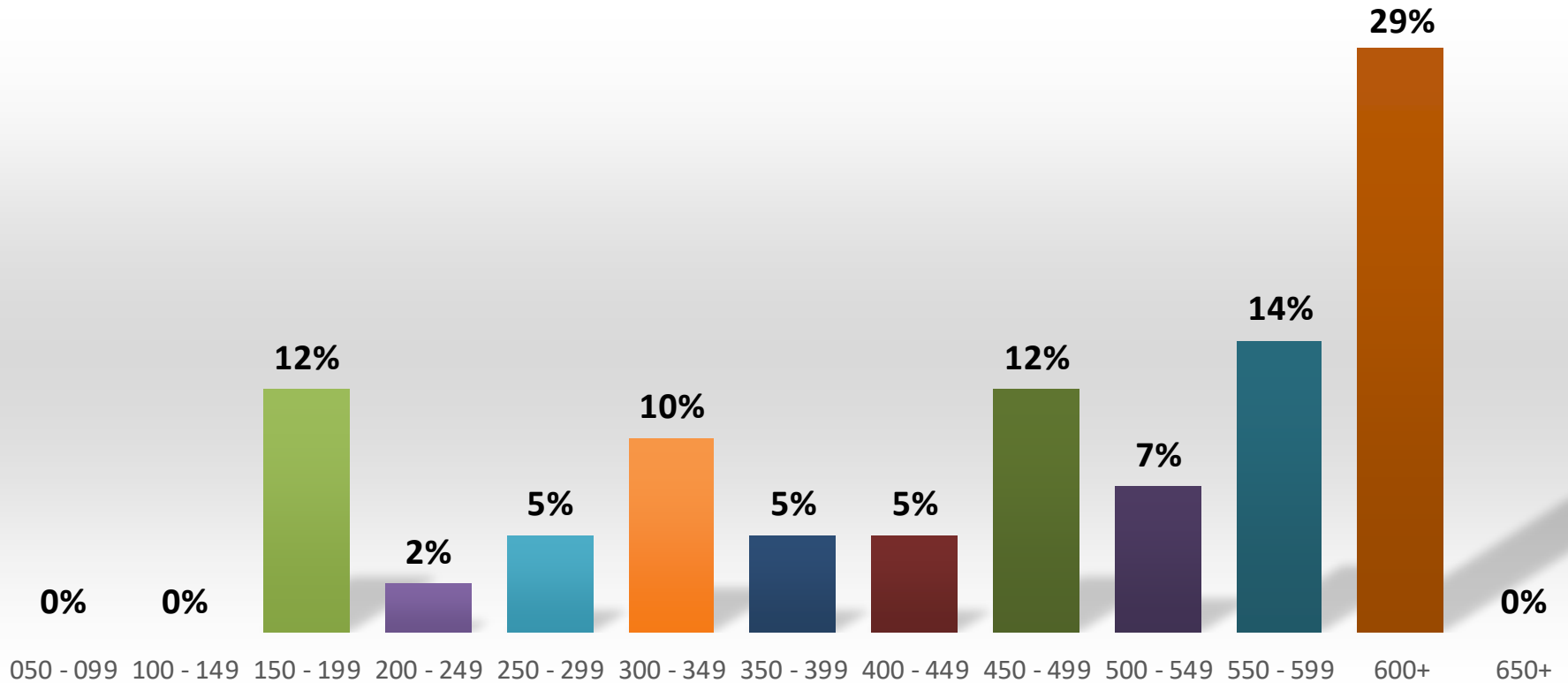
MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN SURVEY

Q: What Musto Skiff class association region do you represent?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: BOAT RANGES REPRESENTED IN SURVEY

Q: In what range is the sail number of your boat?



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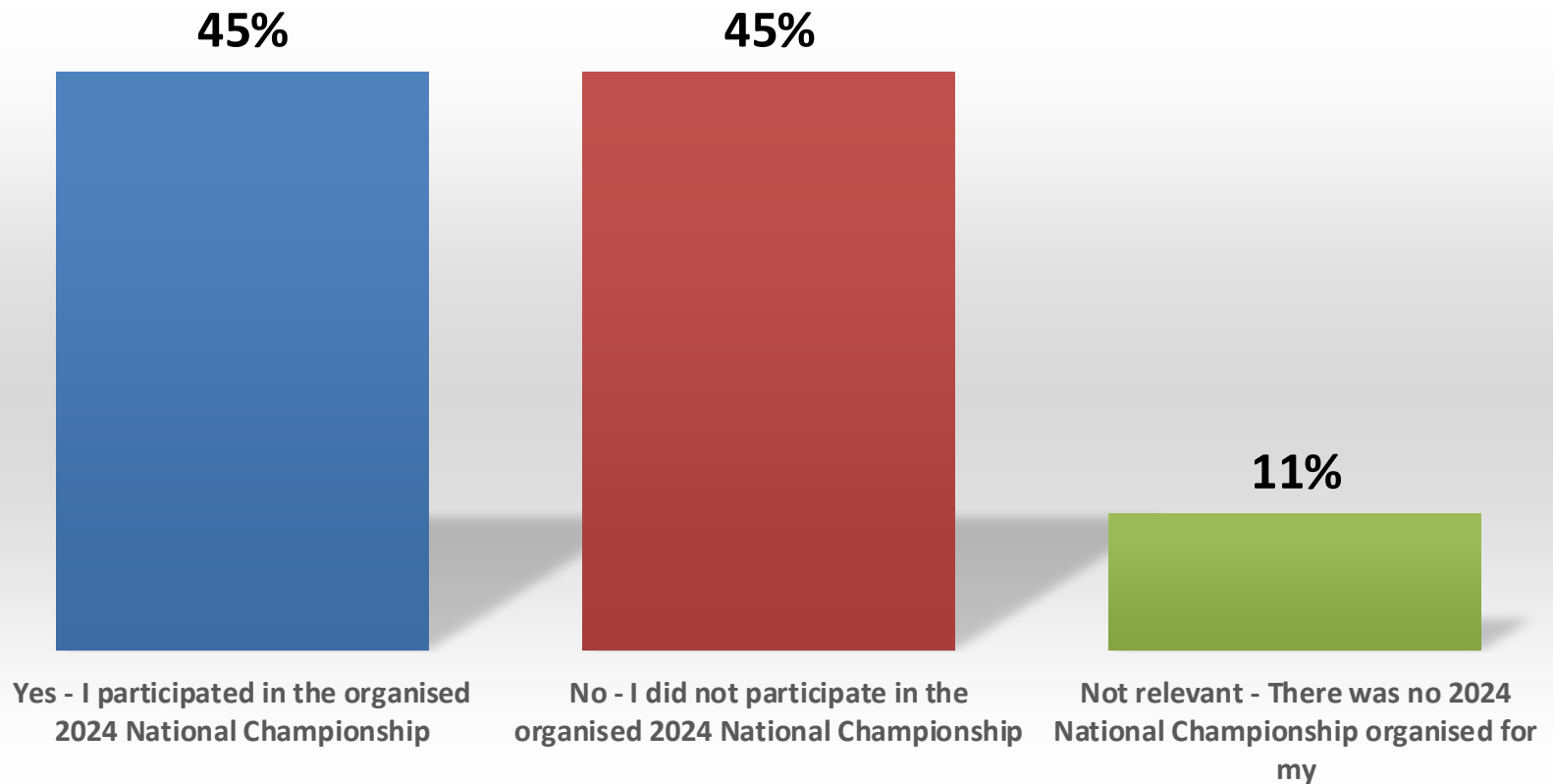
**2024 SEASON:
CLASS EVENTS &
NATIONALS
FEEDBACK**



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MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: Did you attend a National Championship event in your country over 2024?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Those that attended a National Championship event were asked to rate their event experience on the following points:

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

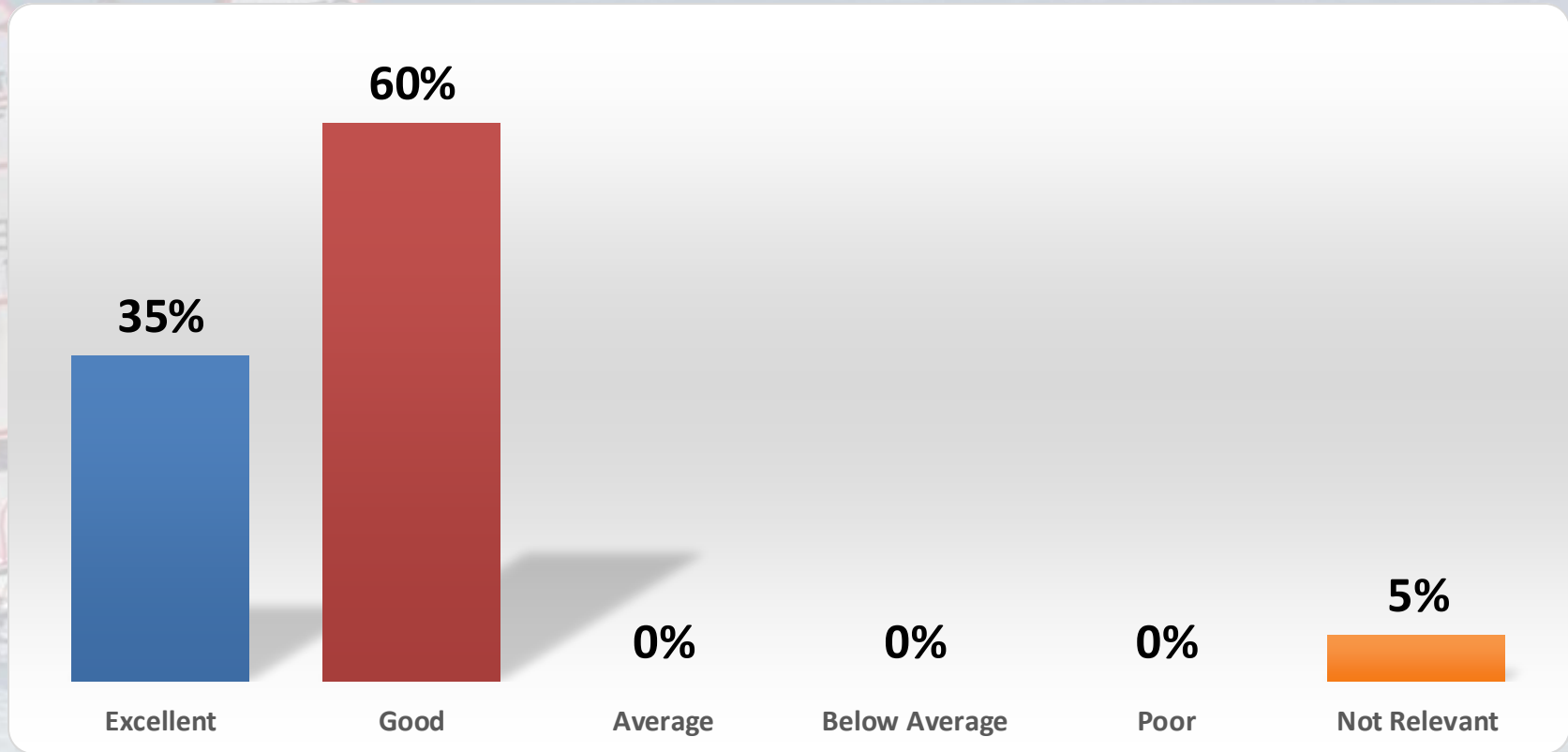
Key highlights for 2024:

- The quality of Nationals events was rated as 'good to excellent' overall, indicating a high quality of events in each country where a National Championship was hosted.
- The level of competition in the fleet was rated highly overall for the 2024 season at 55% excellent and 35% good. However, this is a decrease from 2023, where the level of competition was rated as 92% excellent and 8% good.
- On average, information and communication during the events, club facilities, and onshore organisation were each rated as 'good' overall.
- Venue suitability for championships was rated particularly high overall, with a rating of 45% excellent and 40% good.
- On average, post-event communications were mainly rated as 'good' overall, at 60% good and 30% excellent.
- On average, post-event evening socials were mainly rated as 'good' overall, at 45% good and 30% excellent.

MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

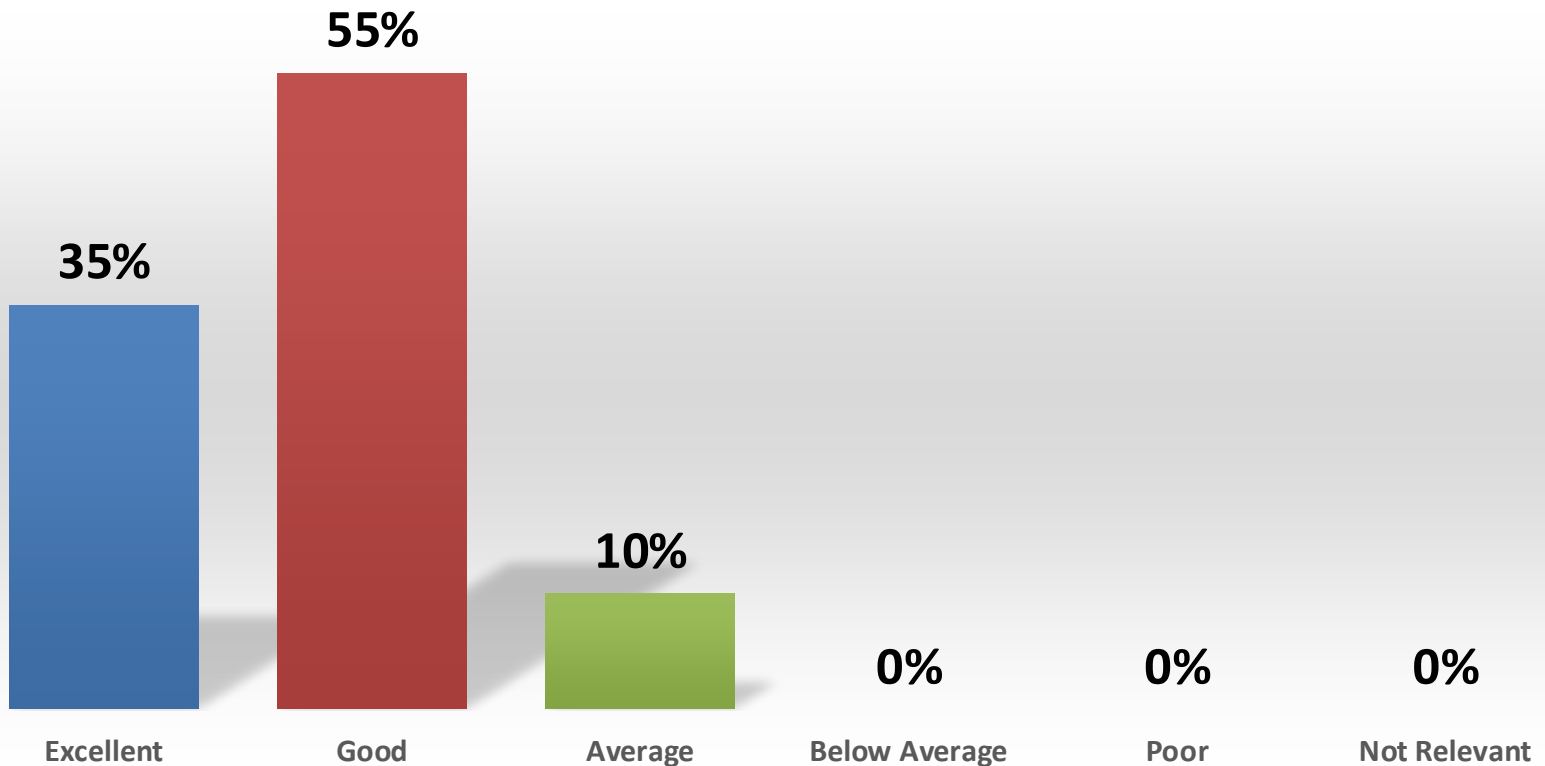
PRE-EVENT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

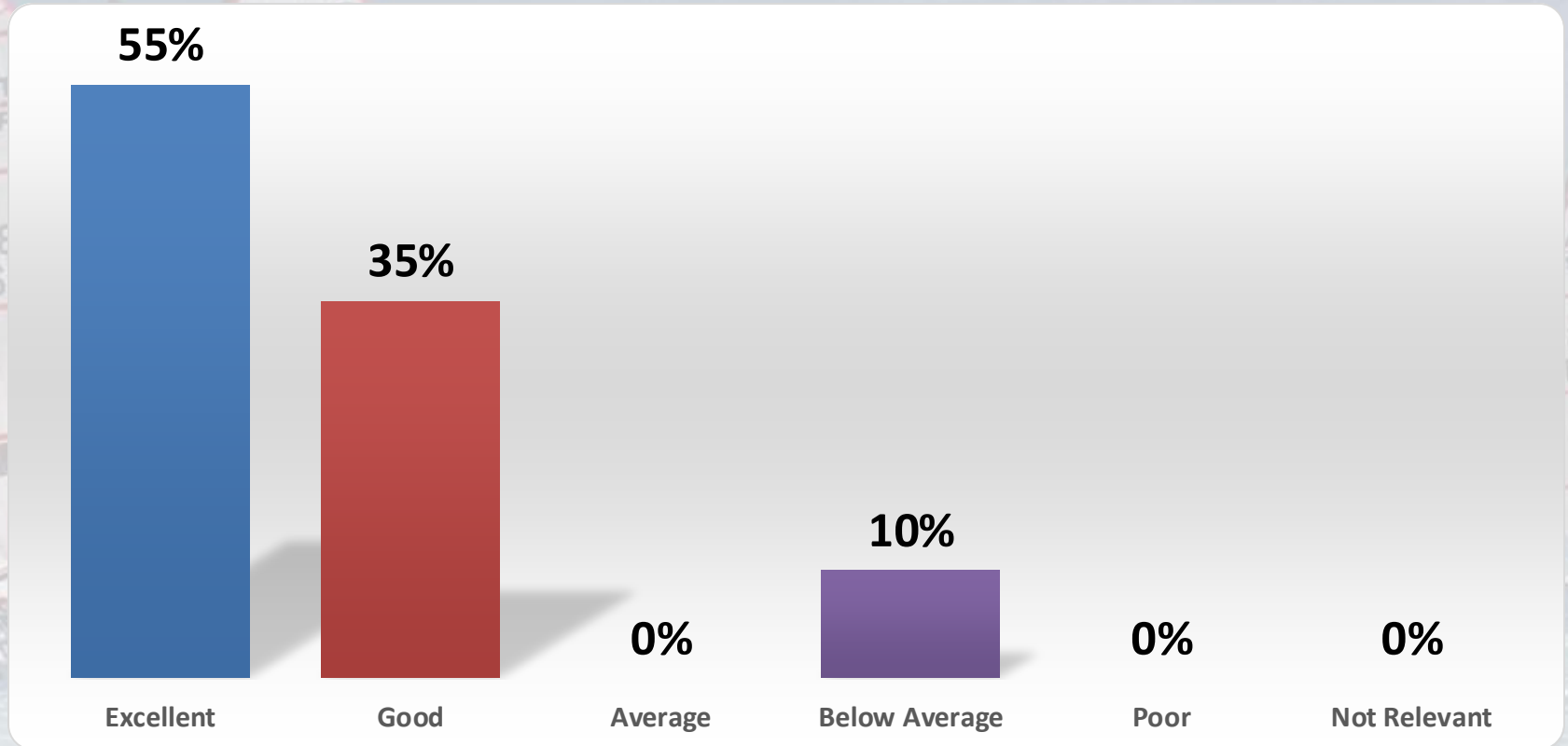
RACE MANAGEMENT



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

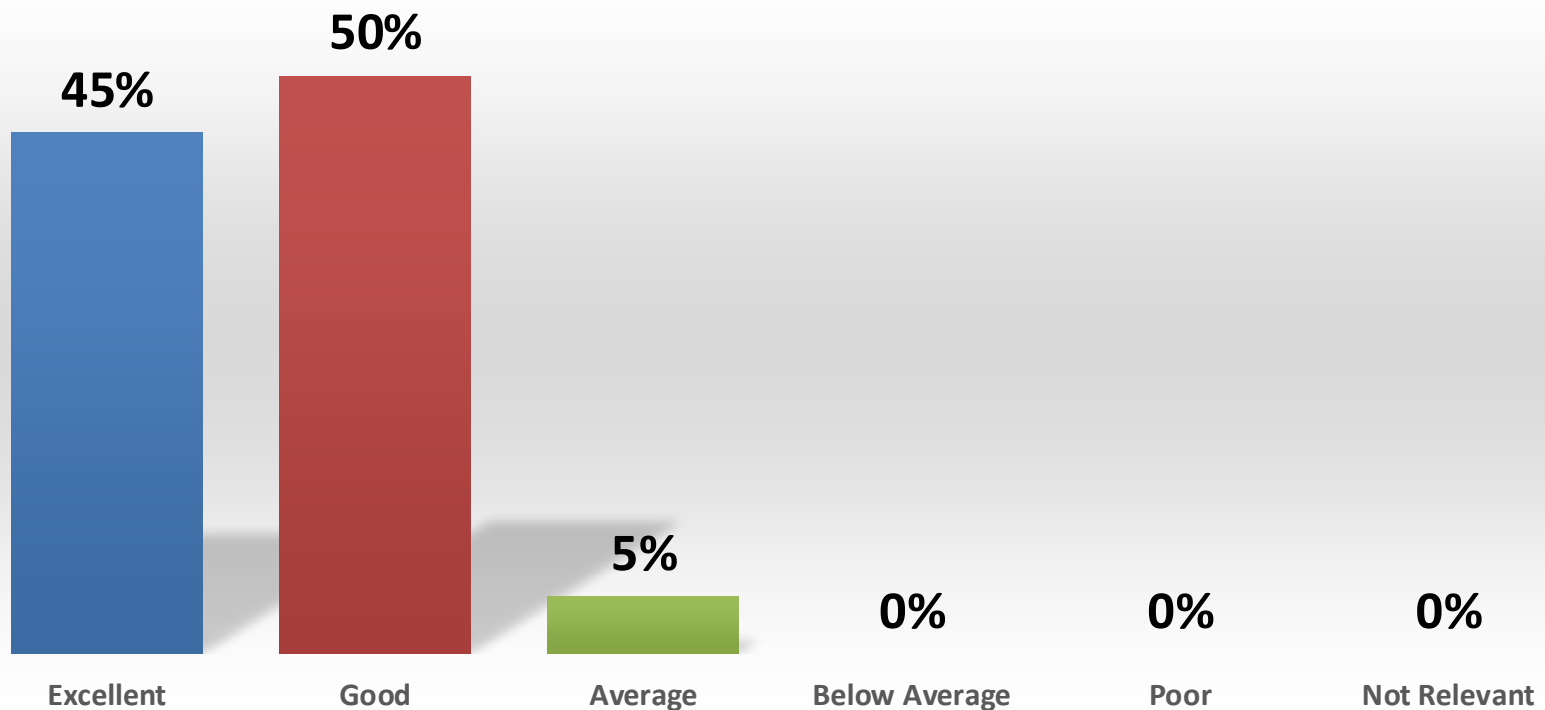
LEVEL OF COMPETITION WITHIN THE FLEET



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

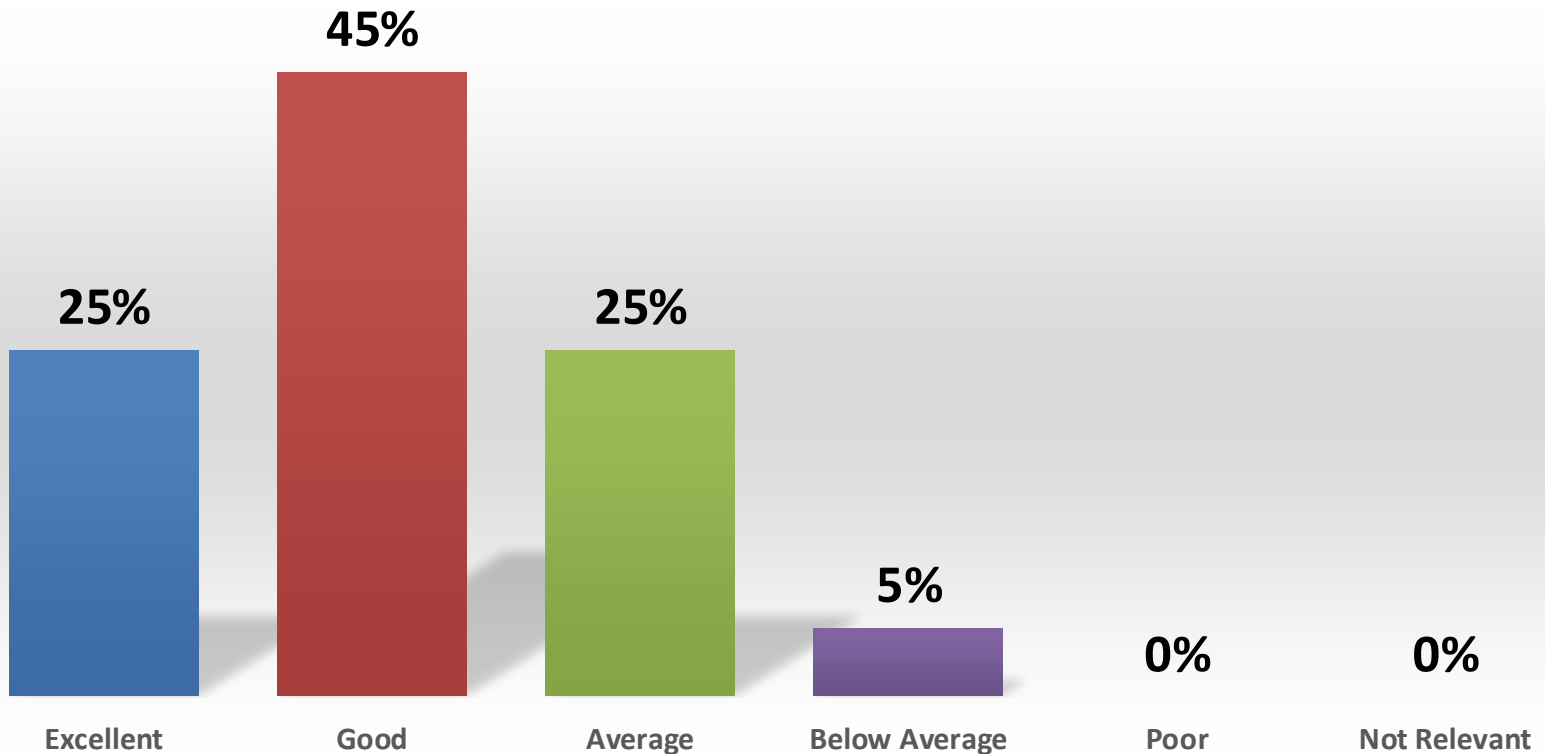
ONSHORE ORGANISATION



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

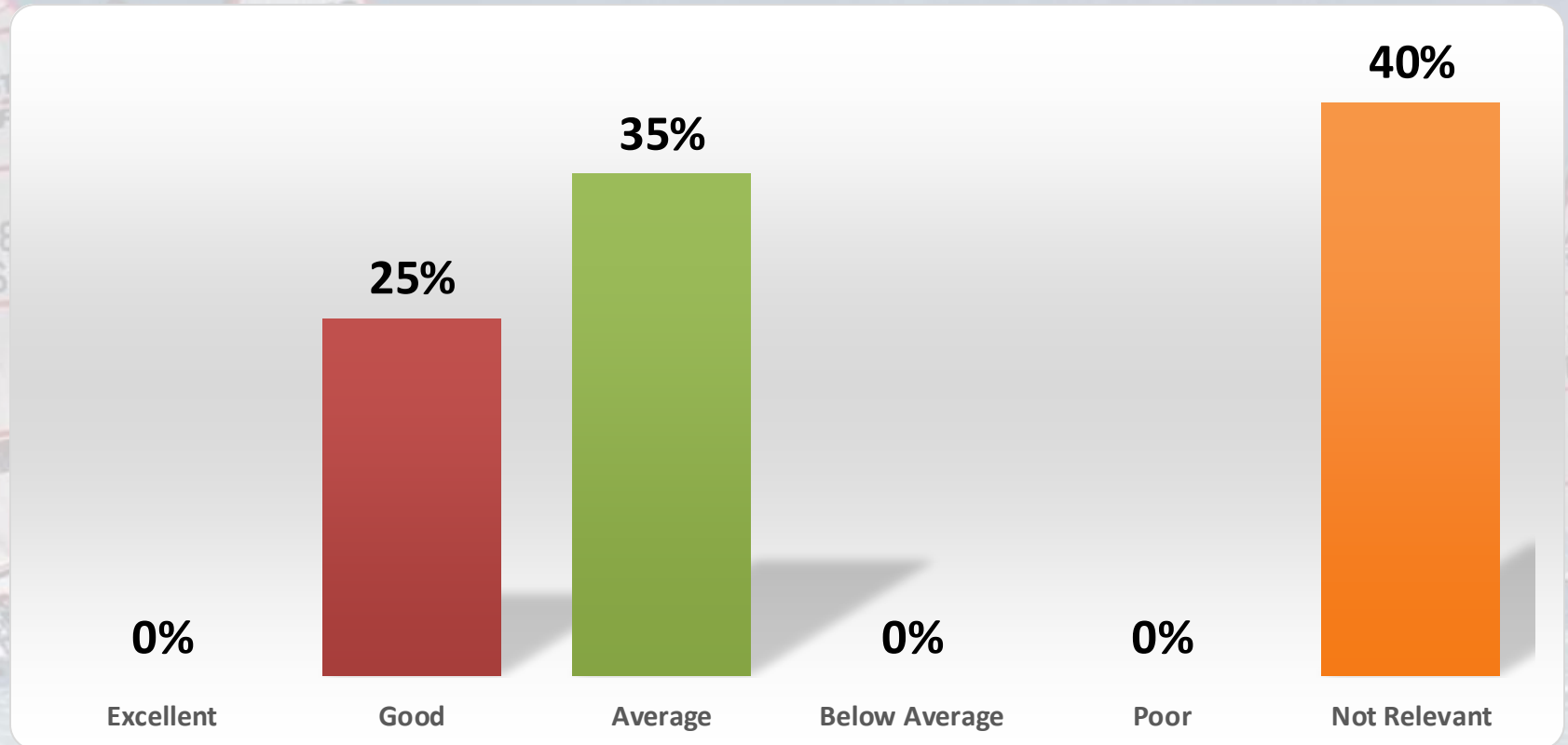
CLUB FACILITIES



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

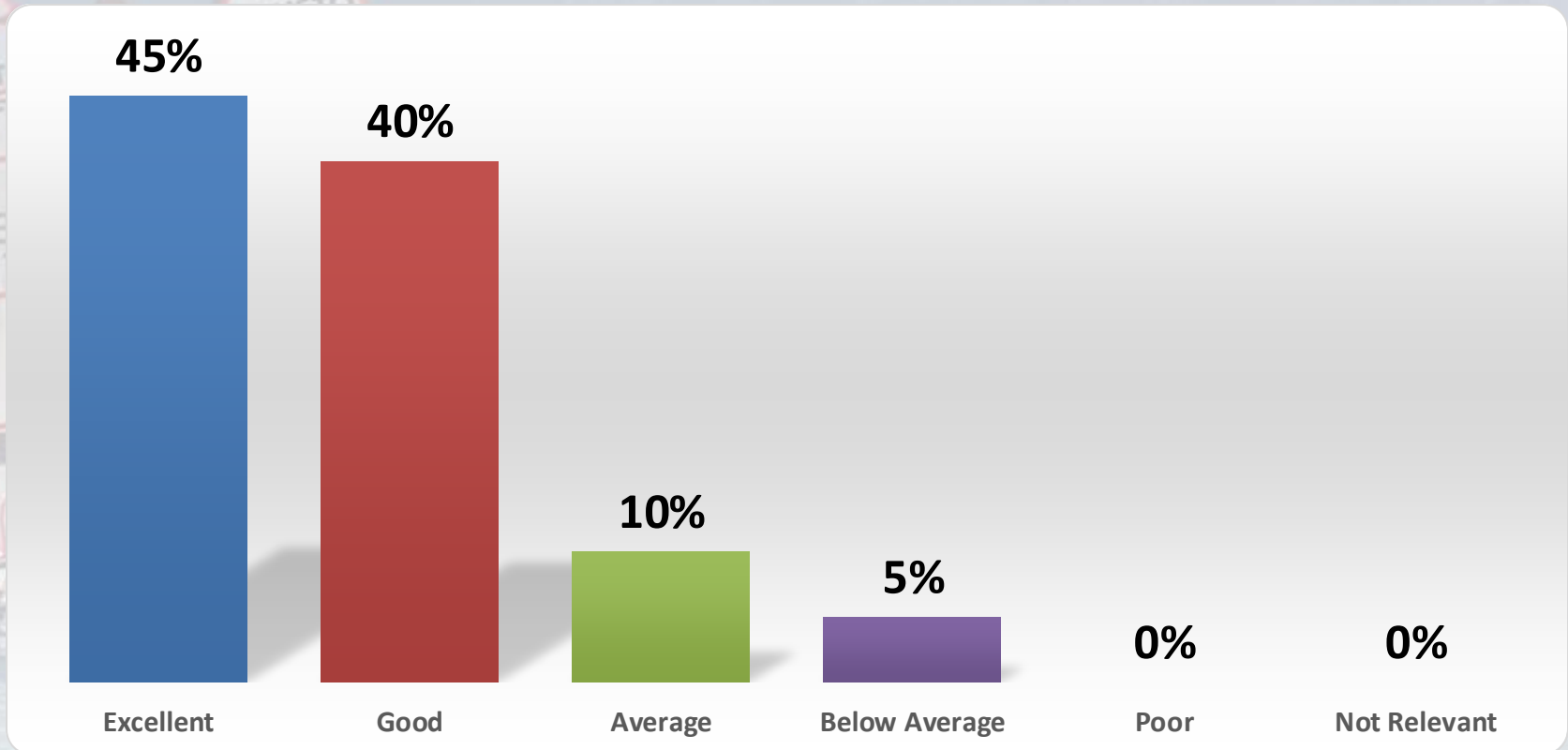
MEASUREMENT CONTROL



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

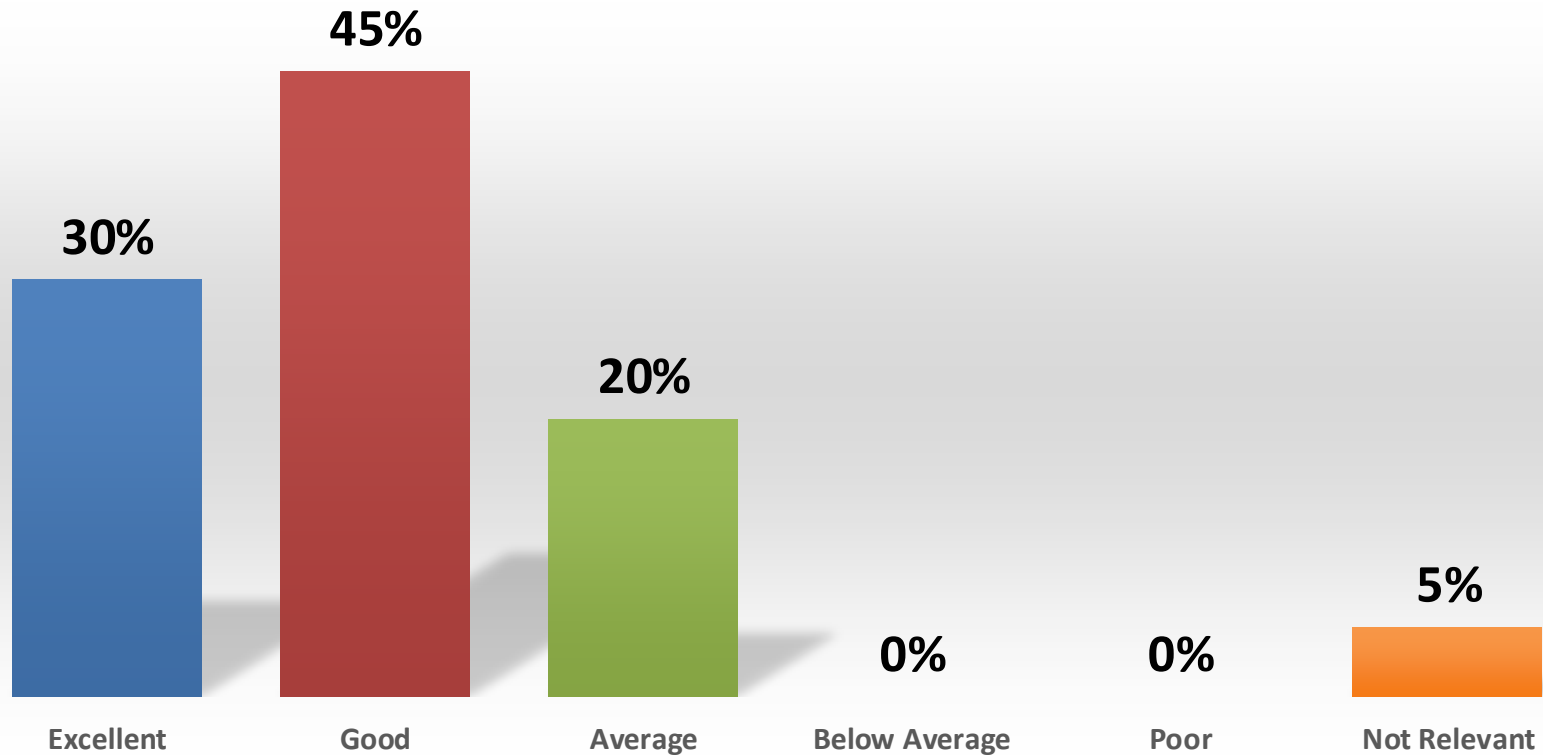
VENUE SUITABILITY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

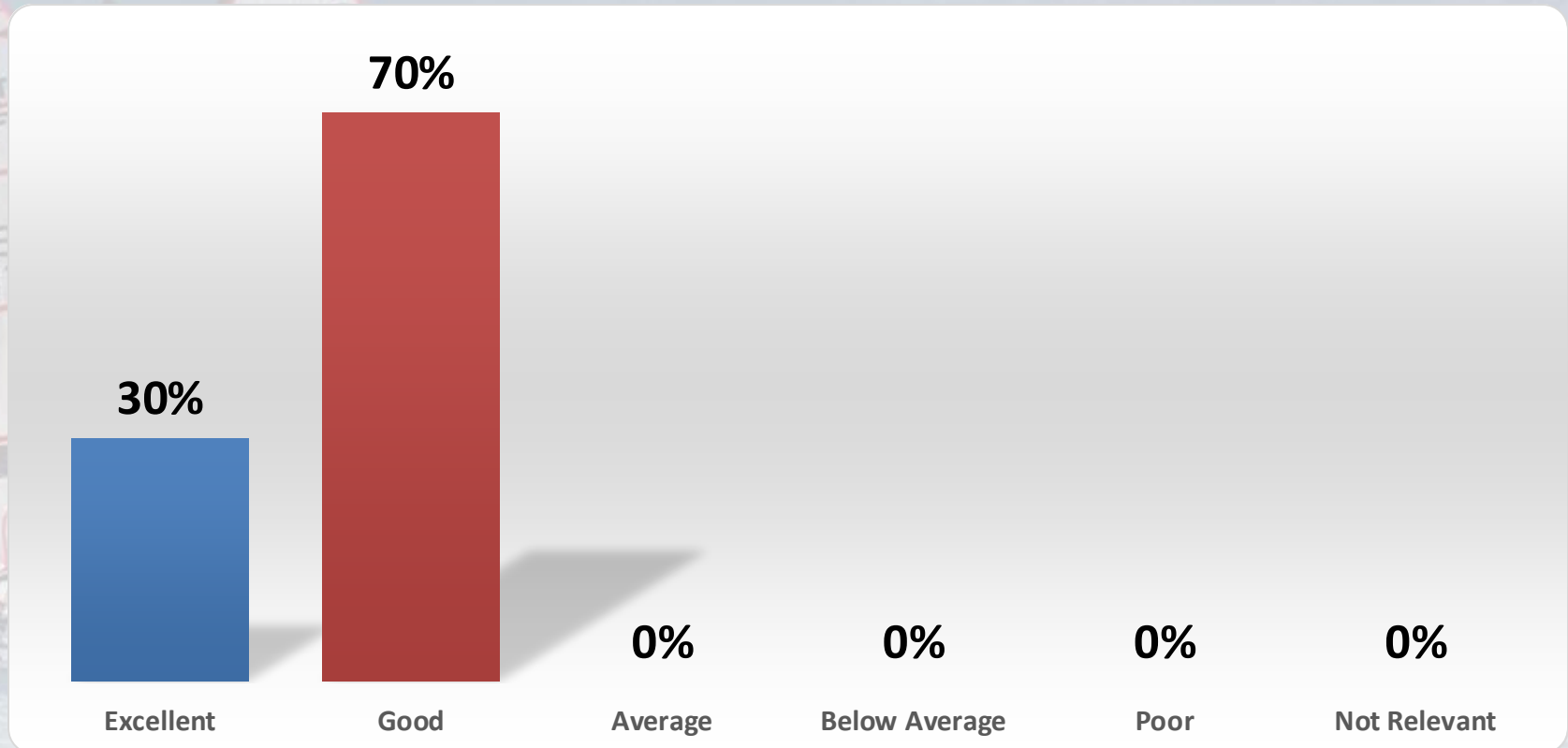
EVENING SOCIAL EVENTS (IF HELD)



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

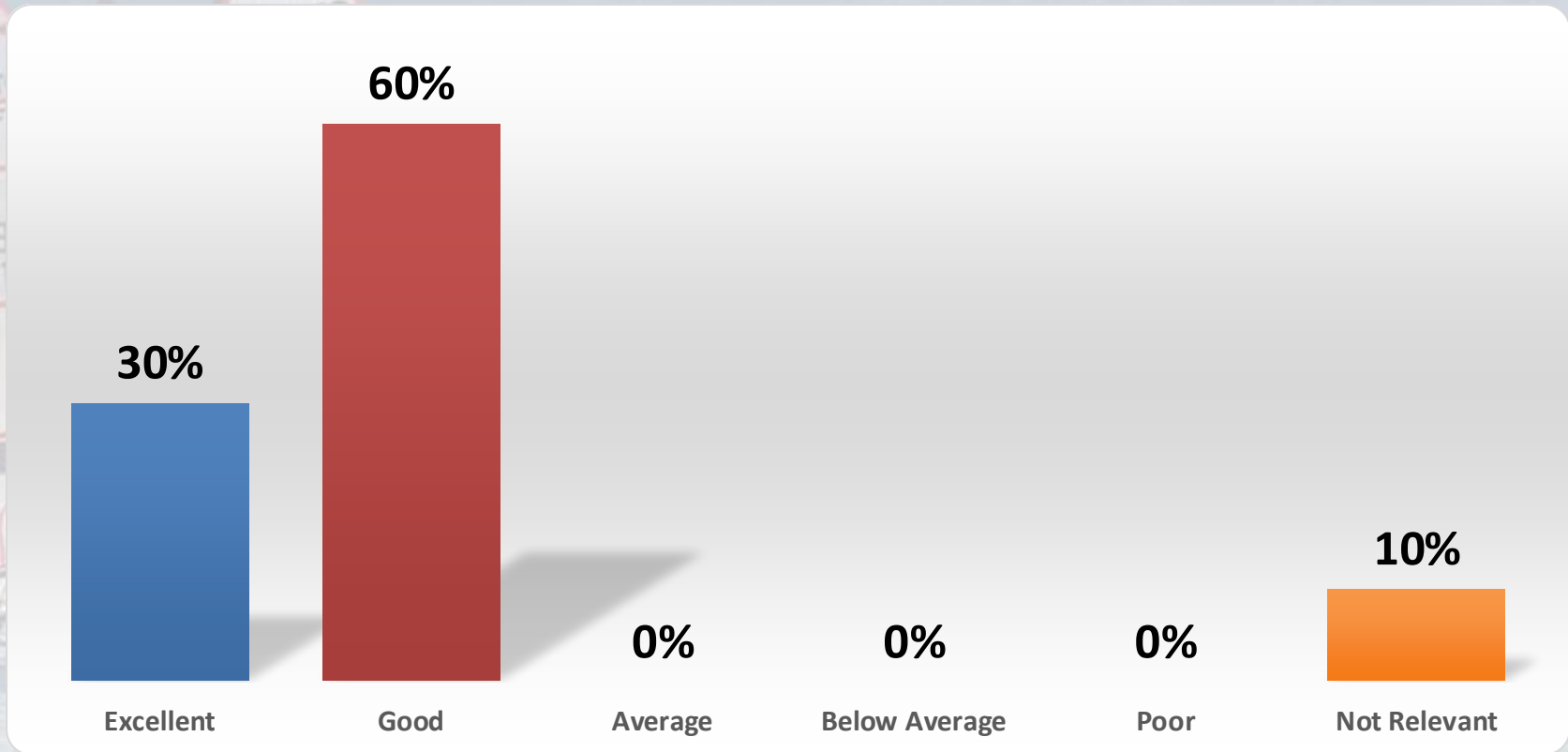
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION DURING THE EVENT



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

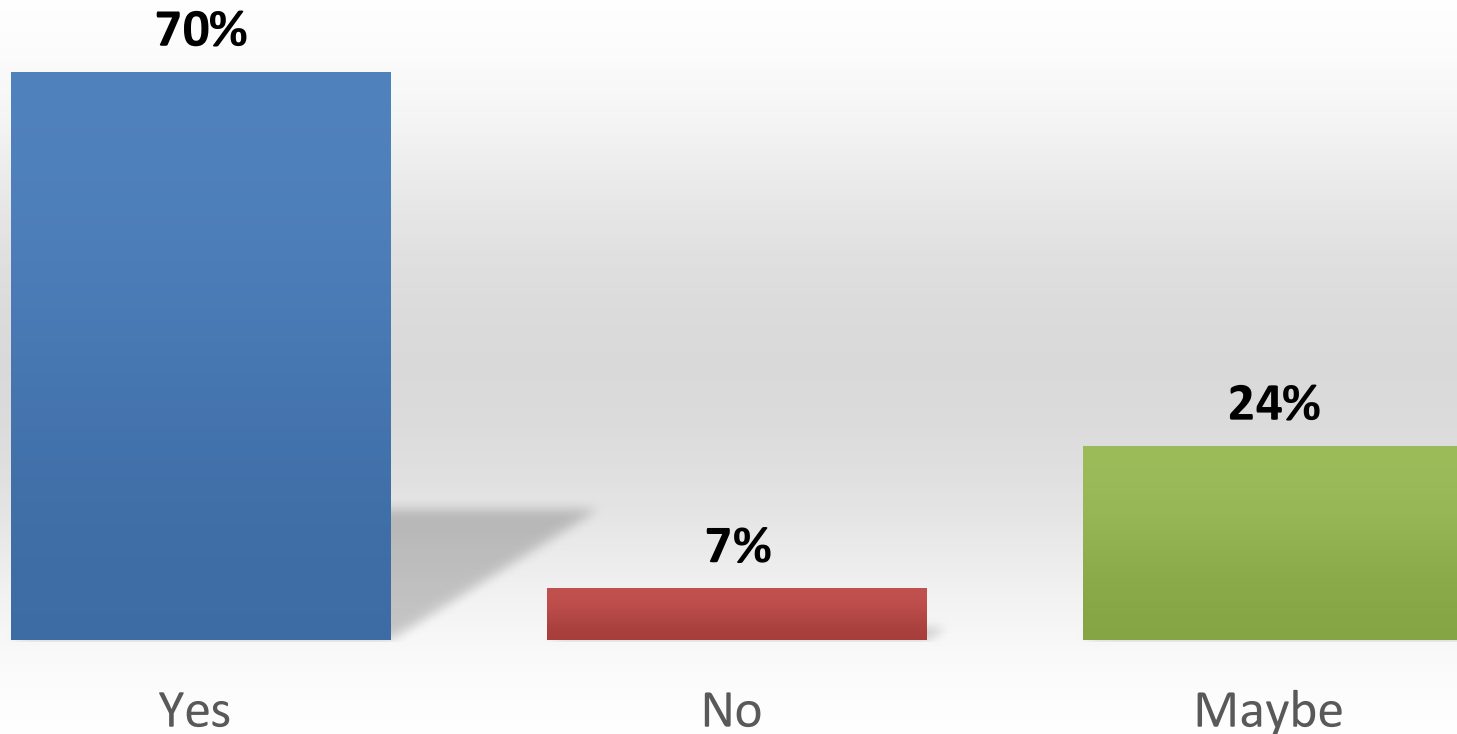
Q: How do you rate your 2024 National Championship event on the following points:

POST-EVENT COMMUNICATIONS



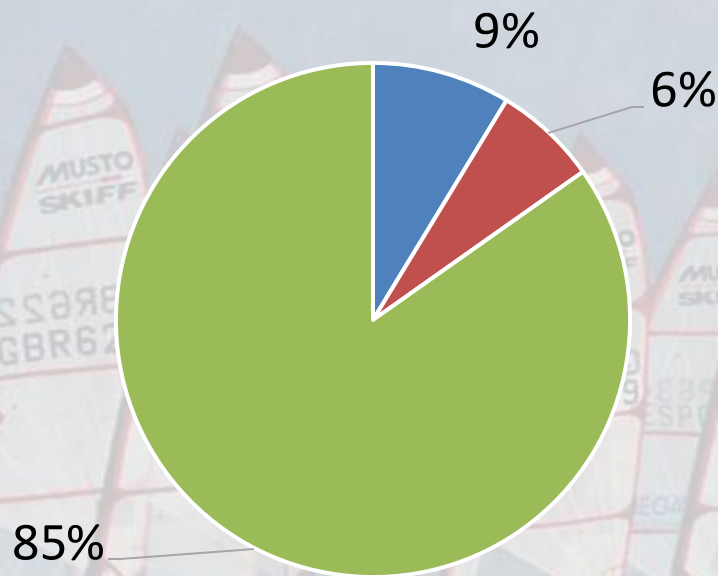
MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: If a National Championship or Euro Cup event is planned for your region in 2025, will you participate in it?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Q: Some of our organised regattas may be hosted during school term time (i.e., not during the school holiday periods). When considering entering events such as a Nationals or a Worlds, how much does this influence your decision to participate?



- I am more likely to participate in an event if it is hosted outside of the school holidays.
- I am less likely to participate in an event if it is hosted outside of the school holidays.
- The school holidays do not affect my decision to enter an event.



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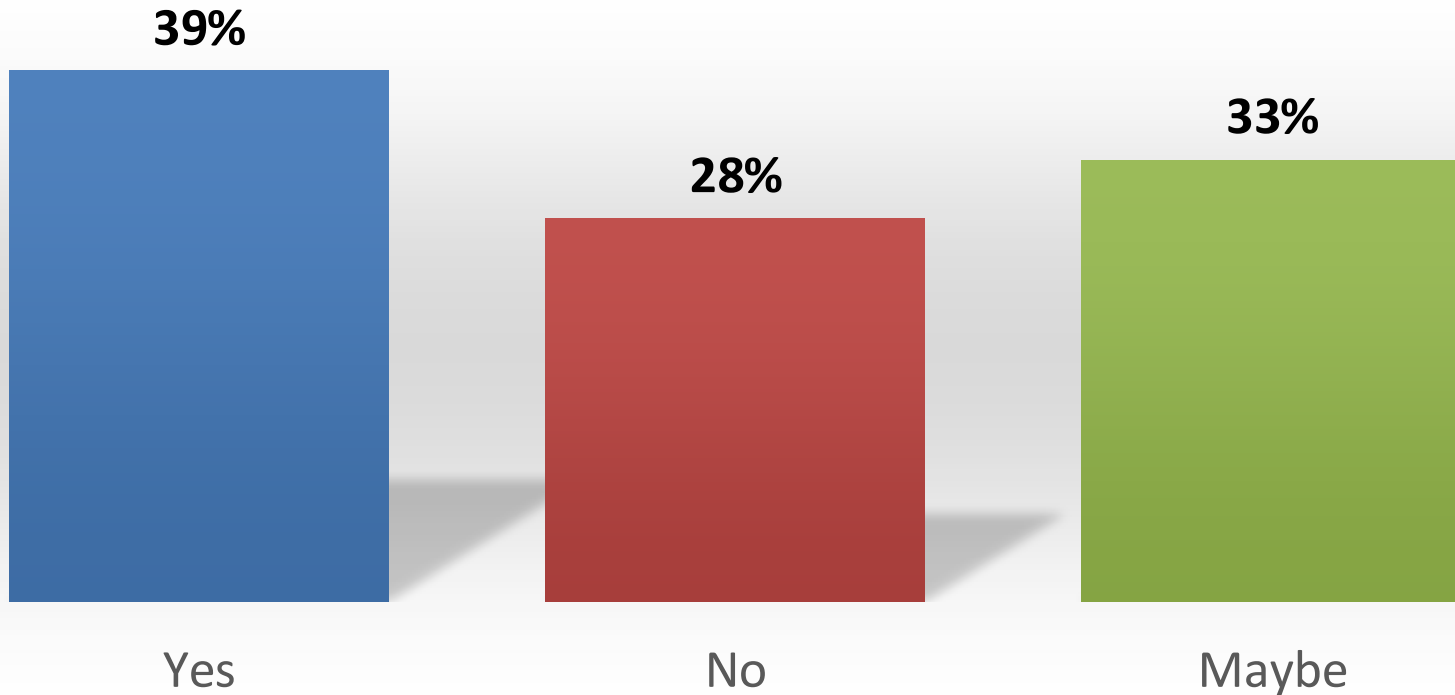
2024 ONLINE AGM SURVEY: WORLDS FEEDBACK & PLANNING



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP - 2025

European Championship Planning 2025

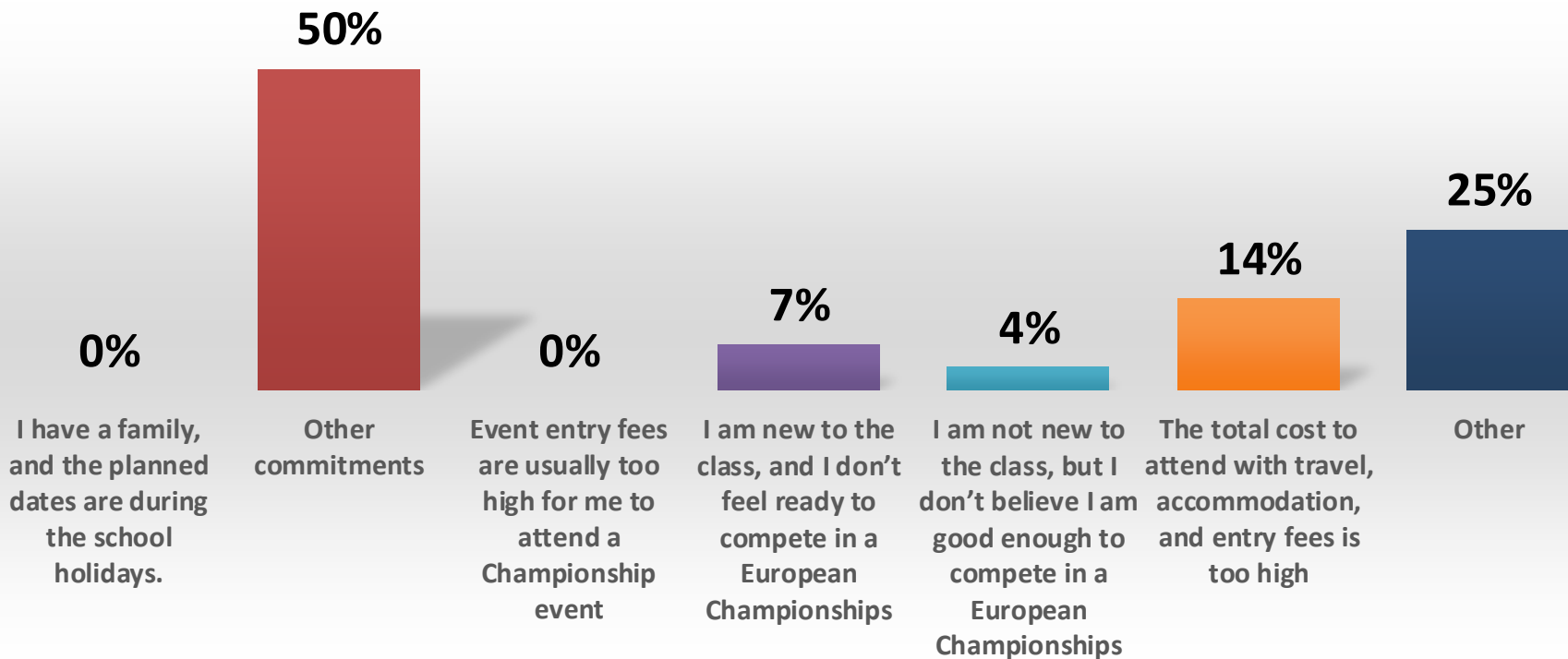
Q: The Committee intends to host a European Championship in 2025 at Warnemünde Week (over 10 - 13 July 2025). Are you interested to attend this European Championship in Germany?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP - 2025

European Championship Planning 2025

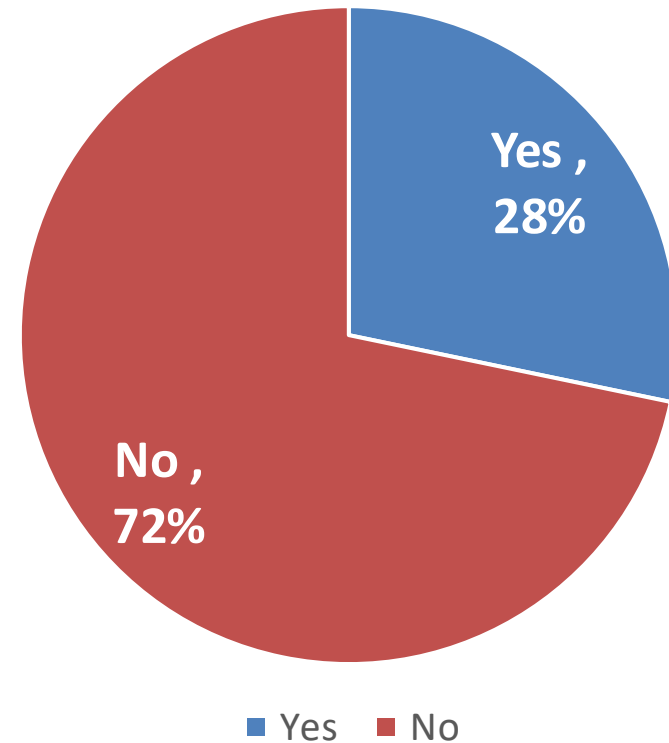
Q: What is the main reason stopping you from participating in a potential European Championship in 2025?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025

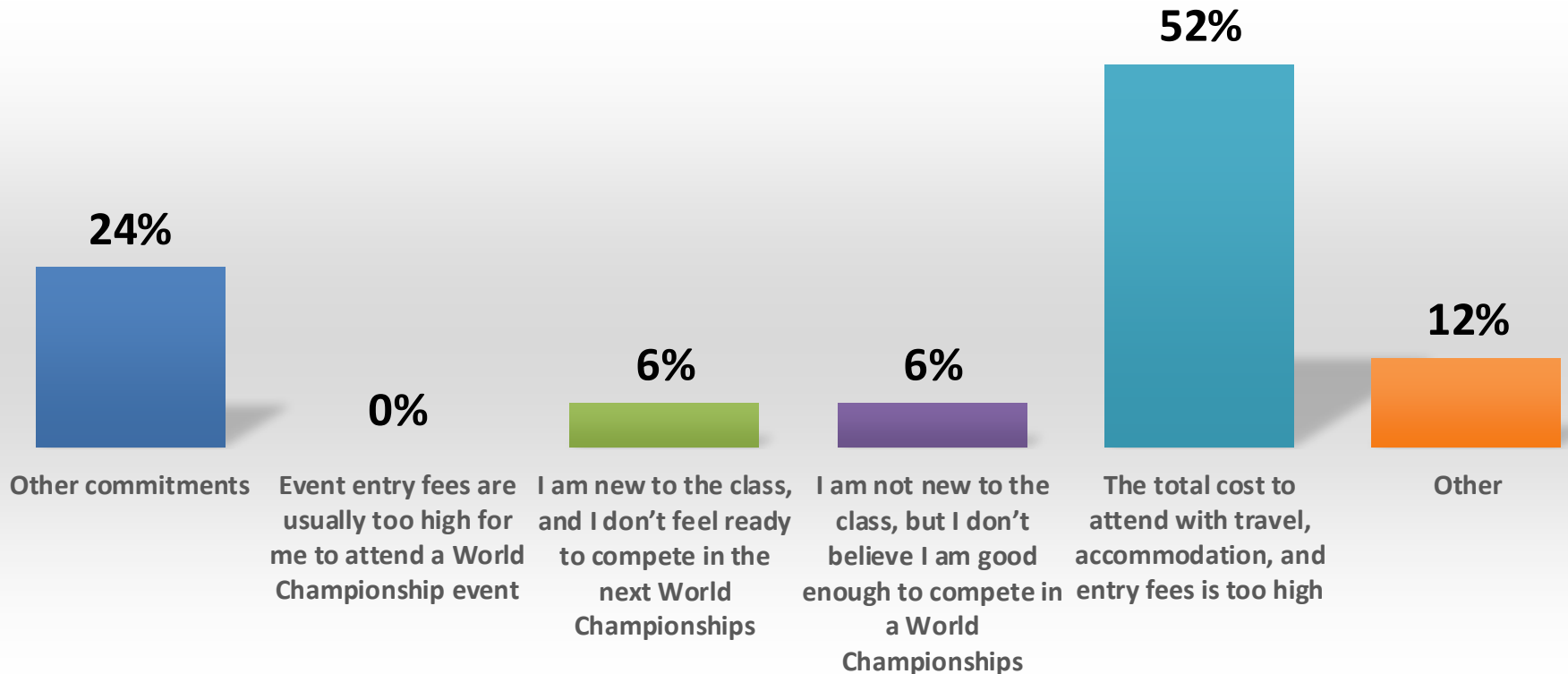
2025 Worlds – Sydney, Australia

Q: The 2025 World Championships was hosted in Sydney, Australia, over 2 – 10 January 2025. Did you participate in this regatta?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025

Q: What was the main reason stopping you from participating in the 2025 Worlds as a competitor?



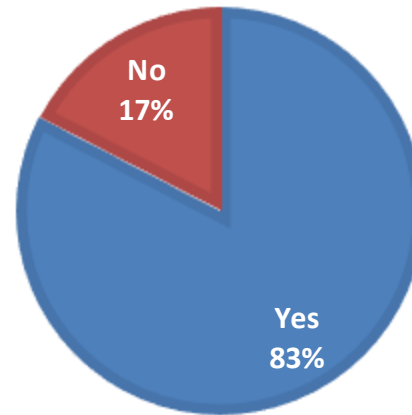
MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2026

2026 World Championships

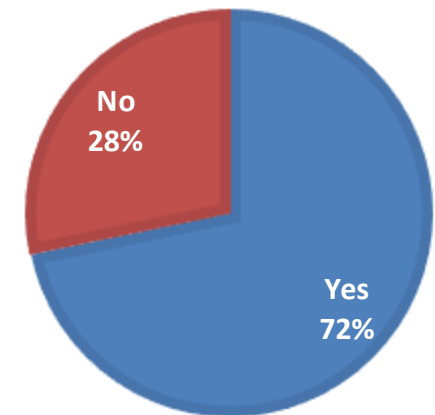
Q: The committee is proposing to host the 2026 World Championship in France. Please indicate your preference for the following potential locations:



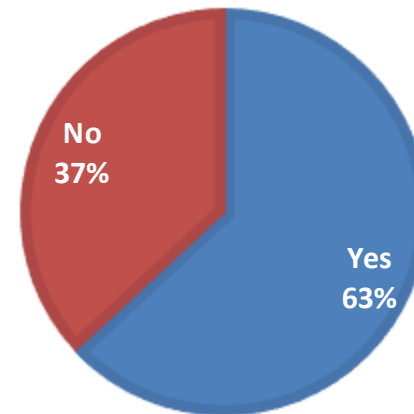
1 - Carnac, France



2 - Atlantic Coast, France



3 - Mediterranean Coast, France



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2026

We asked if there were any alternative locations that the class members would like to see considered for the 2026 World Championship.

The most popular alternative location suggested for a 2026 Worlds included:

- **Spain (Denia, Palma, Barcellona)**
[= to France (Hyeres, Carnac)]

Other suggested locations put forward for consideration for 2026 included:

- Portugal (no area specific)
- Switzerland (Silvaplana, Lake Thun)
- South Africa (Saldanha Bay)
- Ireland (no area specified)
- Netherlands (Medemblik)
- Italy (Lake Como)



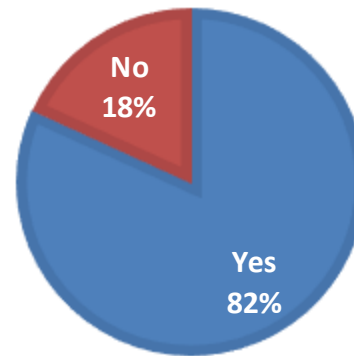
MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2027

2027 World Championships

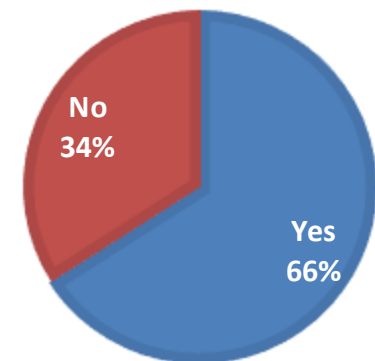
Q: The committee is proposing to host the 2027 World Championship in a location within Europe. Please indicate your preference for the following potential locations:

- Italy - Lake Garda, Torbole
- Spain
- Holland
- Scandinavia – Denmark Or Norway

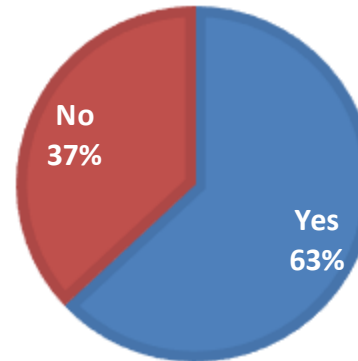
1 - Italy - Lake Garda, Torbole



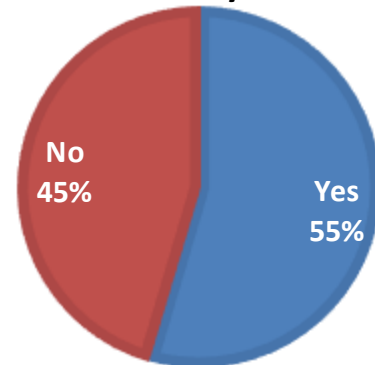
2 - Spain



3 - Holland



4 - Scandinavia – Denmark Or Norway



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2027

We asked if there were any alternative locations that the class members would like to see considered for the 2027 World Championship.

The top 3 most popular alternative locations suggested for a 2027 Worlds (in order) include:

- **South Africa (Langebaan)**
- **Italy (Malcesine, Campione, Garda, Lake Como)**
- **USA (San Francisco)**

Other suggested locations put forward for 2027 include:

- **Spain (Palma, Santander)**
- **Australia (Perth)**
- **The Caribbean (Not specified)**
- **Croatia (Not specified)**
- **Denmark (Sønderborg)**
- **The Netherlands (Not specified)**
- **Portugal (Porto)**
- **Scandinavia (Not specified)**
- **Sweden (Marstrand)**

1 - SOUTH AFRICA



2 - ITALY



2 - USA





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**2024 ONLINE AGM
SURVEY: BOAT
EXPERIENCE
FEEDBACK**



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MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: PRODUCT EXPERIENCE – QUALITY

Q: How do you rate the quality of the components of the Musto Skiff boat?



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE



BELOW AVERAGE



POOR

HULL

OVERALL RATING



EXCELLENT

MAST

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

DECK GEAR (FITTINGS)

OVERALL RATING



EXCELLENT

SPINNAKER / KITE

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

TOP COVER
(Ovington supplied)

OVERALL RATING



AVERAGE

BOTTOM COVER
(Ovington supplied)

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

TROLLEY / TRAILER
(Ovington supplied)

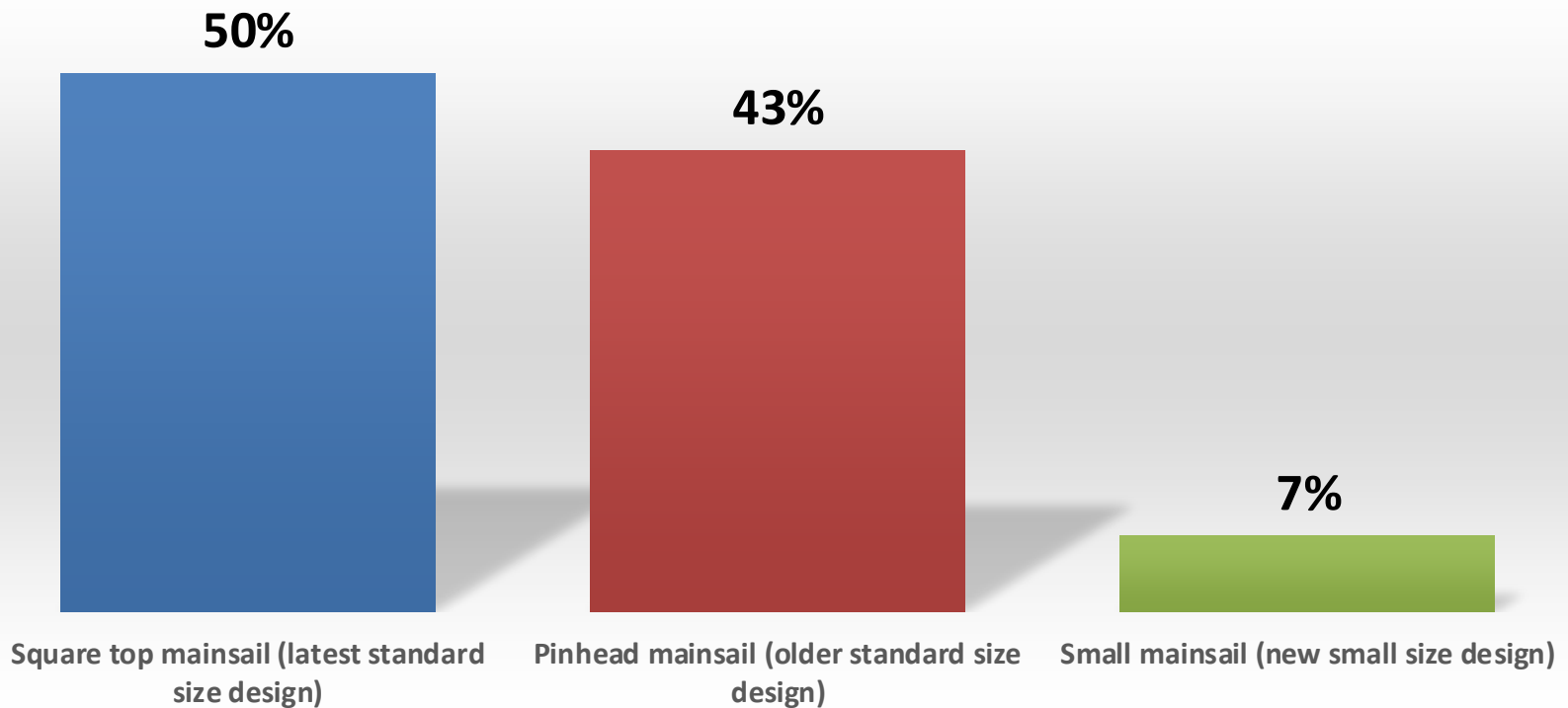
OVERALL RATING



GOOD

MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: PRODUCT EXPERIENCE – QUALITY

Q: Which mainsail design did you mostly use over the 2024 season?



MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: PRODUCT EXPERIENCE – QUALITY



SQUARE TOP MAINSAIL

Q: How do you rate the quality of the square top mainsail?



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE



BELOW AVERAGE



POOR

BUILD QUALITY

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

EASE OF USE

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

DURABILITY

OVERALL RATING



GOOD / AVERAGE

MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: PRODUCT EXPERIENCE – QUALITY



SMALL MAINSAIL

Q: How do you rate the quality of the small mainsail?



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE



BELOW AVERAGE



POOR

BUILD QUALITY

OVERALL RATING



EXCELLENT

EASE OF USE

OVERALL RATING



GOOD

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2024 ONLINE AGM SURVEY: MEMBER VOTE ON THE USE OF SPEEDPUCKS

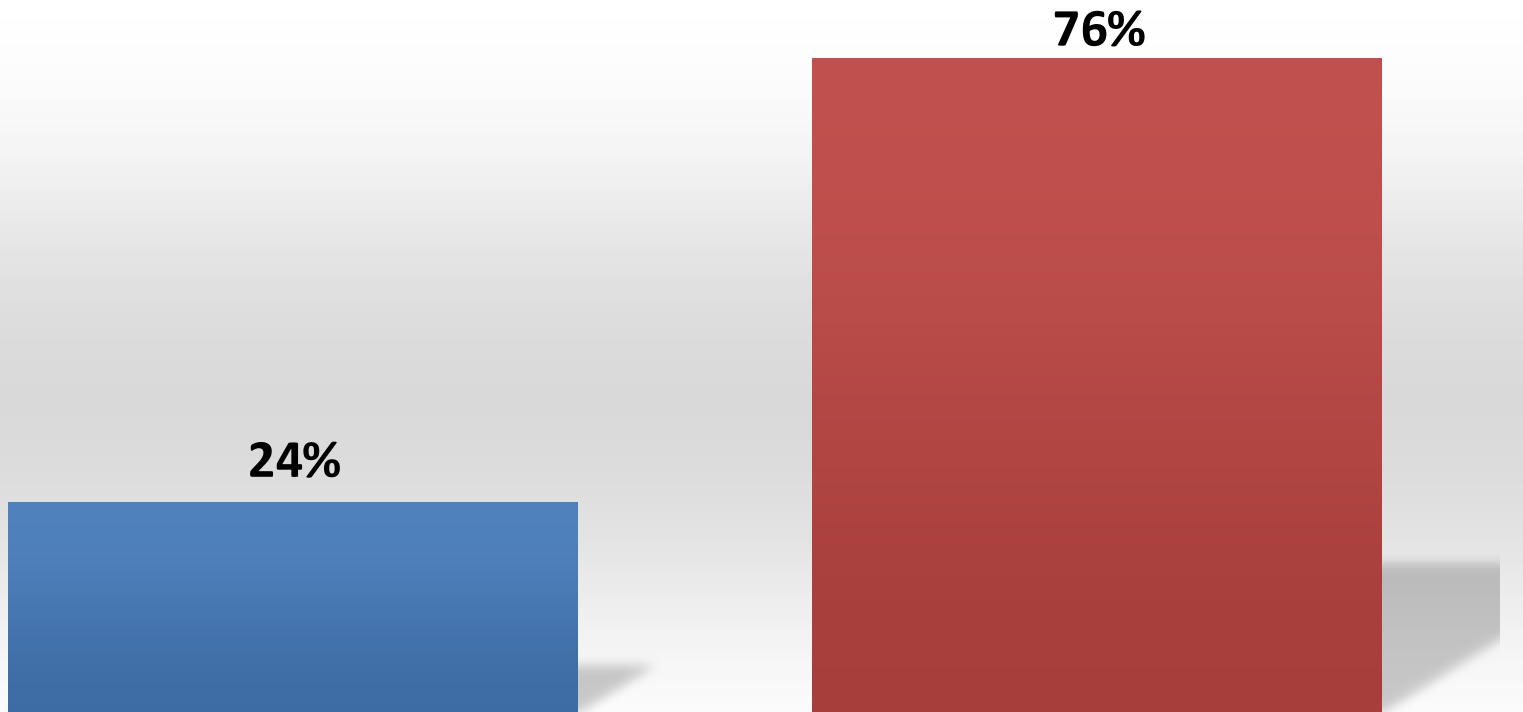


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MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 AGM VOTE ON CLASS MATTERS

MEMBER VOTE

Q: Should the use of speedpucks continue to be permitted under the Class Rules?



Yes - the class should be allowed to use speedpucks

No - the class should NOT be allowed to use speedpucks



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CLASS SURVEY

**2024 ONLINE AGM
SURVEY: MEMBER
VOTE ON CLASS
REPRESENTATIVES**



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Election of Musto Skiff International Committee Members for 2025

There are currently six active Committee Members covering different roles in the core committee team. For the currently active roles, class members were asked to vote for or against re-electing the following named members to stand for 2025:

- Brennan Robinson (RSA) for International Chairman (*New standing for 2025*)
- Danny Boatman (GBR) for International Vice Chairman (*New standing for 2025*)
- Jamie Hilton (GBR) for International Class Treasurer
- David Rickard (AUS) for International Class Secretary
- David Annan (GBR) for International Class Membership Secretary
- Natalie Hilton (GBR) for International Marketing & Communications

RESULTS:

All Committee Members received a majority vote of 'YES' to stand in their roles for 2025.

MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 AGM VOTE ON CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Confirmed Elected Committee Representatives for 2025

CORE COMMITTEE TEAM 2025

- Elected by class members via International Online AGM -



International Chairman
Brennan Robinson (RSA)



International Vice Chairman
Danny Boatman (GBR)



International Class Treasurer
Jamie Hilton (GBR)



International Class Secretary
David Rickard (AUS)



**International Class Membership
Secretary**
David Annan (GBR)



**International Class Marketing &
Communications**
Natalie Hilton (GBR)

SUPPORT COMMITTEE TEAM 2025

- Elected by International Committee Team -



Class Website & IT Support
Andrew Whittle (GBR)



**Builders Rep & Chair of the
Technical Sub-Committee**
Chris Turner (GBR)



International Youth Rep
Position Vacant

Election of National Committee members as Country Representatives for 2025

There are currently twelve active Committee Members covering different roles in various regions.* Class members were asked to vote for or against re-electing the following representatives for their region in 2025:

Representatives elected by online AGM:

- ARM Representative - Yaroslav Petrov (ARM)
- BEL/NED Representative - Huud Ouwehand (NED)
- FRA Representative 1 - Joann Justeau (FRA)
FRA Representative 2 - Alexandre Emanuel (FRA)
- GBR Representative - Bill Maughan (GBR)
- ITA Representative - Bruno Pari (ITA)
- NOR/SWE/DEN/FIN Representative - Geir Odmar Heldal (NOR)
- RSA Representative – Euan Hurter (RSA)
- USA & CAN Representative - James Bane (USA)

Representatives elected by local AGMs:*

- AUS Representative – Paul Newman (AUS)
- GER Representative - Gilbert Brietzke (GER)
- SUI Representative - Alexander Greil (SUI)

Positions vacant as of the 2024 Survey:*

- AUT Representative
- ESP Representative

RESULTS:

All Committee Members received a majority vote of YES to stand in their roles for 2025.

Committee Members listed in blue have already been elected locally through regional class association AGMs.

*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 locally elected Country Representative may not be showing on this list or as part of the online AGM election voting.

MSCA CLASS MEMBERS: 2024 AGM VOTE ON CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Confirmed Elected Country Representatives for 2025

REGIONAL CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2025

- Elected by class members via International Online AGM or by local AGMs -



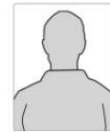
ARM Representative
Yaroslav Petrov (ARM)



AUS Representative
Paul Newman (AUS)



AUT Representative
POSITION VACANT



BEL/NED Representative
Huud Ouwehand (NED)



ESP Representative
POSITION VACANT



FRA Representative 1
Yoann Justeau (FRA)



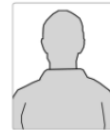
FRA Representative 2
Alexandre Emanuel (FRA)



GBR Representative
Bill Maughan (GBR)



GER Representative
Gilbert Brietzke (GER)



ITA Representative
Bruno Pari (ITA)



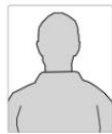
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Euan Hurter (RSA)



SUI Representative
Alexander Greil (SUI)



USA & CAN Representative
James Bane (USA)



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**2024 ANNUAL
CLASS SURVEY:
COMMITTEE
RESPONSE AND
LOOKING AHEAD**



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SOME FEEDBACK & VIEWPOINTS FROM THE CLASS.....

“Well done to everyone on the committee, it’s a tough job and you do brilliantly. Let’s aim to get more support for the Euro fleets - need to help them get momentum back.”

“The square top sails have been a huge improvement in the boat handling - especially changing directions.”

“Thanks for all your work continuing. I still love sailing Mustos and haven't found a boat that is as much fun.”

“The class should promote the small sail with a view to trying to get numbers to a high enough level where the better attended events can have a second start and same course.”

“The decision to switch to a Musto Skiff isn’t easy for most sailors. Testing the boat would be helpful in order to support the decision.”

COMMITTEE RESPONSE AND LOOKING AHEAD....



SPEEDPUCKS

Class Member vote on whether speedpucks should continue to be permitted under the Class Rules:

With 76% of the class members in the online AGM voting against speedpucks continuing to be permitted under the Class Rules, the committee has now moved forward with requesting a change to the Class Rules.

A response from World Sailing was pending at the time of this report being published, but it is anticipated that the Class Rules will be updated, meaning speedpucks will no longer be permitted going forward.

This vote was presented to the members via the 2024 Class Survey as part of the AGM / Class Members section.

COMMITTEE RESPONSE AND LOOKING AHEAD....



TRAPEZE HARNESS

Status update on Musto Skiff Class Rules:

In view of the change in RRS50.1(c) of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, removing the requirement that trapeze harnesses comply with ISO 10862, it is no longer a requirement that the hook is detachable. Therefore, CR C1.1 (f) is no longer required and will be deleted.

This update was communicated to the members via the 2024 Class Survey as part of the AGM / Class Members section.

COMMITTEE RESPONSE AND LOOKING AHEAD....



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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Proposal to host a European Championship in 2025:

With keen support expressed in the 2024 Class Survey for a European Championship in 2025, the Committee has now moved forward with confirming a 'European Championship 2025' as part of Warnemünder Woche 2025 in Germany.

With help from the German Class Association, the Musto Skiff class is scheduled to race from 10–13 July as part of this regatta.

Find out more about the event, including accommodation options, and the festival programme here: <https://www.warnemuender-woche.com/en/sailing/class-planning/>

COMMITTEE RESPONSE AND LOOKING AHEAD....



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2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN FRANCE

Proposal to host a 2026 World Championship in France:

With keen support expressed in the 2024 Class Survey for a World Championship in the location of Carnac, the Committee is now working closely with the French Country Reps to engage with venues on some potential options in 2026.

A class update will follow.

COMMITTEE RESPONSE AND LOOKING AHEAD....



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2027 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN EUROPE - ITALY

Proposal to host a 2027 World Championship in Europe:

With keen support expressed in the 2024 Class Survey for a World Championship in the location of Italy in 2027, the Committee is now moving forward with engaging venues in Lake Garda on some potential options in 2027.

The preferred venue location is Lake Garda, Torbole, where the class enjoyed a successful event for the ACO 12th Musto Skiff World Championship in 2023.

A class update will follow.

COMMITTEE RESPONSE AND LOOKING AHEAD....

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The International Committee would like to thank the class and sailors from the wider sailing community for their insightful feedback and many useful comments as part of the MSCA 2024 Class Survey.

The International Committee team is now working to review feedback and progress any required actions and will respond to the class members in due course.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the
MSCA 2024 Class Survey.

We also want to extend our thanks to all the Musto Skiff sailors who supported the class in
2024 – we look forward to seeing all of you for the 2025 sailing season – and beyond!

With thanks to all our international and regional
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