



Survey result summary

In preparation for the forthcoming Extraordinary General Meeting of the iQFOiL Class scheduled for April 15, 2024, a comprehensive survey has been devised and extensively circulated among iQFOiL sailors spanning from the U17 to Senior categories. Additionally, the survey has been dispatched to Class Full Members with the intention of further dissemination among their respective memberships. In total, the questionnaire was sent out over 2,000 contacts. A total of 663 answers from active athletes, ex-athletes and ex-athletes who have become coaches were received.

The primary objective of this survey is to provide the iQFOiL Class with a broader perspective on the global sailor population, thereby facilitating informed decision-making for the future. Specifically, the survey aims to explore the potential for sail size adjustments in the upcoming 2028 cycle. While the survey guarantees anonymity, certain demographic details such as gender, weight range, ranking, age, etc., were solicited to enable nuanced analysis and understanding of the diverse needs across different segments of sailors.

NB 1 : Numbers don't always perfectly add up. This can come from some mistakes done by the respondents of the survey (example : answering « no » to sailing in Youth and in Senior). After check, this doesn't change much the numbers (less than 1% of variation).

NB 2 : Ages and validity of answers have been checked (example : people over 45 years old have their own division in the results and don't have effect on all the other results (check last page)).

NB 3 : When some « New seniors » and « ex Youths » are in the survey, their opinion doesn't count twice. It has been extracted from the results.

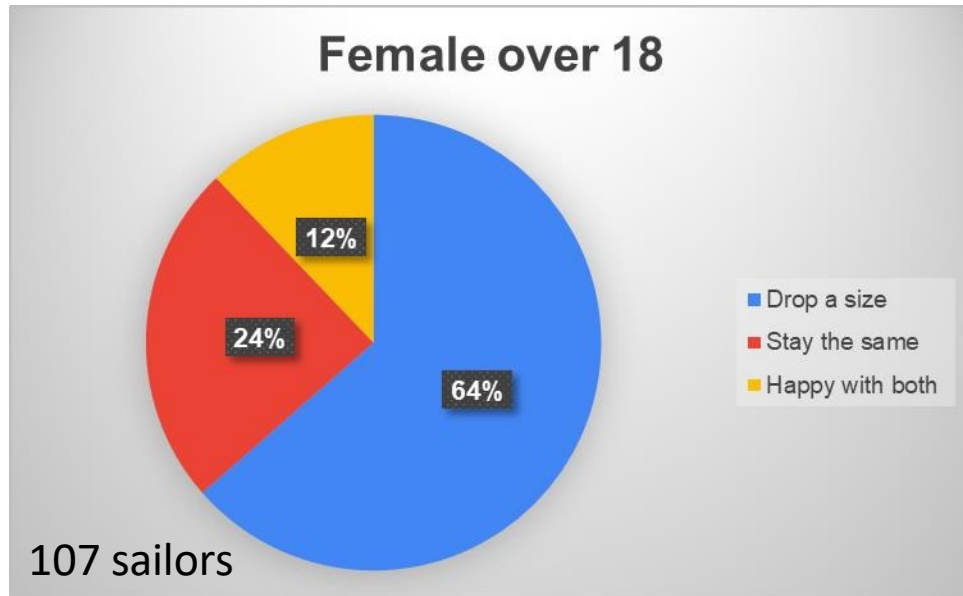
WOMEN PREFERENCES

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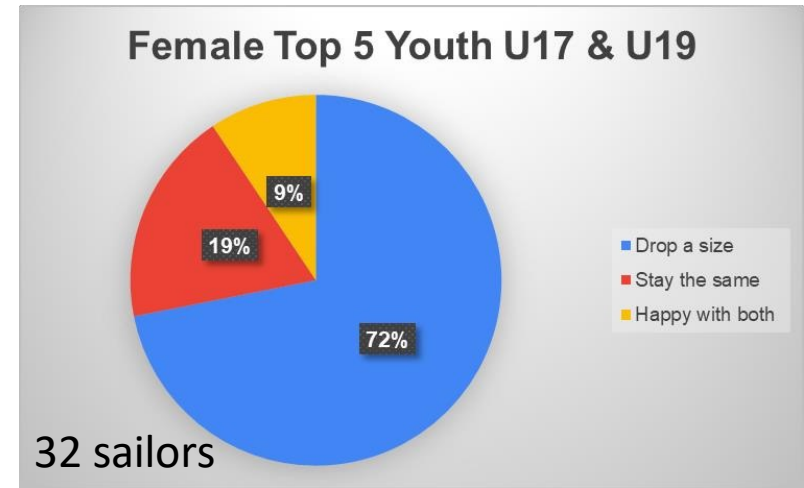
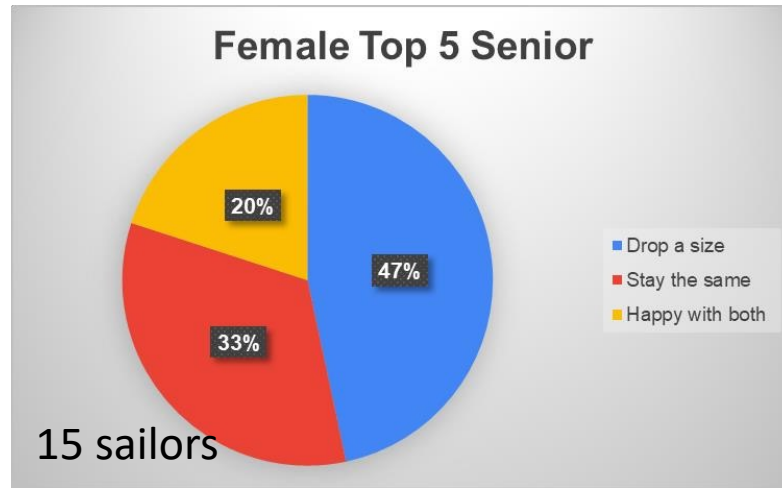
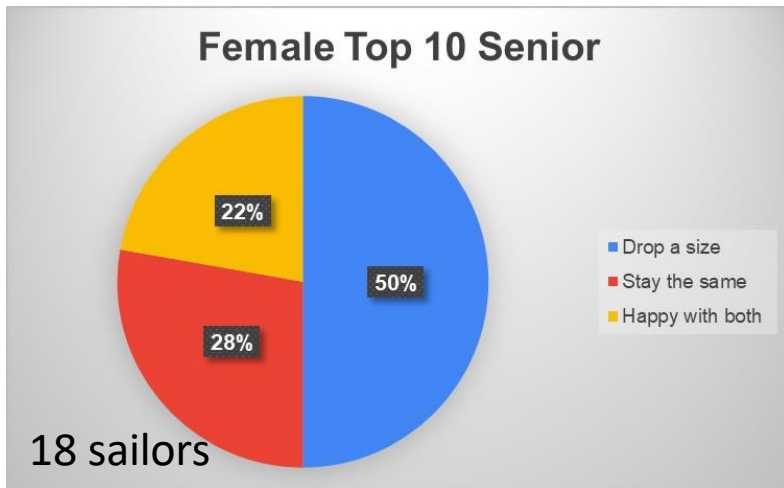
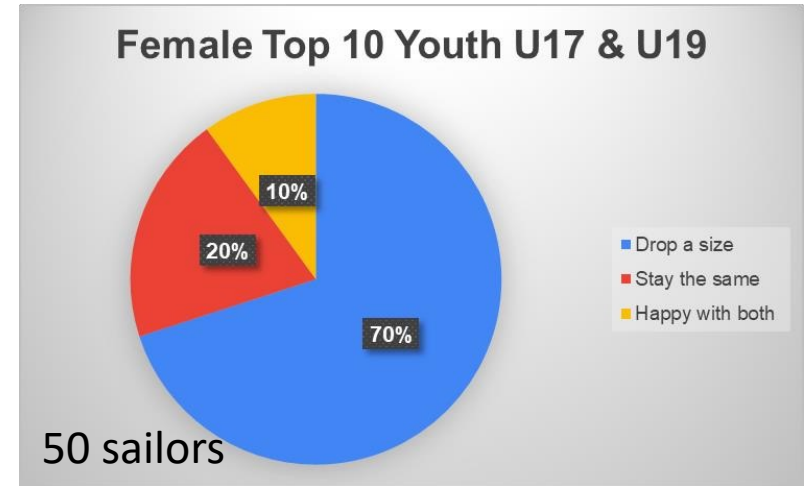
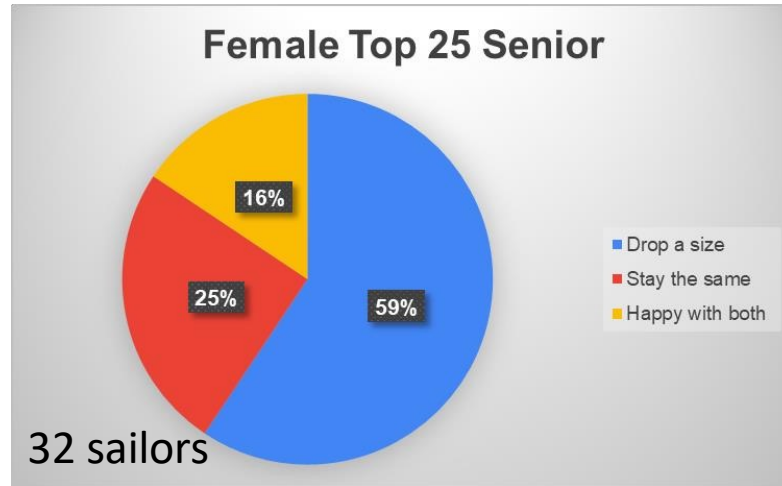
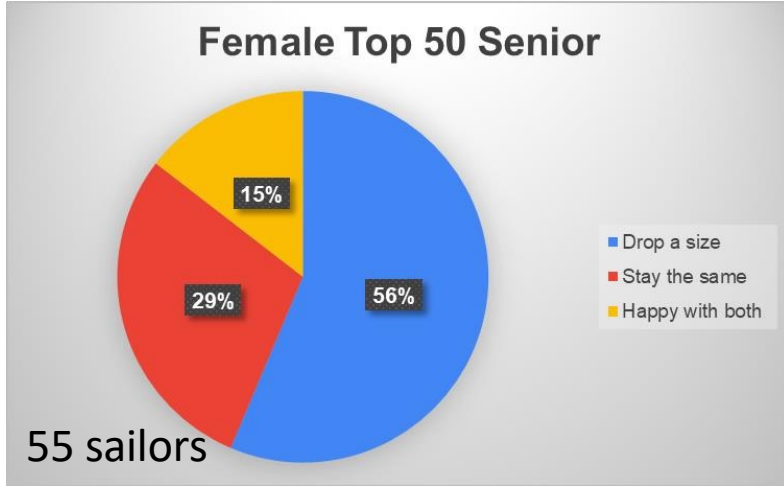
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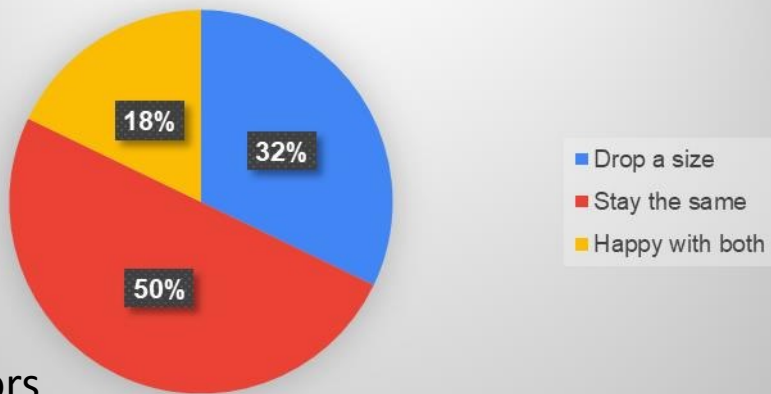
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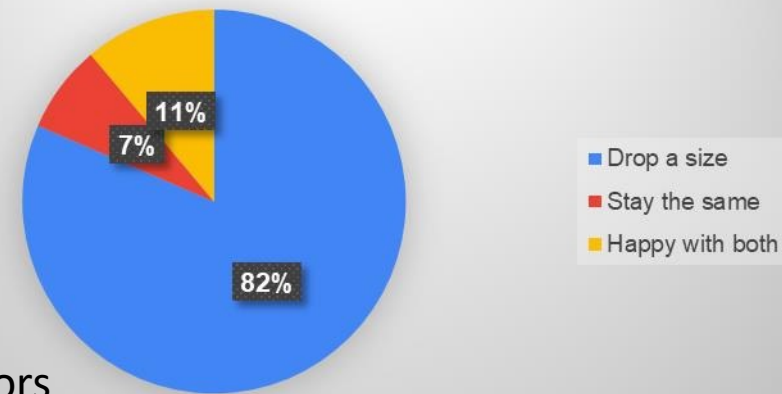
WOMEN Preferences (by Weight + Result)

Female over 68kg + Top 50 Senior



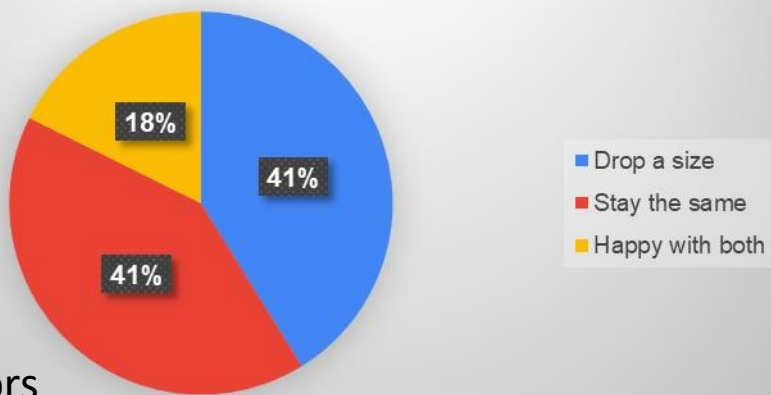
28 sailors

Female under 68kg + Top 50 Senior



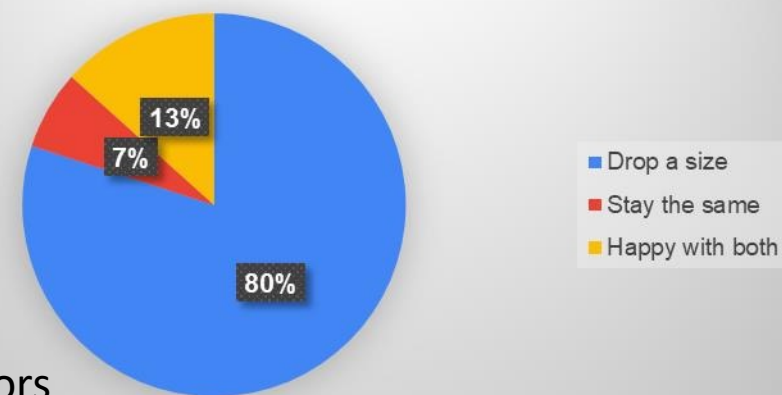
27 sailors

Female over 68kg + Top 25 Senior



17 sailors

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15 sailors

Fleet Evolution WOMEN

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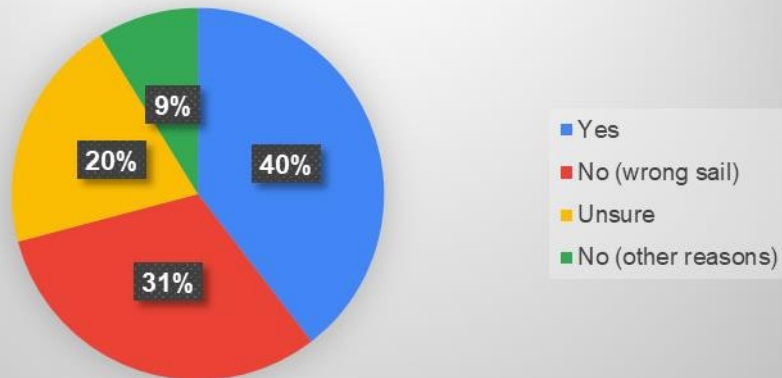
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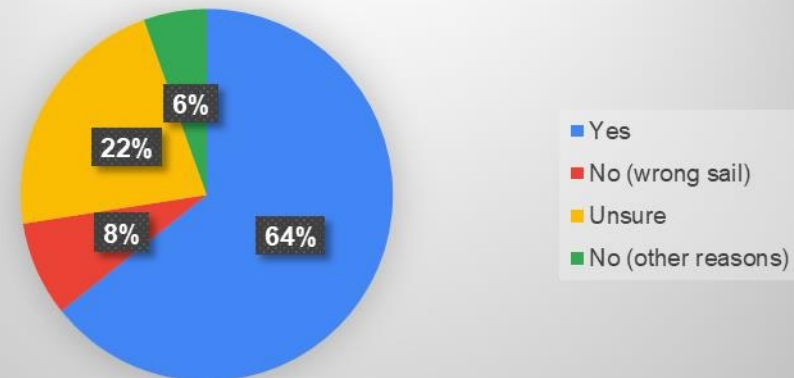
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Overall Results WOMEN (182 sailors)

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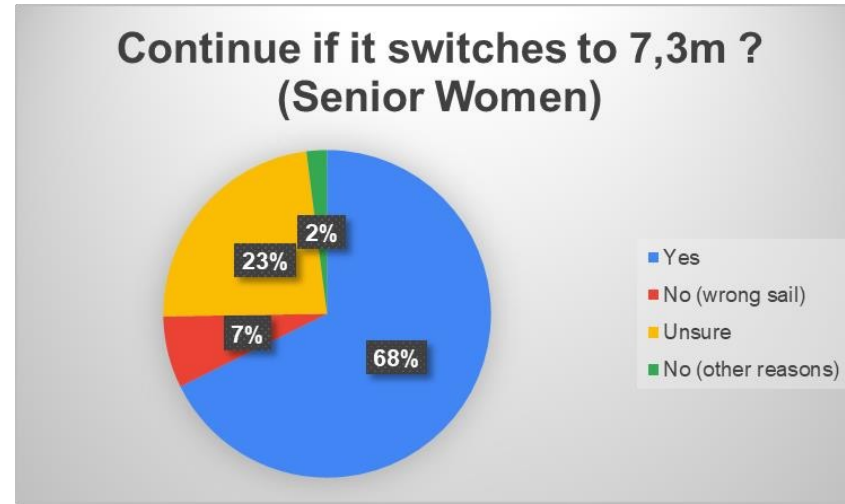
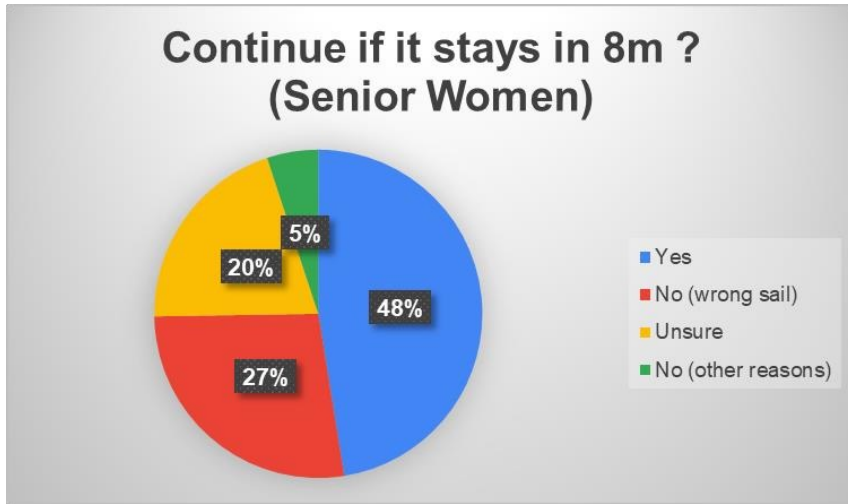


**Continue if it switches to 7,3m ?
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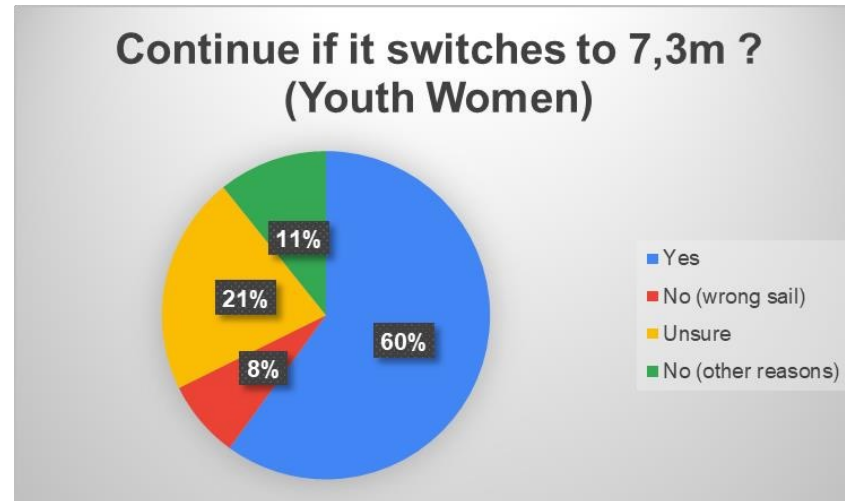
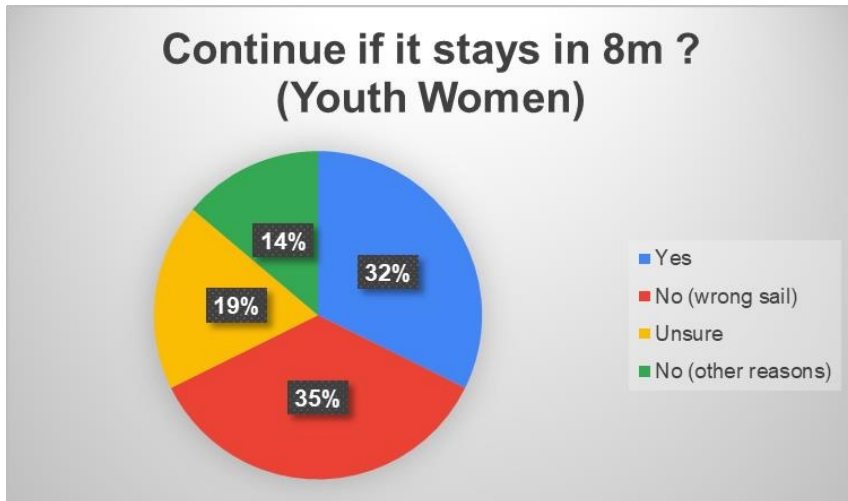


Fleet Evolution WOMEN

Results Senior WOMEN (99 sailors)



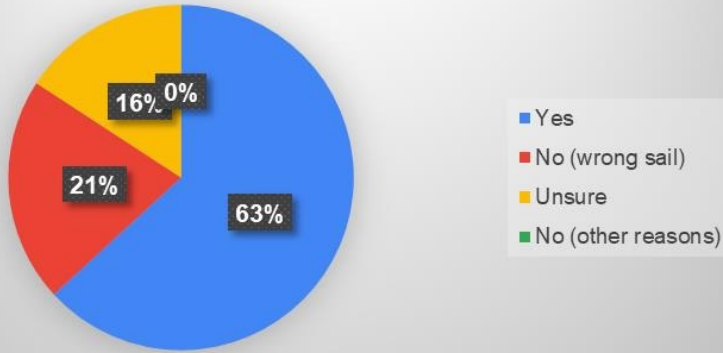
Results Youth WOMEN (65 sailors)



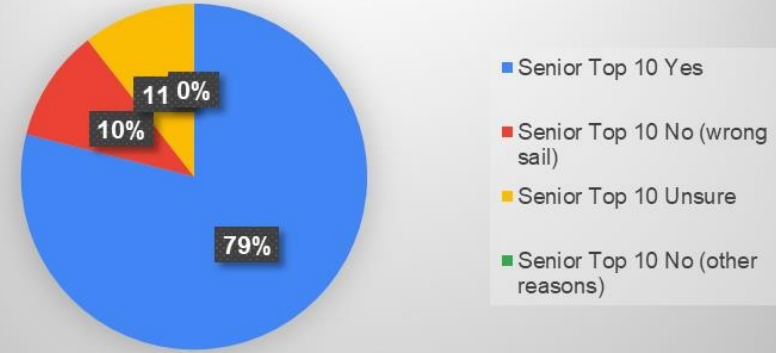
Fleet Evolution WOMEN

Results Senior WOMEN + Top 10 (19 sailors) (Values in the same range for Top 25 & Top 5)

Continue if it stays in 8m ?
(Senior Women Top 10)



Continue if it switches to 7,3m ?
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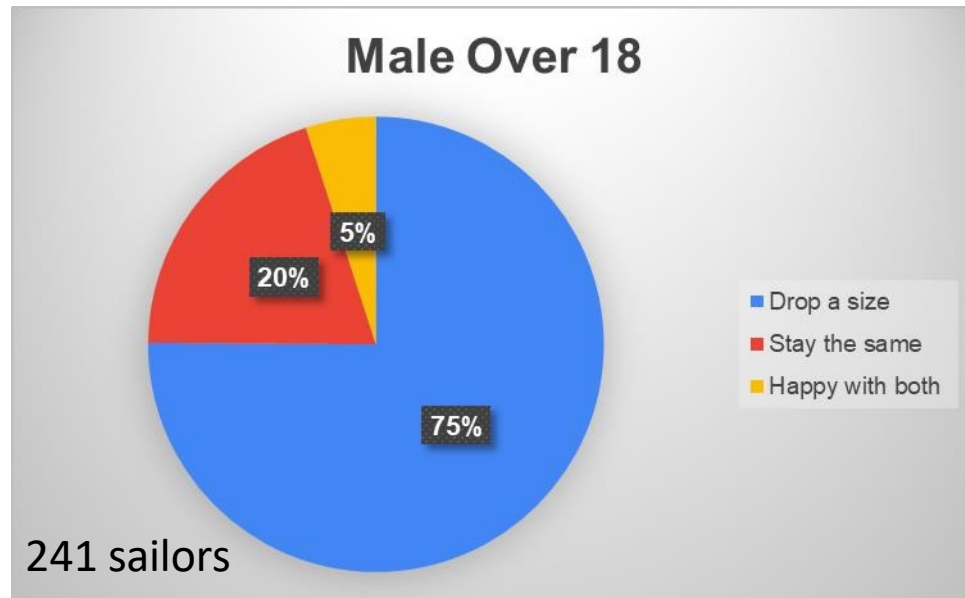
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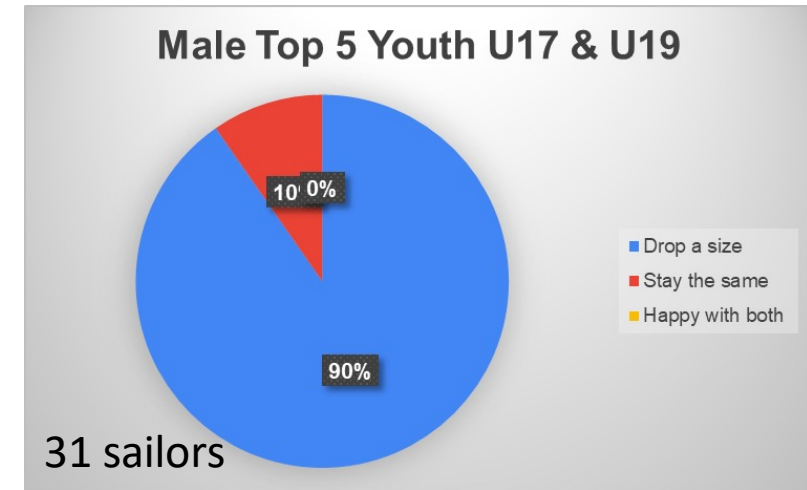
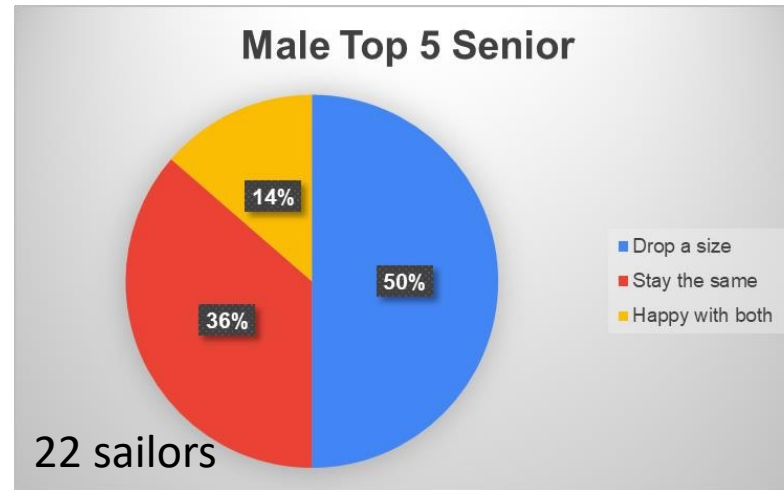
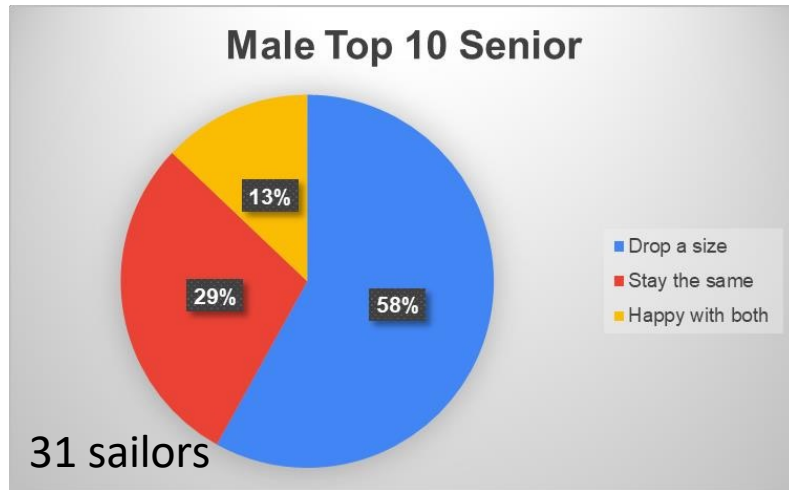
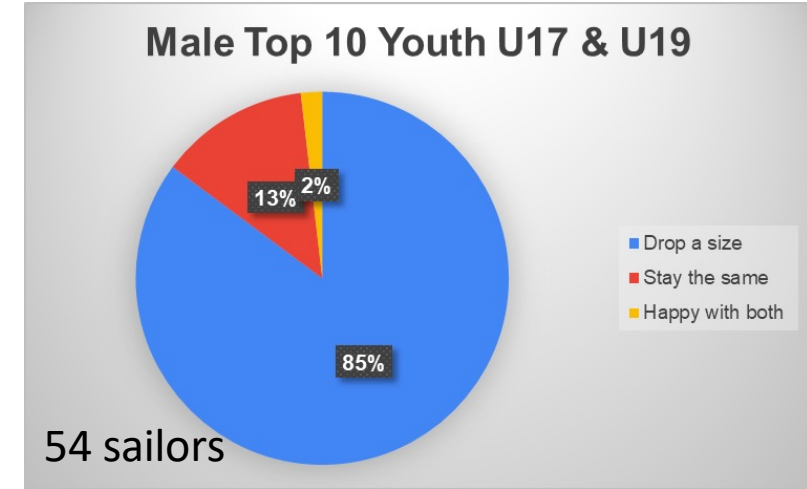
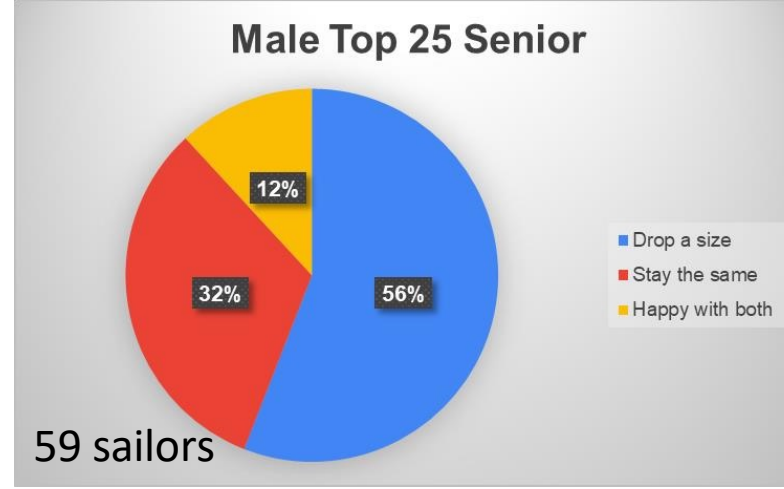
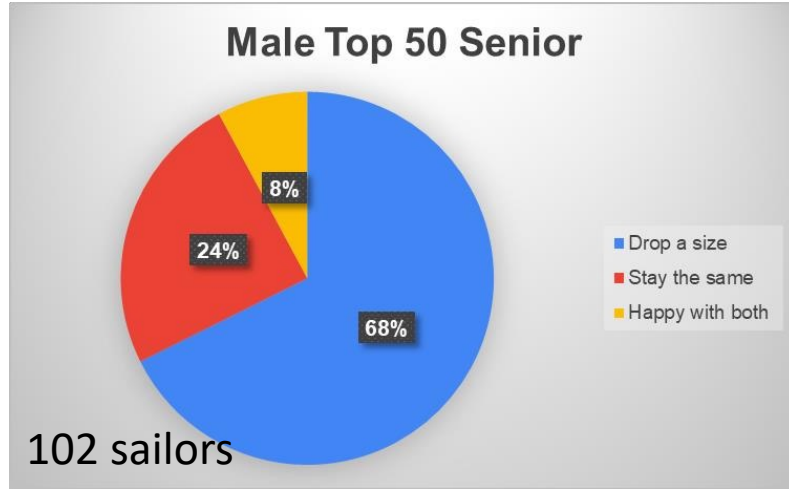
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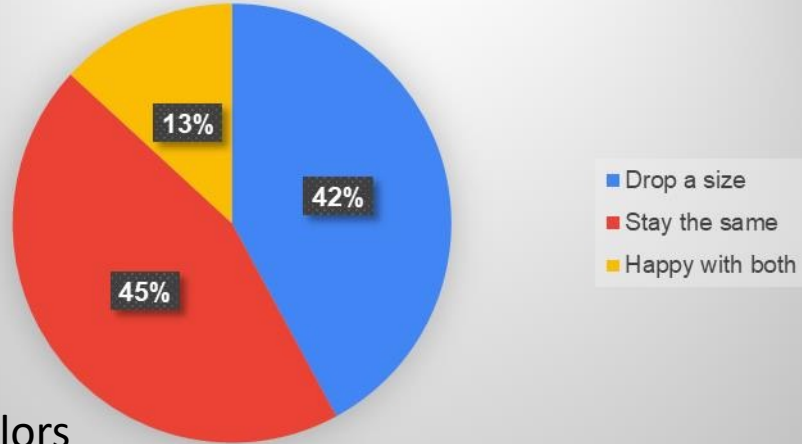
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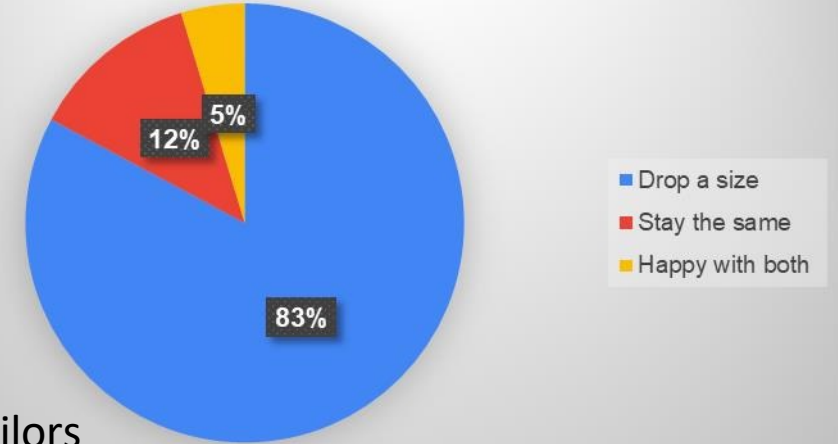
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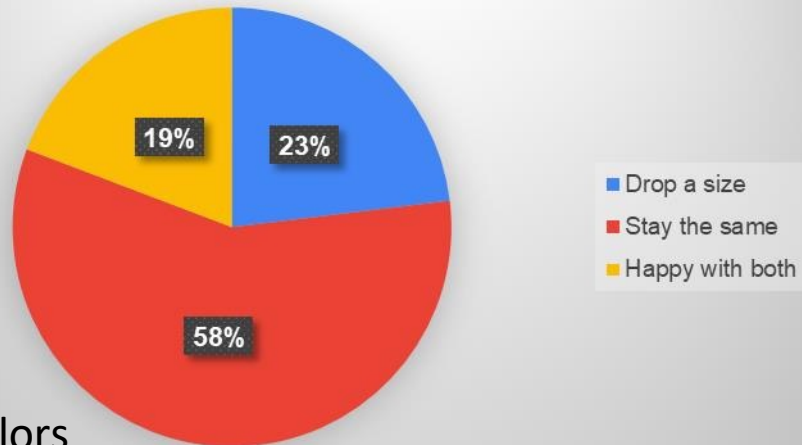
38 sailors

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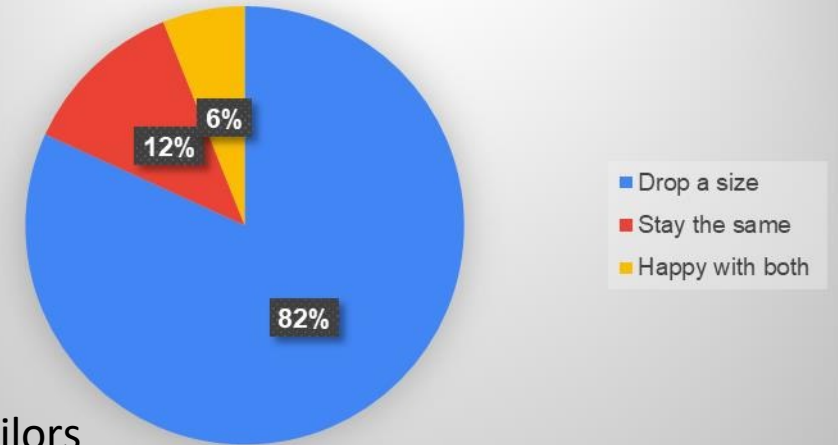
64 sailors

Male over 92kg + Top 25 Senior



26 sailors

Male under 92kg + top 25 Senior



33 sailors

Fleet Evolution MEN

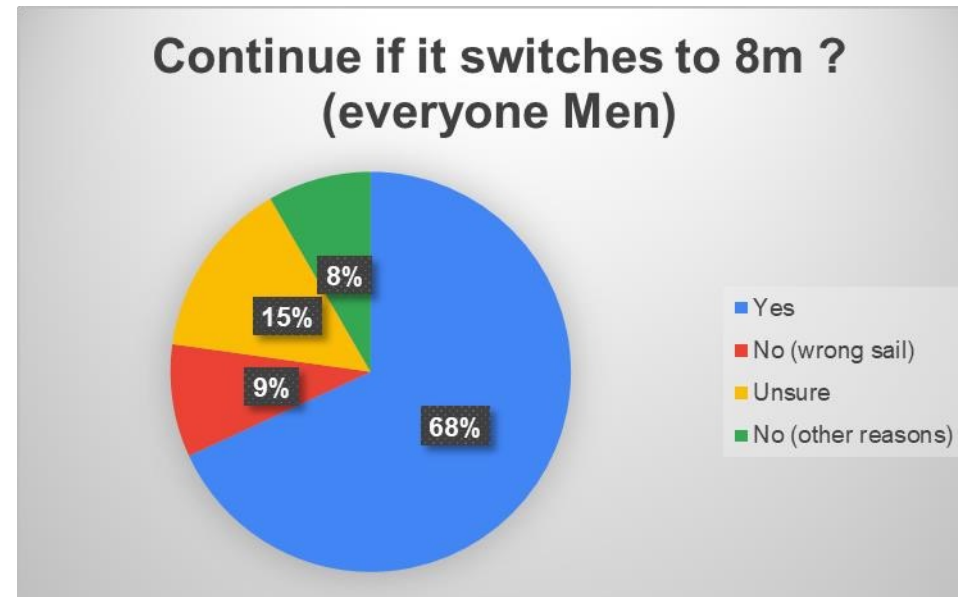
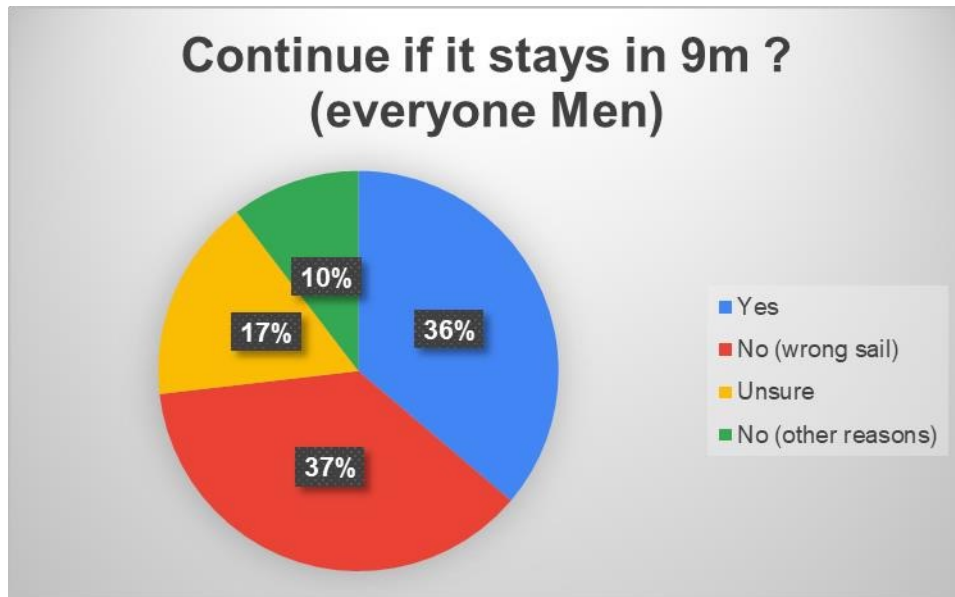
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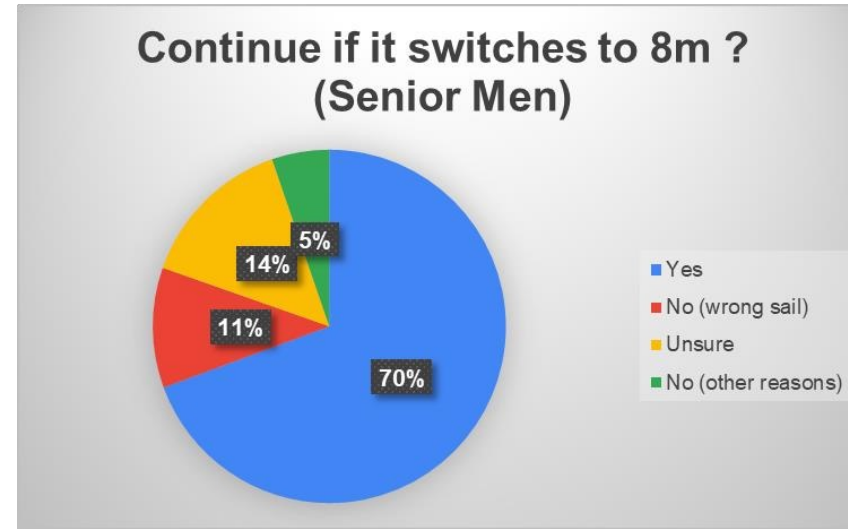
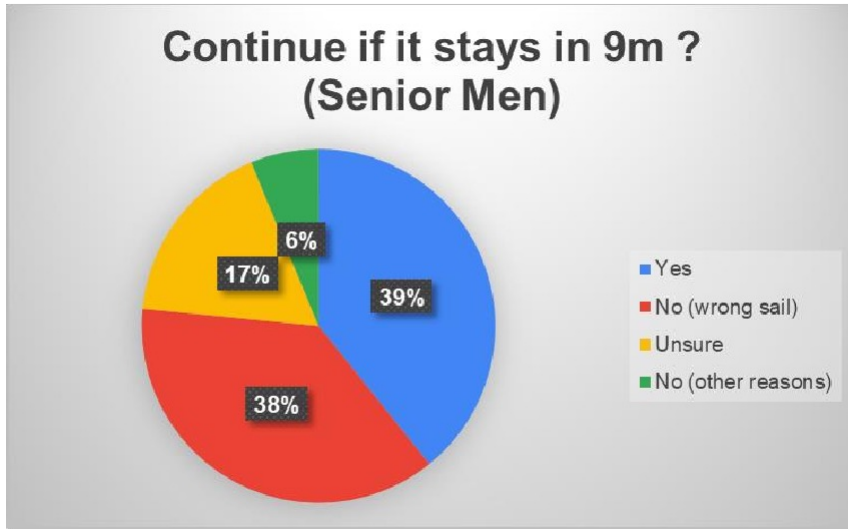
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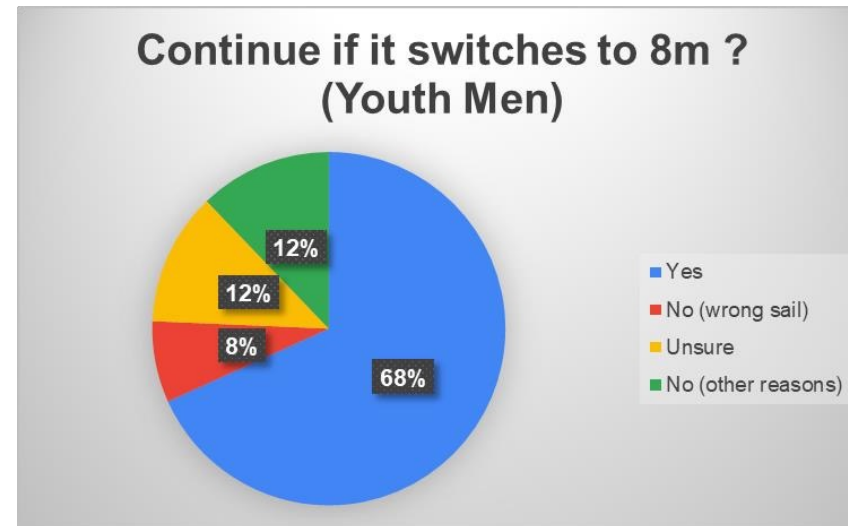
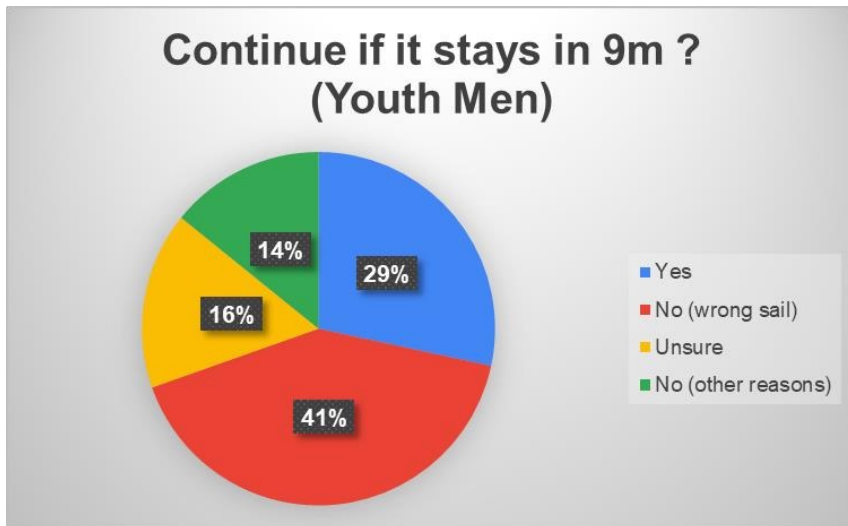


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Results Senior MEN (209 sailors)

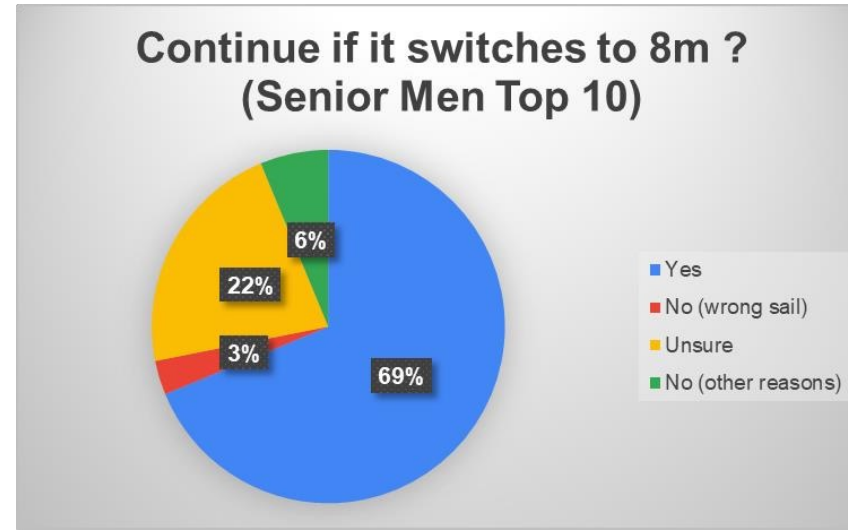
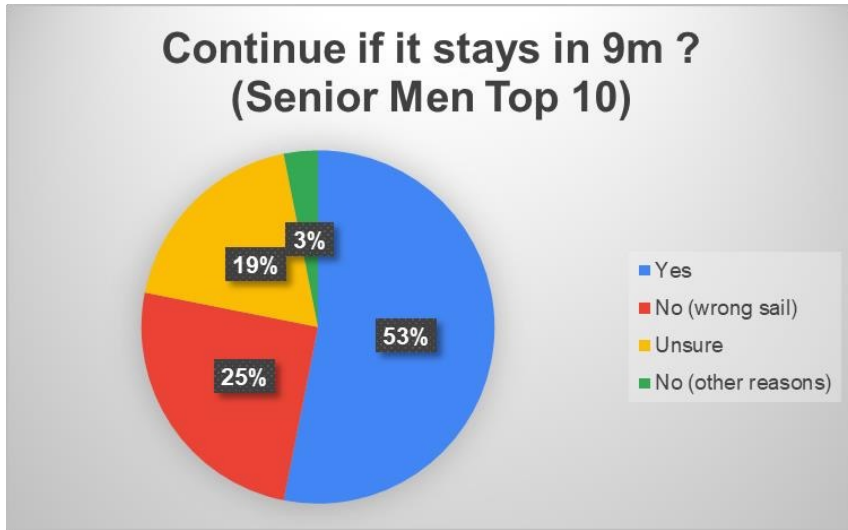


Results Youth MEN (148 sailors)



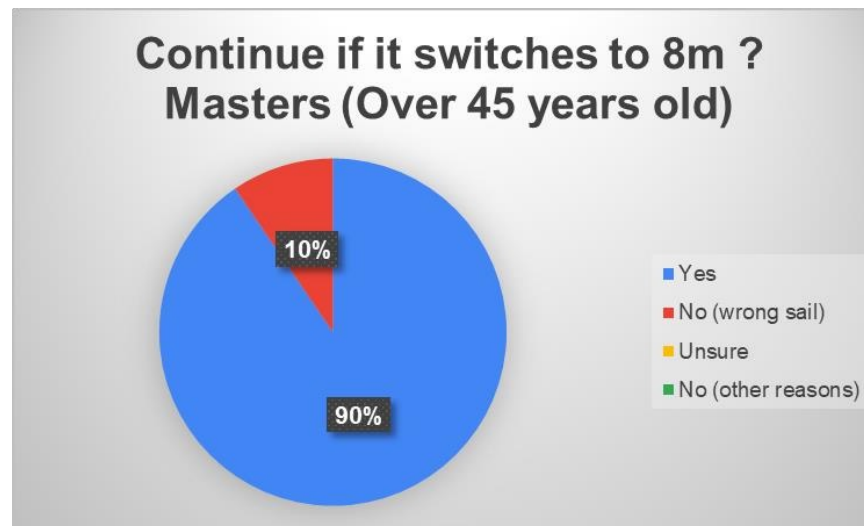
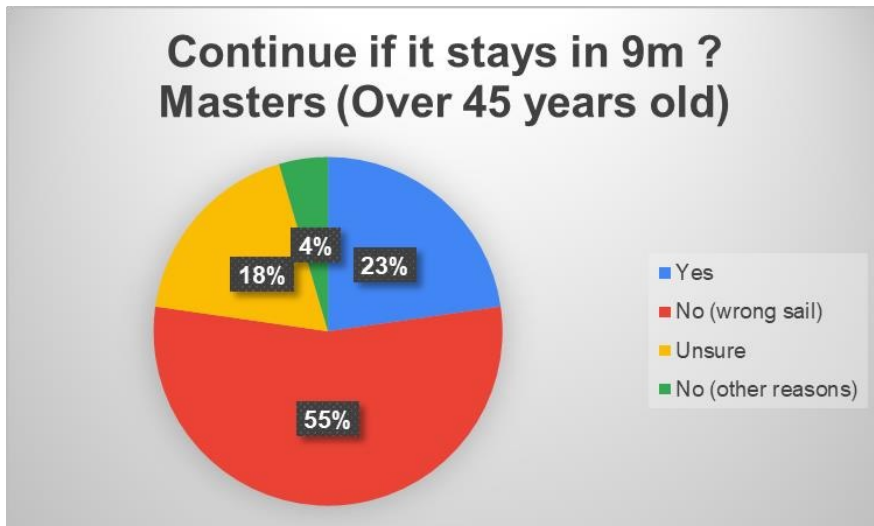
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NB : Sailors having results in the Top 25 or in the Top 50 have a higher pourcentage of « No (Wrong Sail) » in both questions (about + 5/8%)

Results Masters MEN & WOMEN (21 sailors)



A few masters answered and it clearly shows an interest in having a smaller sail for them.

Even if the Olympic part of the sport decides to stay on 9m, it could be considered to have a Master Championship on the 8m.

This part of the survey can and should be taken aside as just an interesting information to think about and shouldn't influence the vote.