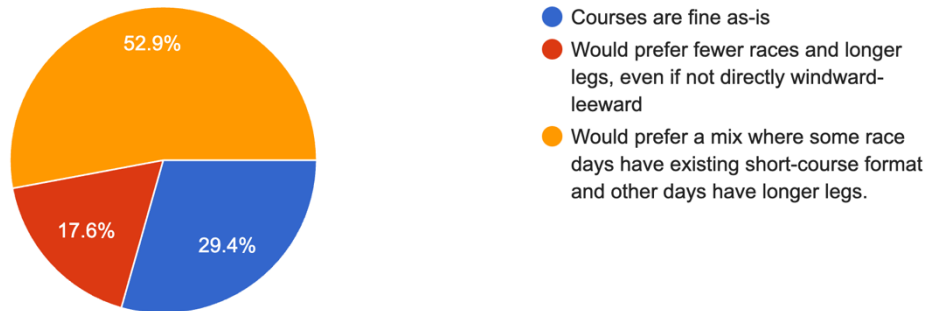


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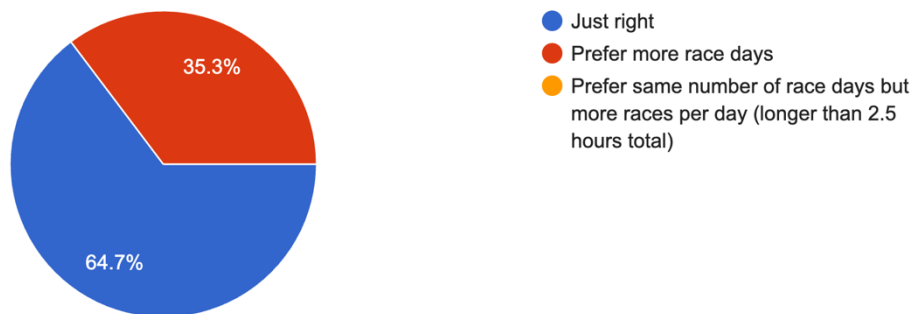
Q1: We've been using a short-course style format for the races during the last few seasons. What do think about this format?

17 responses



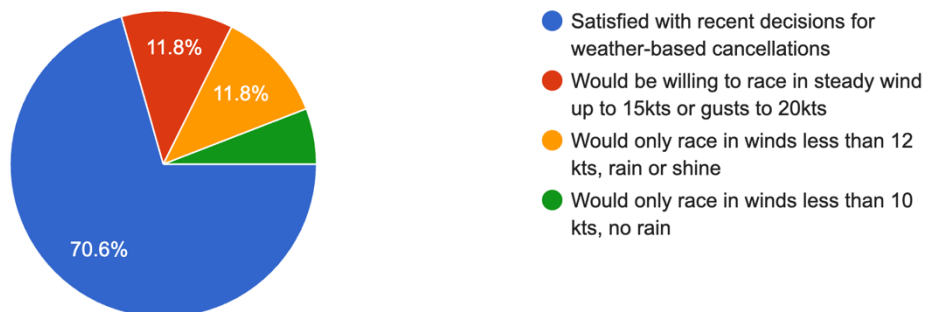
Q2: How do you feel about the frequency and total number of races this past season?

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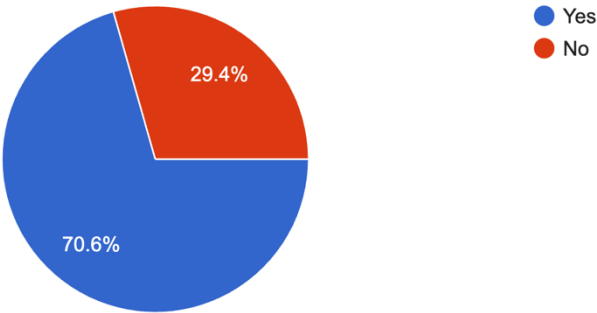
Q3: Should RC be more or less conservative with regard to weather forecast? Are you willing to race if there is a chance of higher wind and/or rain?

17 responses



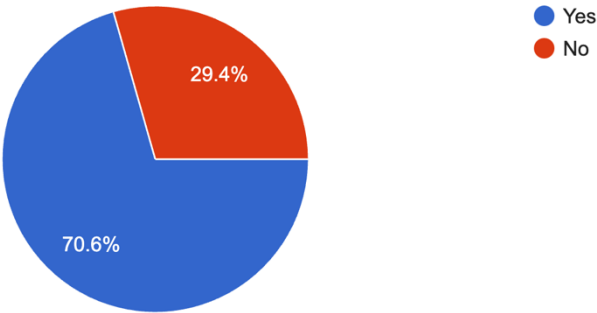
Q4: If weather forecast Sunday looks bad, should we continue to try to reschedule races for the preceding Saturday?

17 responses



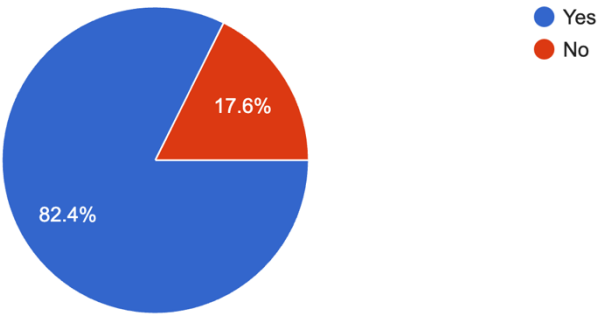
Q5: Any interest in a race during a weeknight in July, starting after 5:30pm?

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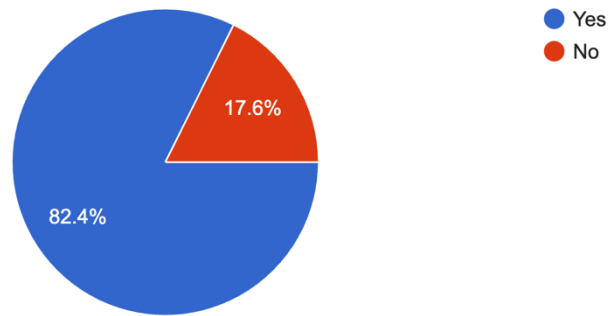
Q6: Any interest in a race day with a distance-type race, maybe into Big Pleasant Bay or just a single long race using multiple marks distributed throughout Little Bay?

17 responses



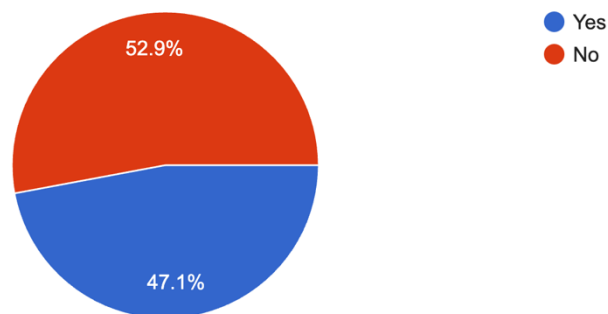
Q7: Any interest in joining a multi-club race or regatta with PBCB and/or Chatham YC? This would likely be held in Big Bay with appropriate handicaps for various boat types.

17 responses



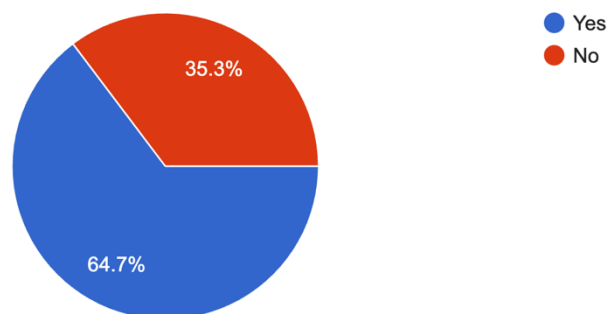
Q8: Should we hold races in Little Bay during lower tides, not just staying within 2 hours before/after high tide? This may limit the navigable water for...urses and course legs may not be windward-leeward.

17 responses



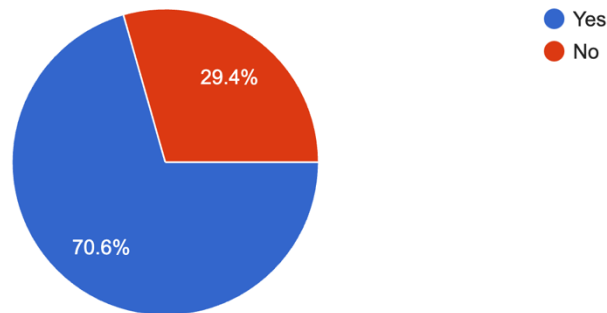
Q9: Should RC delay the start of a race to square the course to the wind (i.e. resetting marks or pin)?

17 responses



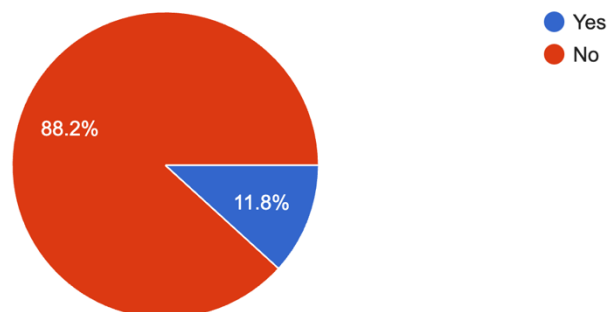
Q10: Do you feel that the handicap assigned to your boat is correct relative to other handicaps in your fleet?

17 responses



Q11: Would you prefer a single fleet start instead of separate starts per fleet? This may shorten the time for each race but larger boats may cause wind shadows for smaller boats.

17 responses



Q12: Any other comments or changes you would like to see? 8 responses

I like the idea to race at PBCB using their Sandpipers on selected evenings during the summer (cannot be Wed because that is their regular evening catboat races). Maybe followed by a BBQ ? Half the boats could be reserved for PBCB users and the other half reserved for NSA use on those evenings.

I appreciate all your hard work and the rigor you've brought to the racing program.

I really liked the "fun" race like the poker run. Might be fun to do a skipper swap race where a hot skip tries a different boat to maybe help those who struggle?

Thank you

A qualifier to Q10: I can live with what we've had for years. But, wouldn't it be nice to see if the handicap formula presented in the Catboat Association publication gives different results? Another approach... just scrap handicaps all together.

Got to get more reaching legs into the mix. We're driving interest down to the hard core again even though I am one of them. Success on the short courses so much depends on the start and the start so much depends on knowing the rules.. We've lost roughly half of our potential participants as they almost never have time to make up a bad start. Or they get intimidated by the hard core and are reluctant to keep coming out... which ironically is the only way they will ever improve their performance. Every racing seminar/book/webinar teaches how to evaluate a starting line and short of a significant wind shift (and yes we had a few) the delay in perfecting the line becomes another deterrent to continued participation. Finally it's not fair to require the RC to staff these races yet it's hard to find paid staff. We're not a YC with tons of members to volunteer. Plus the current format again great for the hard core just sucks in too many people, many of whom are well intentioned but inexperienced. Sorry for the "soapbox". I don't mean it to criticize the tremendous effort the RC has made at the sacrifice of their own participation.

sailing in Little Bay presents challenges but I think sponsoring 4 (ish) Sunday for a 2 races is a great way for our members to stay sharp as sailors. I do not think we need to treat the racing as a series but rather acknowledge 1-2 spots for the 2 classes each time. when you add in CYC Regatta (14s) and APBY (all boats) along with members who sail at PBCBthere is plenty of opportunity to race. Scheduling a "social sail" which could be a competitive like the Poker Run in July and then Cap'n Bill in September adds to the overall adult sailing.- thanks for asking. You ask about evening racing but most nights the wind dies around 5 so racing in Little Bay does not seem wise.

We prefer windward leeward races with no reaching marks. Keep up the good work!