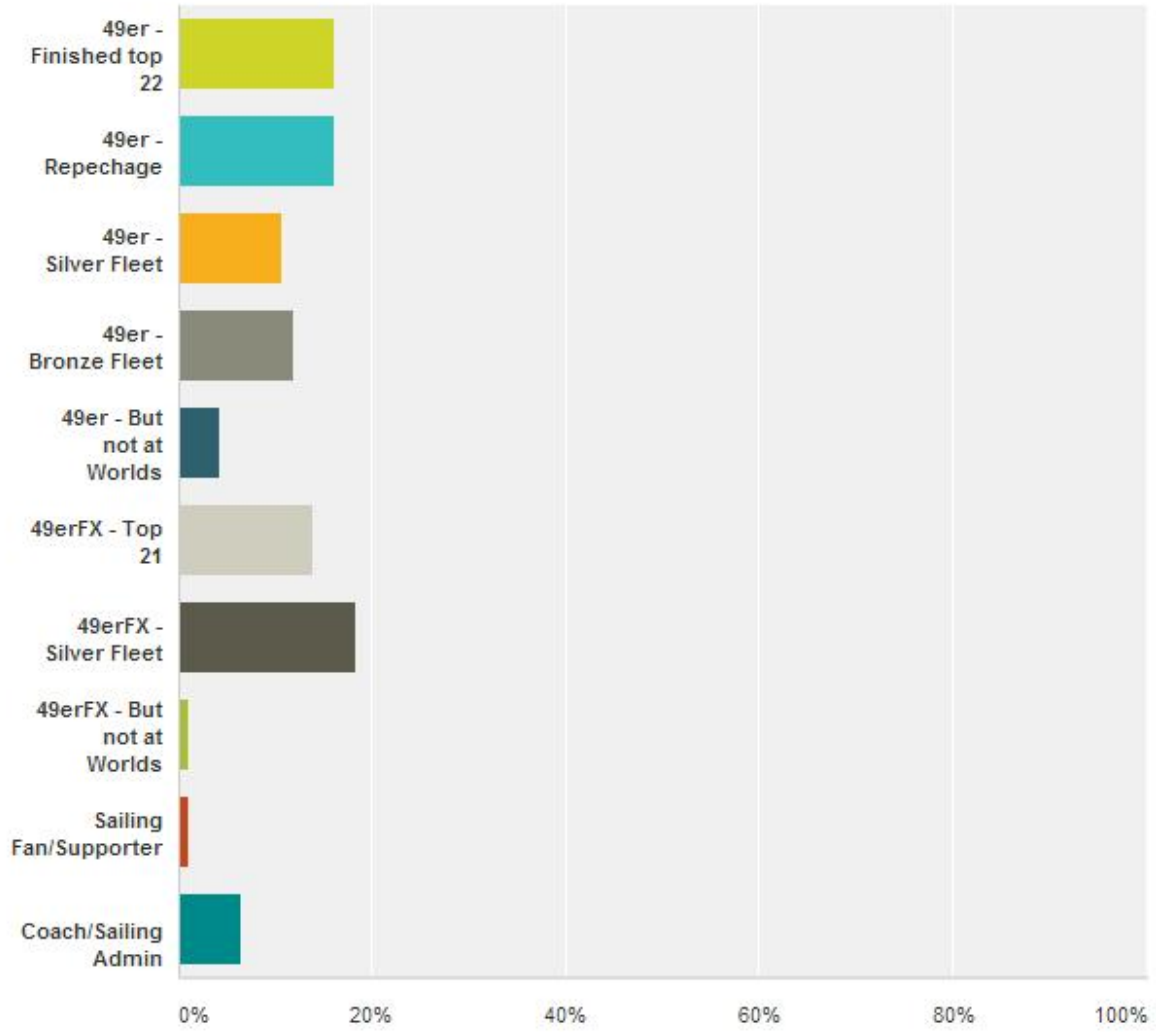


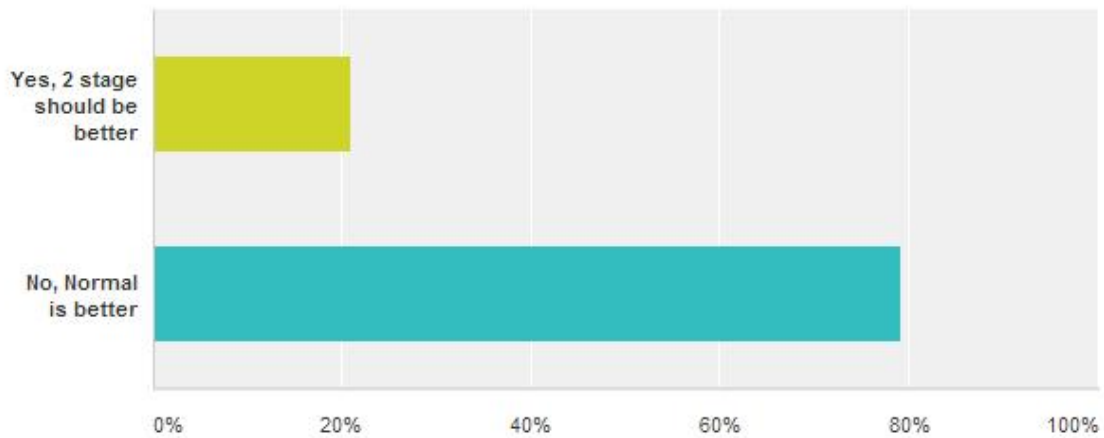
What fleet did you participate in at the 2013 Worlds

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This is the first of a series of questions about Qualifying. In fleets with 80 boats or more, should there be a 2 stage qualifying like the 49er had at the 2013 worlds or should the third day be used for normal qualifying? For reference, the top 40 boats were scheduled to race in 2 even fleets and the back 57 boats were split into 2 even fleets on Day 3 at the 2013 worlds.

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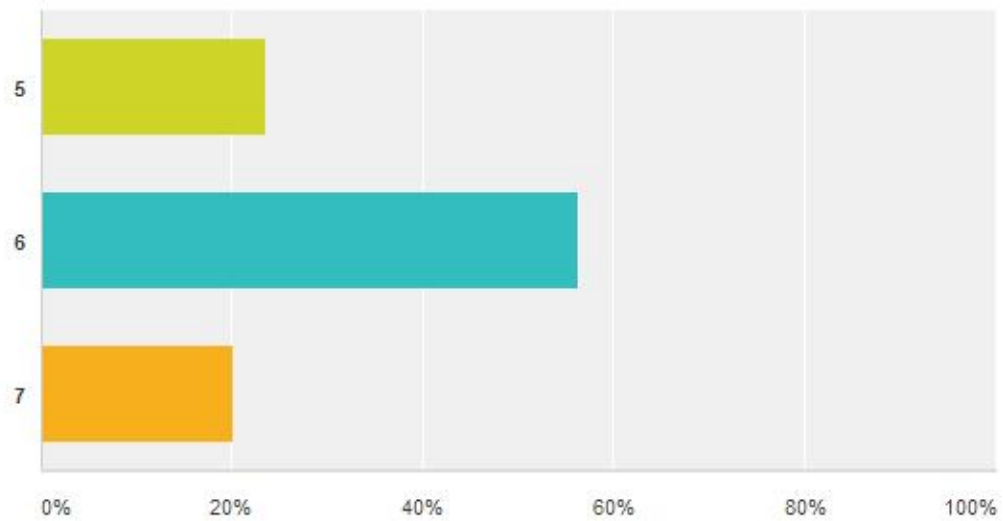


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, 2 stage should be better	20.93% 18
No, Normal is better	79.07% 68
Total	86

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How many races should be the minimum for qualifying to close and have the regatta move on to the next stage? Note, the class will schedule a maximum of 3 races a day in Qualifying.

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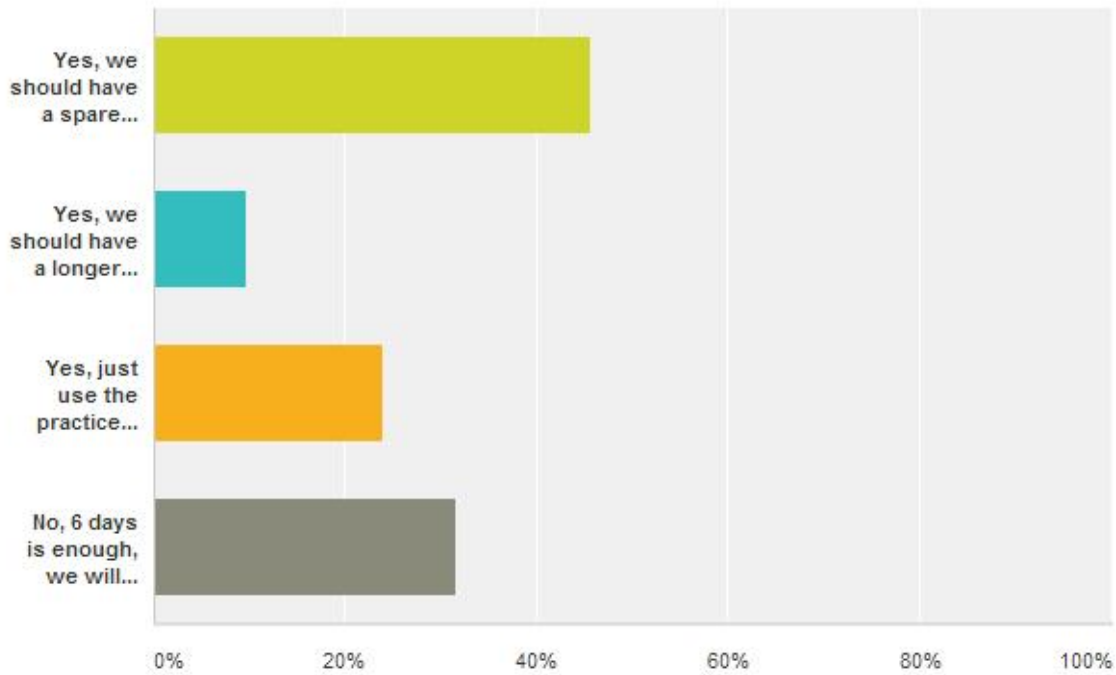


Answer Choices	Responses
5	23.60% 21
6	56.18% 50
7	20.22% 18
Total	89

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With large number of teams entering and a precise racing format, should we build more flexibility into the championship schedule?

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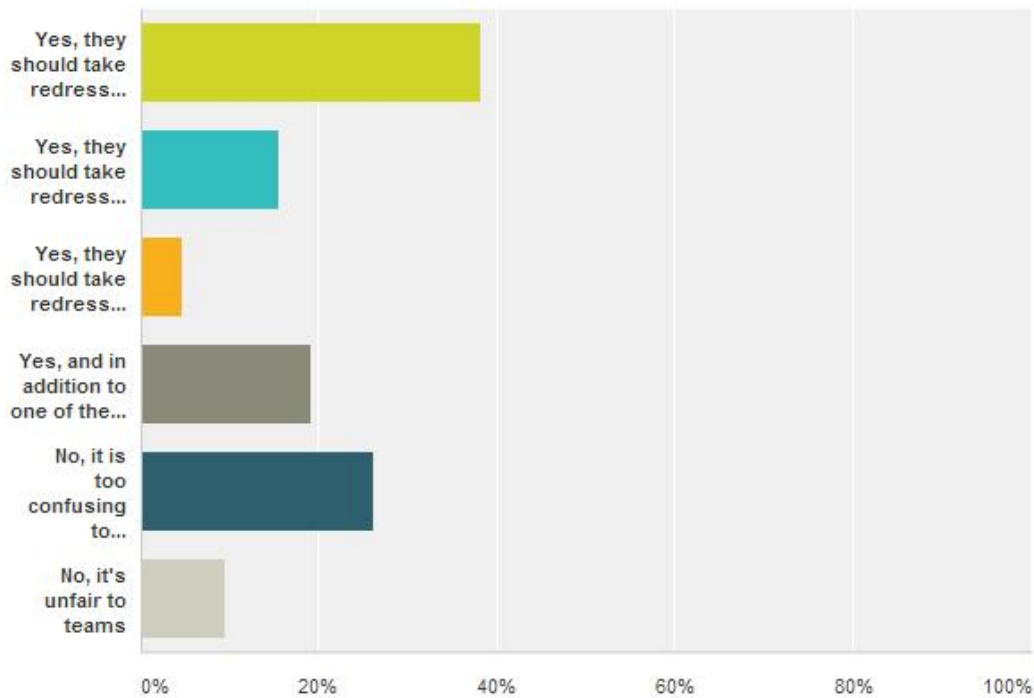


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, we should have a spare (flex) day built in, still have 6 days of racing but allow a spare day to be used.	45.65% 42
Yes, we should have a longer regatta, 7 days of racing.	9.78% 9
Yes, just use the practice race day, and have race committees practice during the measurement period.	23.91% 22
No, 6 days is enough, we will always get enough races in to crown a worthy champion.	31.52% 29

Total Respondents: 92

The 2013 Worlds and Euros saw teams being promoted from 1 fleet to the next frequently in the racing program. Should future formats include this feature, and how should these teams be scored?

Answered: 84 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, they should take redress races results equal to the last place competitor in the fleet above and they can drop these races	38.10% 32
Yes, they should take redress races results equal to the last place competitor in the fleet above and they can NOT drop these races	15.48% 13
Yes, they should take redress races results equal to the last place competitor in the fleet above and there should be no drop races in the final series since the fleets are so small and close.	4.76% 4
Yes, and in addition to one of the above they should be able to apply for further redress to the jury if the boat in last place has all letter scores, in which case the jury will award them equal to the next highest placed team that has actually been racing.	19.05% 16
No, it is too confusing to the public	26.19% 22
No, it's unfair to teams	9.52% 8

Total Respondents: 84

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Q6

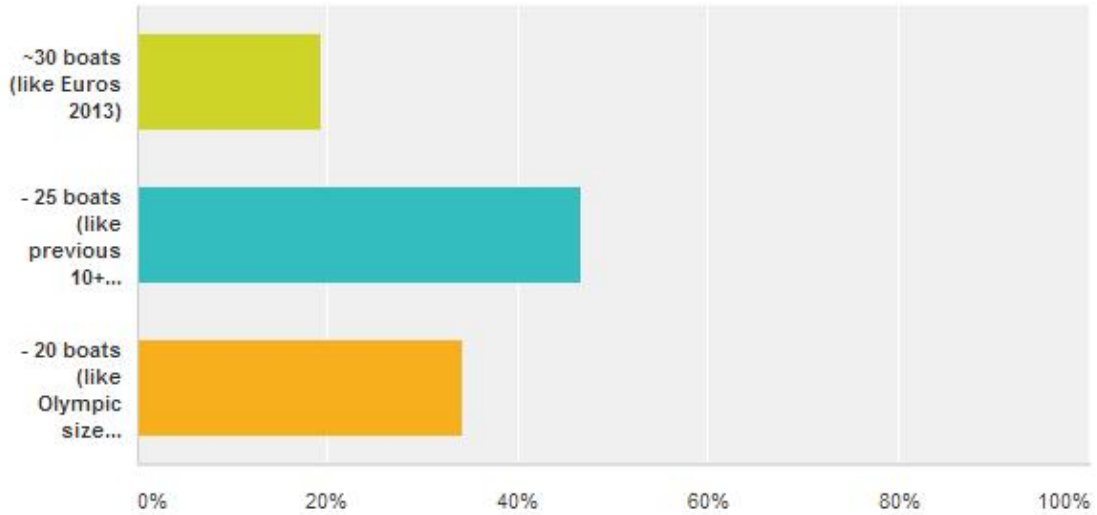
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How big should 'gold fleet' be?

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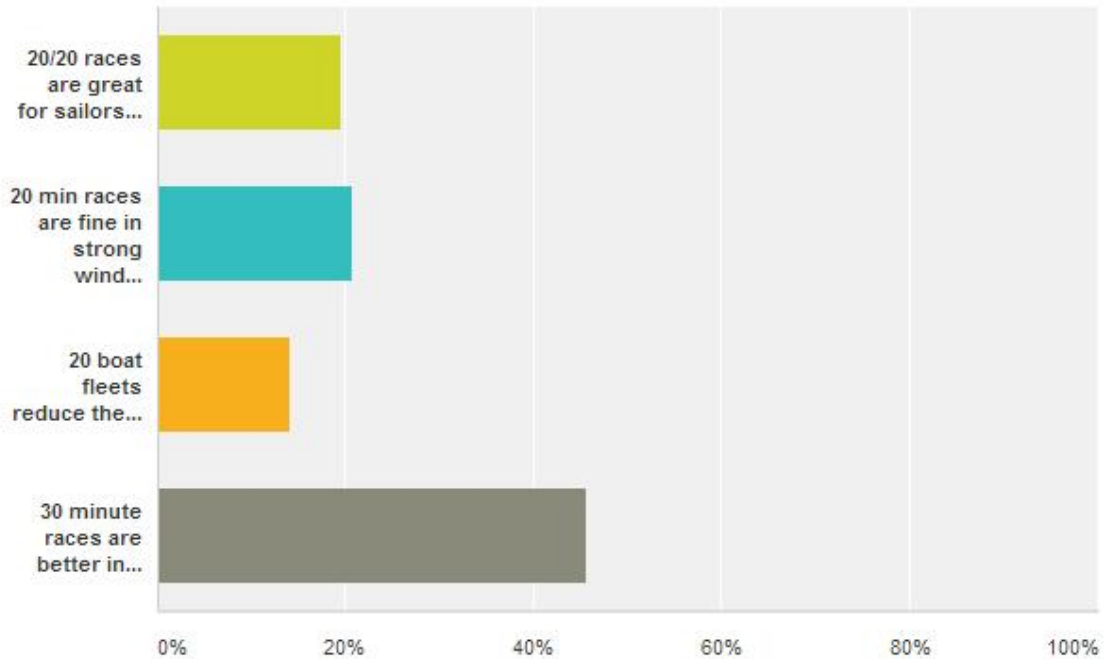
Answer Choices	Responses
~30 boats (like Euros 2013)	19.32% 17
- 25 boats (like previous 10+ years)	46.59% 41
- 20 boats (like Olympic size fleet)	34.09% 30
Total	88

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Note – This was 50-50 if you only look at the result of the Gold fleet sailors between 20 and 25 boat fleets

At the 2013 Worlds we scheduled some fleets to race 4 X 20 min races with 20 boat fleets. Is that better for 49er sailing than 3 X 30 min races with 25-30 boats?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
20/20 races are great for sailors and fans, lets recommend these for Rio.	19.57% 18
20 min races are fine in strong wind (above 10 knots) but are too short in below 10 knots. We should schedule 3 X 30 min races in below 10 knots and 4 X 20 min races in above 10 knots.	20.65% 19
20 boat fleets reduce the gold fleet in size too much, we should have bigger gold fleets, and therefore need longer races.	14.13% 13
30 minute races are better in general, as more of a premium is on speed and strategy with an increased ability to come back from a bad start.	45.65% 42
Total	92

Note – This was 50-50 if you only look at the gold fleet sailors votes

Q9

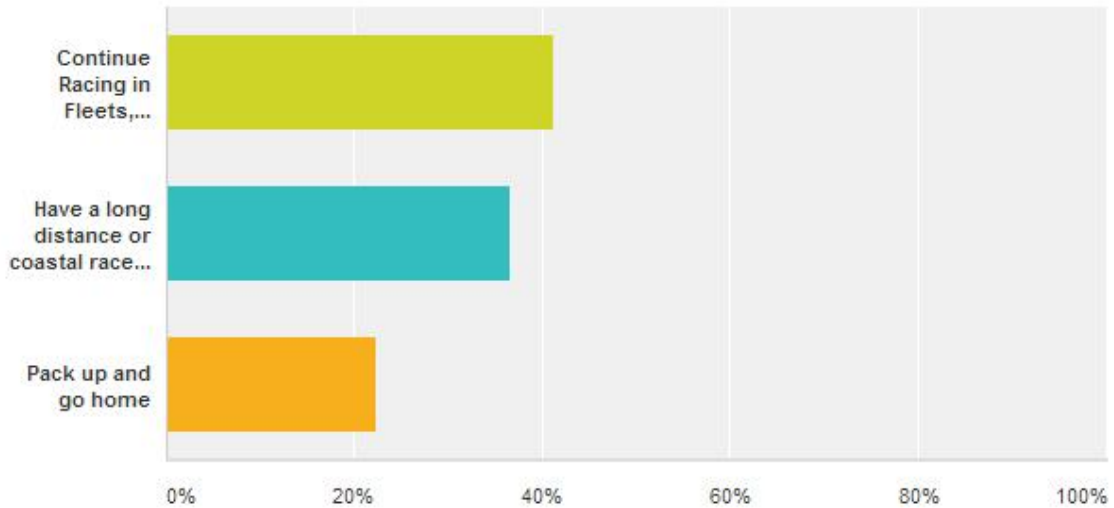
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Assuming there will be some sort of 'event' for the top 10 sailors on the final day of racing... what should the rest of the sailors do on the final day?

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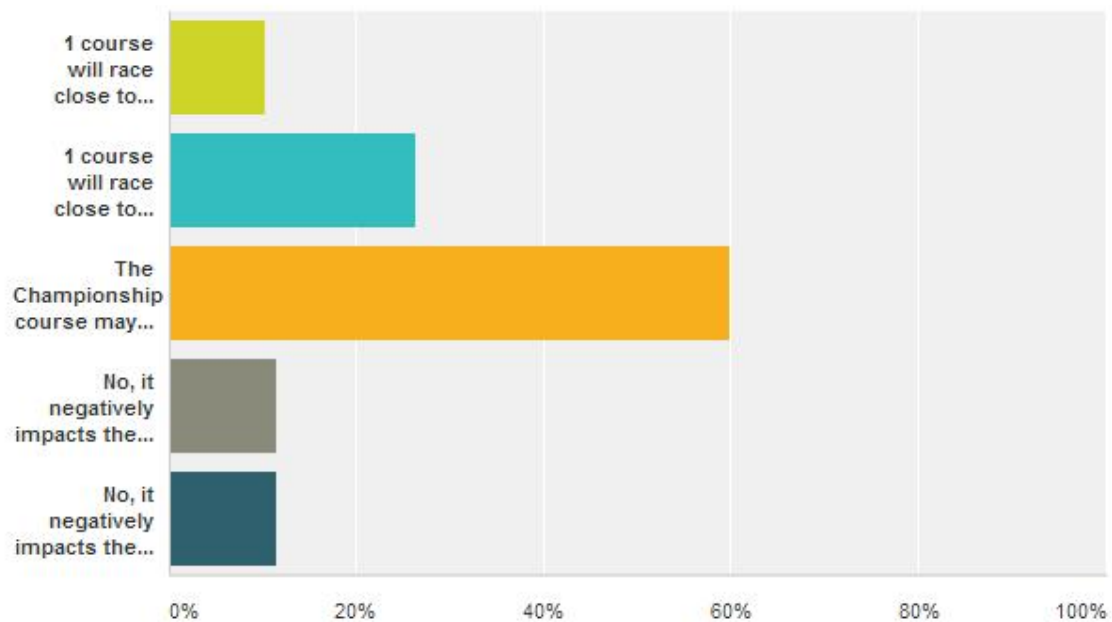


Answer Choices	Responses
Continue Racing in Fleets, we're all at the venue and racing time is the most valuable thing	41.18% 35
Have a long distance or coastal race for prizes to do something different and promote the finals	36.47% 31
Pack up and go home	22.35% 19
Total	85

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At the 2013 Euros the class made an effort to race close to shore and entice a live audience to watch our racing. At the 2013 Worlds, qualifying was done offshore and attempts were made to bring some of the finals racing closer to shore. What should be our policy on racing close to shore?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
1 course will race close to shore each day so we can invite a live audience to gain fans and expose our sponsors	10.34% 9
1 course will race close to shore each day, but not in multifleet qualifying	26.44% 23
The Championship course may race close to shore each day, but only when conditions are perfect	59.77% 52
No, it negatively impacts the fairness of the racing	11.49% 10
No, it negatively impacts the quality/enjoyment of the racing	11.49% 10
Total Respondents: 87	

Additional Comments

allow men to compete at 49erFx events to develop their skills before moving on to the 49er (even if not all events some events should be open to men)

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Stadium racing, if we can find some way to implement a liveline. If not, Then theater racing would be much better if the courses were twice as wide and the beats were twice the distance. Also windward gates would be nice

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Have flexibility in championships to use good sense!

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I thought coming from Ben this survey would be much more detailed but apparently not. How about a question about resources at the venue site or the venue in general. To attract viewers and interest in our class we should be going to quality venues with good sailing conditions. Another question should be about the on water resources. 3 race areas for 6 fleets, with each fleet scheduled a minimum of 3 races. Not much flexibility, who should miss out on racing? No one should.

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i know it is to late for this olympic circus but in the future i would like the class to think about 5 days qualifying und no finals.because everytime when you have a cut it is unfair for everyone who cant climb in the results into the top. in my point of view there is no reason why "the best" have to race in the same fleet. we can split fleet to the end!!!! best regards

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Make sure slip ways are used at better effect and don't block 30% of the slip way with a tent especially not those 30% the group from the right needed to go in the water

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The world championships should be a showcase for the best sailors (50- in two fleets of 25). NOT a free for all, anyone can turn up and have a go. It impacts on the fairness of the racing and if these people want to race then they should qualify. It is supposed to be an ELITE class and if we want people to watch it then we have to look good at sailing the boats.

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There should be enough courses to make the races for all the fleets. There was a HUGE mistake made at the Worlds, that on the third day the 20*20 fleet races were nos scheduled.

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The 2013 event was great. Thanks for putting on a fantastic event. HOWEVER, regatta organizers need to be informed that hosting a championship requires that they have their facilities ready to host sailors at least 2 weeks in advance. There is a high hassle factor for sailors, coaches, and all their stuff, to be moving around as the organizers get their space set up.

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Lets keep this format simple please. We want the public to be able to understand our sport. Some good things came out of the 2013 worlds. One of them being fleet promotion. 20 minute races are good for RIO. At worlds we need a bigger gold fleet and therefore longer races.

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Regarding question 7, 20min races are too short for fleets of 30.. Whereas good for fleet of 20. So this answer would depend on how the fleets are divided.

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we think it will be better to have final for the top 8 boats like in athletics. Most of the time 9th and 10th can't come back on podium

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If we want to have races close to shore with fair racing we need to drop the entries. If we are fewer boats we can arrange racing in smaller YC or parks etc. and can have an access to better venues. We should not be stuck in Yacht clubs that are often far from city centres and spectators. We should have a good qualification regatta and then host a spectacular event for the 25-30 best teams in a great venue. It isn't good for the sport that everybody can attend to the world championships. In swimming athletics and all other sports it is already a great achievement to be competing at the worlds. I don't think it is an advantage to hold on to that if we can achieve more by having smaller more accessible regattas.

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format for the worlds was perfect, we had the bad luck that on day 3 we couldnt race, so the solution would be to have a spare day in the middle to be able to complete all the qualifying races and then if for the finals you have bad forecast you can start races one day before..

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4 races per day (20' or 25') it's better for me, even if there is less than 10kts. 2 days and 8 races target for qualifying. 3 days and 12 races target for semi final (top 20 or 25). And 1 day of final with top 8 (like others sport) 1 MEDAL race, double points, short race, with possibility to cancel the theater if the wind is too shifty.

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