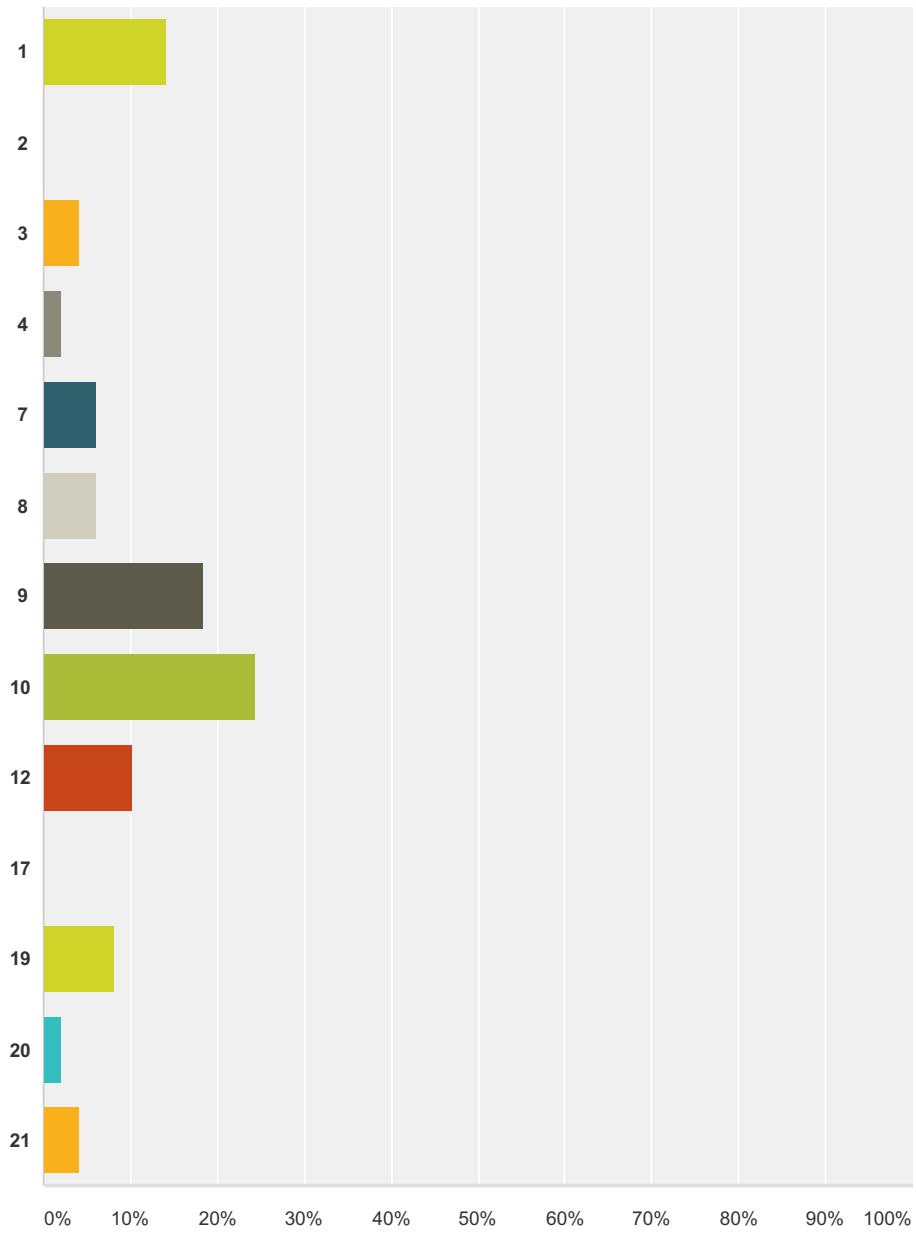


### Q1 Which Shields Fleet do you belong to?

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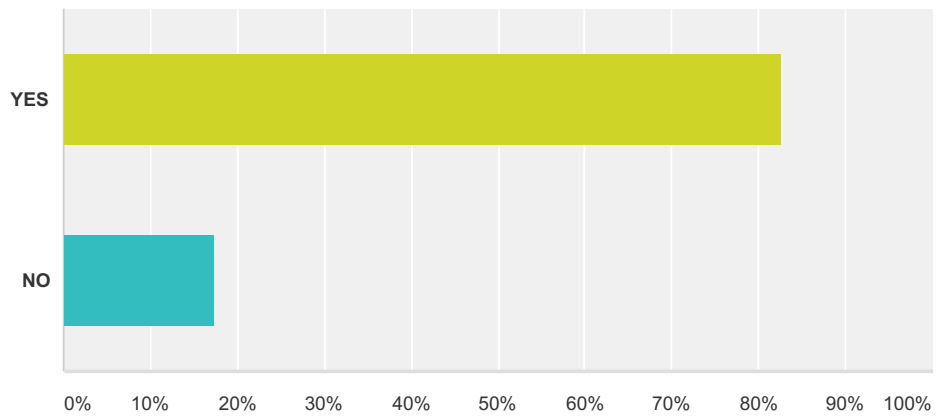
Answer Choices	Responses
1	14.29% 7
2	0.00% 0
3	4.08% 2
4	2.04% 1
7	6.12% 3
8	6.12% 3

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9	18.37%	9
10	24.49%	12
12	10.20%	5
17	0.00%	0
19	8.16%	4
20	2.04%	1
21	4.08%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>

## Q2 Have you previously attended a Shields Nationals regatta?

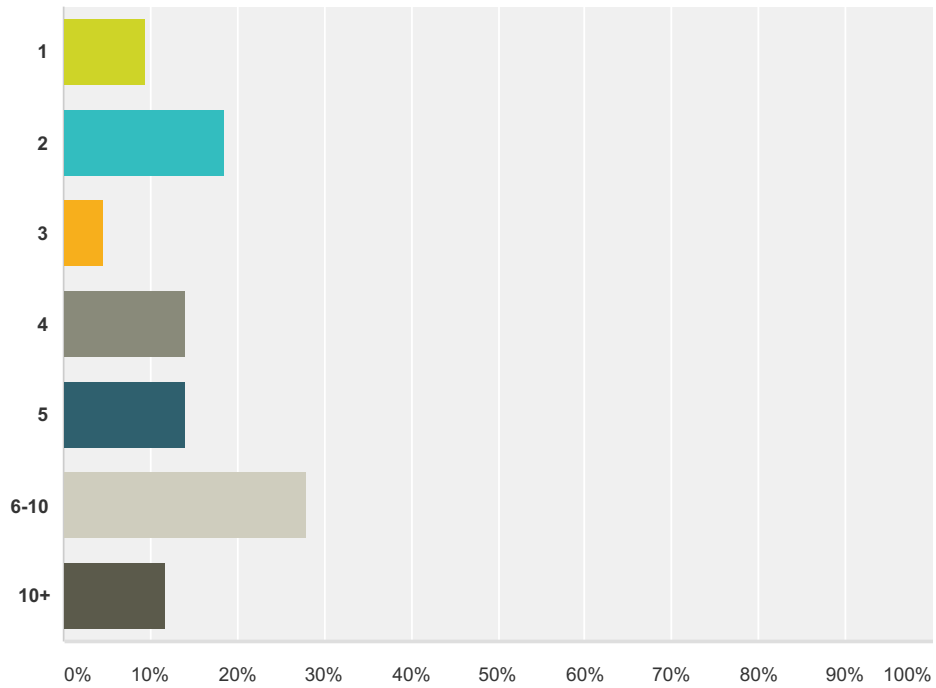
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Answer Choices	Responses	
YES	82.69%	43
NO	17.31%	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>52</b>

### Q3 How many Shields Nationals have you attended?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
1	9.30% 4
2	18.60% 8
3	4.65% 2
4	13.95% 6
5	13.95% 6
6-10	27.91% 12
10+	11.63% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

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### Q4 Typically, what have been the barriers / obstacles that you have had to overcome in order to attend?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 11

#	Responses	Date
1	Late in season, organizing crew, time commitment conflicts with other activities	3/11/2017 2:42 PM
2	TIME DISTANCE MONEY	3/11/2017 12:04 PM
3	moving boat finding crew	3/10/2017 9:44 PM
4	Travel / Time.	3/8/2017 6:43 PM
5	Distance	3/7/2017 10:04 AM
6	Time off from work & logistics of getting the boat to the event	3/7/2017 9:00 AM
7	It's in September when kids are back in school. Makes it very difficult to participate.	3/7/2017 8:48 AM
8	No obstacles nationally, just lack energy personally and with my crew.	3/7/2017 7:48 AM
9	attending a championship regatta on another coast is very difficult with respect to logistics... Particularly sourcing a competitive boat	3/7/2017 1:42 AM
10	Taking time off of work in September which is a busy month at work.	3/6/2017 11:29 PM
11	Cross country flights for crew	3/6/2017 11:27 PM
12	geography	3/6/2017 9:32 PM
13	Job in merchant marine. At sea for 2 months at a time. Two years kids were born in September. Crew work time off.	3/6/2017 8:36 PM
14	Distance Crew	3/6/2017 7:46 PM
15	Time/Travel	3/6/2017 6:49 PM
16	Moving the boat	3/6/2017 6:42 PM
17	Schedule	3/6/2017 6:02 PM
18	schedule	3/6/2017 5:38 PM
19	Distance and associated costs	3/6/2017 5:04 PM
20	Conflict with other commitments	3/6/2017 4:25 PM
21	distance	3/6/2017 4:21 PM
22	Crew availability, vacation time.	3/6/2017 3:59 PM
23	Time, effort to move boat and get back	3/6/2017 3:06 PM
24	Cost, finding time on my calendar	3/6/2017 3:05 PM
25	schedule conflicts with other regattas	3/6/2017 3:05 PM
26	ferry reservations, time, enjoyment of the competitiveness	3/6/2017 2:53 PM
27	time away from work	3/6/2017 2:44 PM
28	The idea of towing the boat a distance was a barrier in the first event, but not since. At Larchmont and Newport having to step our own mast was new and slightly daunting, we did OK, same not said for the chap who fell off the boat in Newport -- luckily he was not hurt. In Mystic we have arranged for the Mystic Shipyard riggers to step the masts.	3/6/2017 2:33 PM
29	Crew timing, getting crew to take off the amount of time needed.	3/6/2017 2:27 PM
30	Time and Money	3/6/2017 2:22 PM
31	distance, crew availability	3/6/2017 2:15 PM
32	upgrading trailer, time away from work, crew availability	3/6/2017 1:58 PM

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33	Cost, time from work, finding crew who can commit to sailing the full event	3/6/2017 1:58 PM
34	Work obligations and time/expense on getting to the event	3/6/2017 1:58 PM
35	Boat transport or charter/borrow, scheduling, crew commitments	3/6/2017 1:55 PM
36	Time	3/6/2017 1:53 PM
37	Distance,crew,practice in local waters,tuning,cost.	3/6/2017 1:40 PM
38	always the same, time money and travel but that's what a National Championship is all about. Many kudos goes out for having the National Championship in the variety of locations they have been at. If you want the excitement of traveling to a sailing destination you may never have been to and racing against the best in the class then the National Championship is just what you want. and they have all been beautifully and graciously hosted.	3/6/2017 1:39 PM
39	Getting crew to take time off.	3/6/2017 1:36 PM
40	Vacation time	3/6/2017 1:33 PM
41	Time off of work, cost of travels, logistics of getting sails/equipment across the nation, fear of putting in a lot of work/money and receiving a subpar charter boat	3/6/2017 1:32 PM

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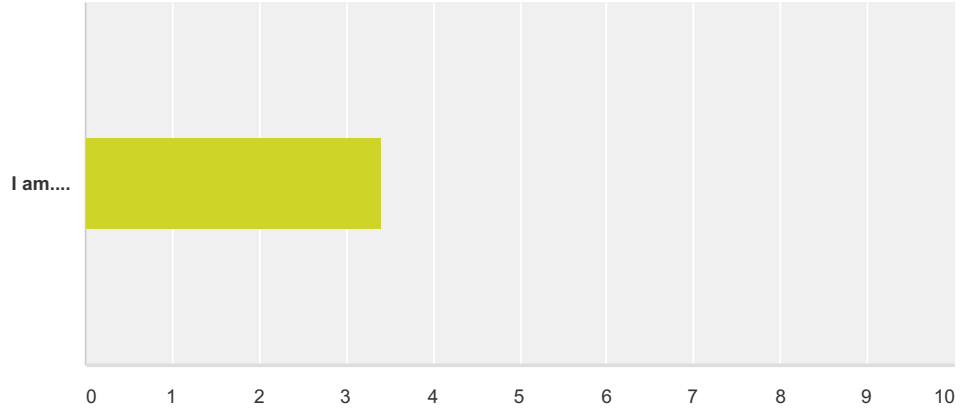
### Q5 What have been the major barriers / obstacles that have prevented you from attending a Shields Nationals regatta?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 44

#	Responses	Date
1	Launch and Haul of boat at location where is is not feasible to sail to.	3/6/2017 8:58 PM
2	I don't race. Haven't gotten around to it.	3/6/2017 5:18 PM
3	Getting boat to venue Lining up crew	3/6/2017 4:51 PM
4	I would shift the regatta to the left leaving Sunday a travel day for those from out of town. Nothing is more frustrating at the end of a major championship than to race for a half a day, haul, de-rig, then get on the road to travel home. People are tired and the last thing they want to do is drive any distance after having to pack up. Ideally, having the last day be Saturday works well so that folks can enjoy the awards party and socialize with fellow competitors.	3/6/2017 4:11 PM
5	Transporting	3/6/2017 4:10 PM
6	Work obligations	3/6/2017 3:38 PM
7	Cannot do the 10 qualifying races because fleet is very small and members will not race weekly	3/6/2017 2:02 PM
8	Lack of local fleet support for travel and racing. Distance to east coast venues (excluding 2016).	3/6/2017 1:53 PM

**Q6 Are you in favor of moving race days in future Nationals from Thursday, Friday and Saturday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday?**

Answered: 48 Skipped: 4

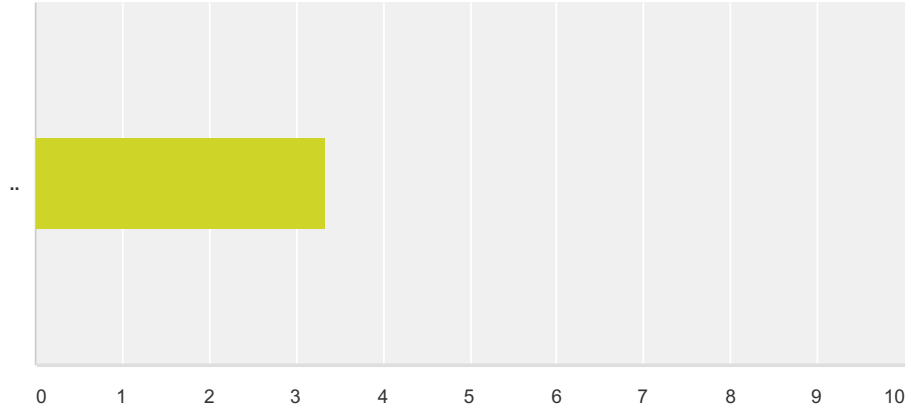


	Strongly against	Moderately against	Neutral - I don't care	Moderately in favor	Strongly in favor	Total	Weighted Average
I am....	8.33% 4	18.75% 9	22.92% 11	25.00% 12	25.00% 12	48	3.40



**Q7 To what extent, if any, do you have concerns about the Saturday dinner being before racing has finished, with prizes given more informally on the Sunday?**

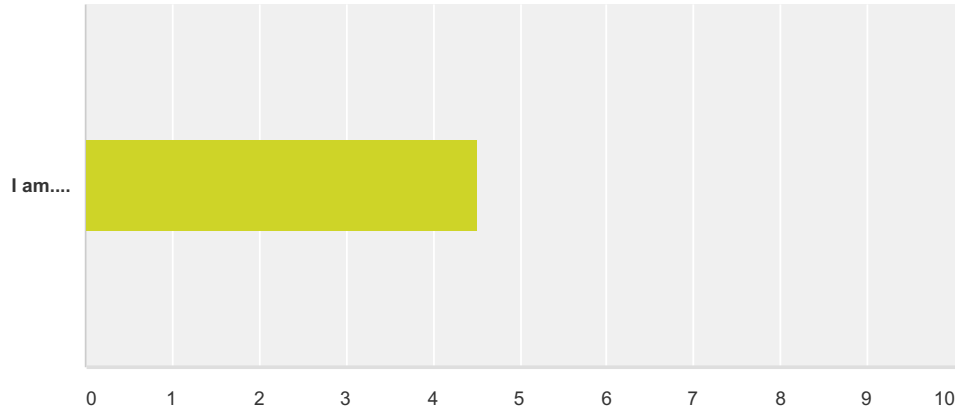
Answered: 48 Skipped: 4



	I have strong concerns	I have moderate concerns	Neutral - I don't care	I think it will be fine	I think this format will be much better	Total	Weighted Average
..	10.42% 5	16.67% 8	16.67% 8	39.58% 19	16.67% 8	48	3.35

**Q8 Would you be more likely to attend A Shields Nationals regatta IF the dates were moved from Thursday, Friday and Saturday to Friday, Saturday and Sunday?**

Answered: 48 Skipped: 4



	I would NOT attend	I would be much less likely to attend	I would be somewhat less likely to attend	No difference	I would be somewhat more likely to attend	I would be much more likely to attend	I would definitely attend	Total	Weighted Average
I am....	0.00% 0	6.25% 3	4.17% 2	43.75% 21	25.00% 12	20.83% 10	0.00% 0	48	4.50

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### Q9 Is there anything else you would like to share with us about this proposed change?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 34

#	Responses	Date
1	No	3/7/2017 10:06 AM
2	There is still weekday travel either way, so unlikely to change things. In fact, by having it end in Sunday, Monday would now be the travel day home...requiring work disruption in two work weeks, as opposed to one.	3/7/2017 8:50 AM
3	Great job to get attendance up. Thank you. I will share with my team. Could this survey be shared with crews and not just boat owners	3/6/2017 8:40 PM
4	Thanks for looking on ways to improve participation	3/6/2017 6:50 PM
5	i think the class might consider an "official" transport sponsorship or similar to help those who are not sure how to move boats but would feel better if there was an experienced resource recommended	3/6/2017 5:40 PM
6	Either format works for me.	3/6/2017 5:05 PM
7	This move would clearly be beneficial for crew attendance, but would put more pressure on boat owners to arrange moving boats.	3/6/2017 4:54 PM
8	Yes. Don't do it. There is typically better racing during the week than weekends because all the yahoos are not out and about.	3/6/2017 4:13 PM
9	Reconsider the length of each race; consider shortening the 6-mile requirement. Many fleets sail in areas where this is mostly not possible to accomplish. Additionally, when it is, crews are so beat up (either from sailing in mod to heavy conditions, or floating around waiting for the wind to fill) that they can't enjoy or participate in social activities. Most races places are established much earlier in a race and I think 4 -5 mile courses would be preferred by many.	3/6/2017 3:10 PM
10	Sunday is the day reserved for coming home. If I lived in the same town as the Nationals I might not mind racing on Sunday since I am already home.	3/6/2017 3:09 PM
11	If the crew can take 1 day off from work (Friday) I think skippers are more likely to find consistent crew to be able to not only compete-but be more competitive.	3/6/2017 2:47 PM
12	It would work for me. We have published the NOR and are working on other regatta issues surrounding the current W-Sat dates. But all of this could easily be changed if a new date scheme would add significantly to the fleet size. We'd be very happy to have 30+ boats rather than 20-30 or god forbid <20!	3/6/2017 2:41 PM
13	Good Luck	3/6/2017 2:23 PM
14	it just doesn't matter to me who'll never get to a nationals because our fleet won't race enough to get me over the 10 race qualifying threshold	3/6/2017 2:04 PM
15	Give it a go	3/6/2017 1:54 PM
16	This idea will not solve the fundamental of Class growth and the issues of participation . This will make boat packing up and transportation more complicated and likely require taking off Monday to drive the boat hime.	3/6/2017 1:46 PM
17	These questions are worded in a way.. that confirms, no one will be able to relax and enjoy and celebrate at the Saturday dinner if the racing is not over yet. why would racers pay a lot of money to attend a wonderfull dinner they cannot relax at and fully enjoy. all the racers will be racing home to hit the rack..and rest up for Sunday.	3/6/2017 1:46 PM
18	I believe one of the "moderately in favor" answers in question #5 should actually read "moderately against." When a team travels long distances to compete, it is nice to have Sunday to travel home, however I don't think that this would defer people from attending if the race days were switched to Friday, Saturday and Sunday.	3/6/2017 1:35 PM