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Survey 729653 'ASRL Survey April 2018'

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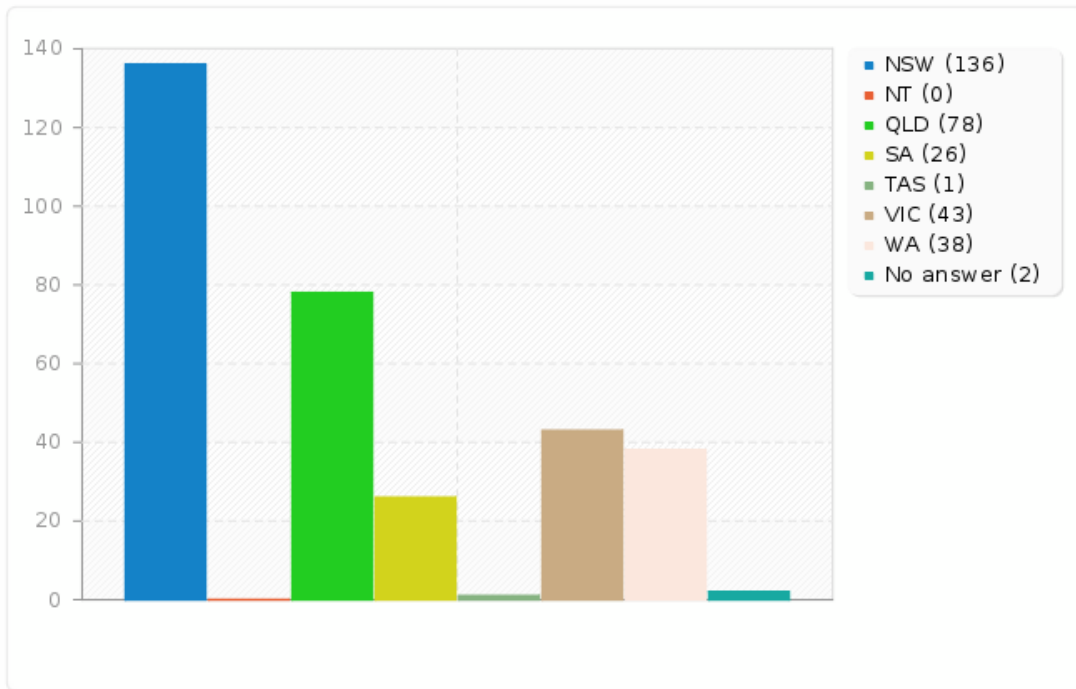
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Field summary for SC1**What State is your home State?**

Answer	Count	Percentage
NSW (A1)	136	41.98%
NT (A2)	0	0.00%
QLD (A3)	78	24.07%
SA (A4)	26	8.02%
TAS (A5)	1	0.31%
VIC (A6)	43	13.27%
WA (A7)	38	11.73%
No answer	2	0.62%

Field summary for SC1

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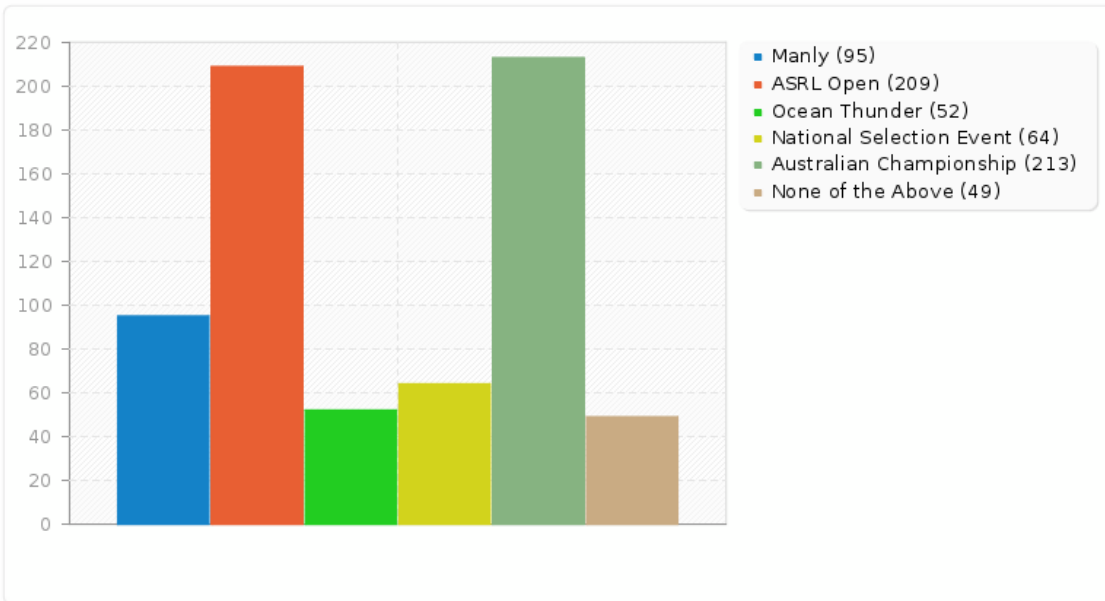
Field summary for SC2

What events did you attend this year? (Multiple selection available)

Answer	Count	Percentage
Manly (SQ001)	95	29.32%
ASRL Open (SQ002)	209	64.51%
Ocean Thunder (SQ003)	52	16.05%
National Selection Event (SQ004)	64	19.75%
Australian Championship (SQ005)	213	65.74%
None of the Above (SQ006)	49	15.12%

Field summary for SC2

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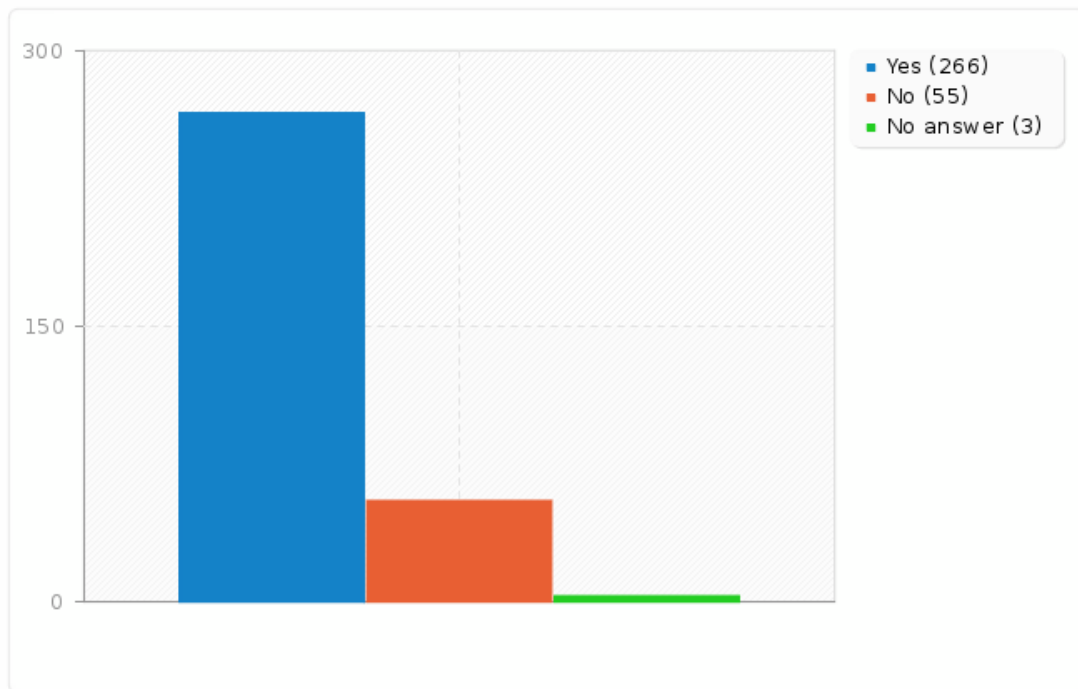
Field summary for SC4

Would you attend the SLSA Australian Short Course Championship?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	266	82.10%
No (A2)	55	16.98%
No answer	3	0.93%

Field summary for SC4

Would you attend the SLSA Australian Short Course Championship?



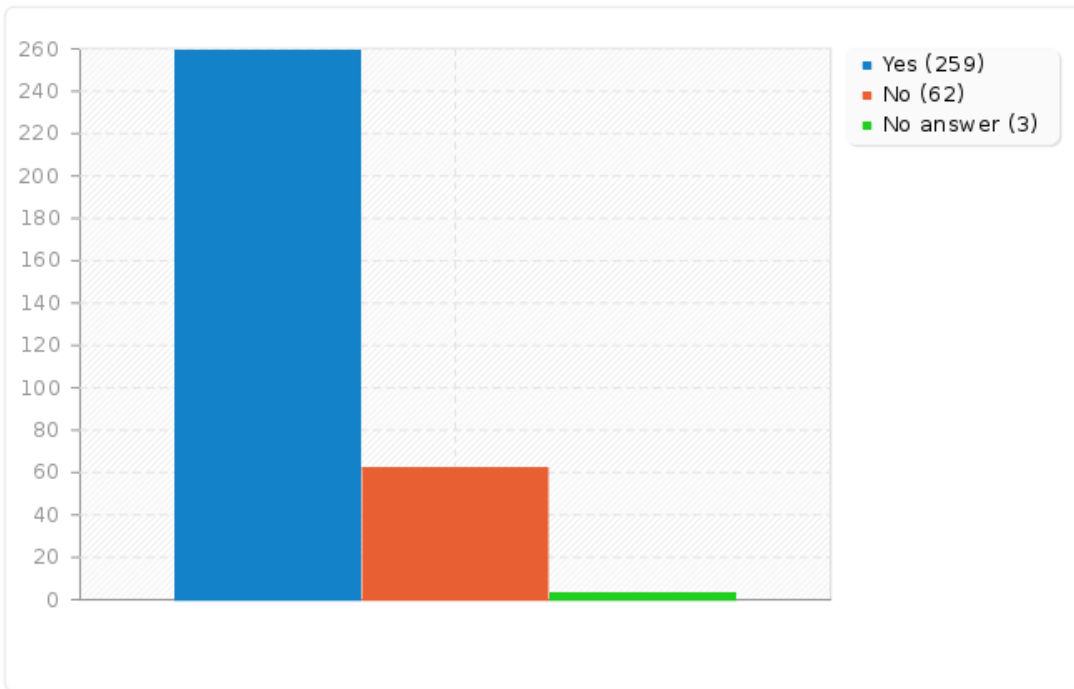
Field summary for SC5

Would you travel intra State to contest the Australian Short Course Championship if it was attached to either the ASRL Open or Australian Championship?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	259	79.94%
No (A2)	62	19.14%
No answer	3	0.93%

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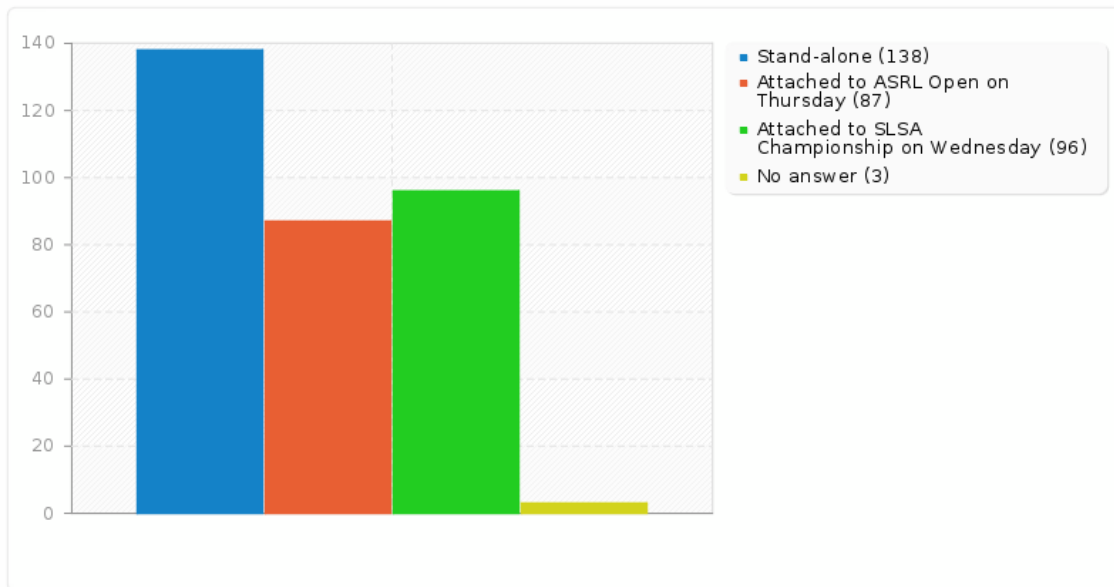
Field summary for SC6

Do you believe a Short Course Championship should be a stand-alone event or attached to another major event like the ASRL Open or Australian Championship?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Stand-alone (A1)	138	42.59%
Attached to ASRL Open on Thursday (A2)	87	26.85%
Attached to SLSA Championship on Wednesday (A3)	96	29.63%
No answer	3	0.93%

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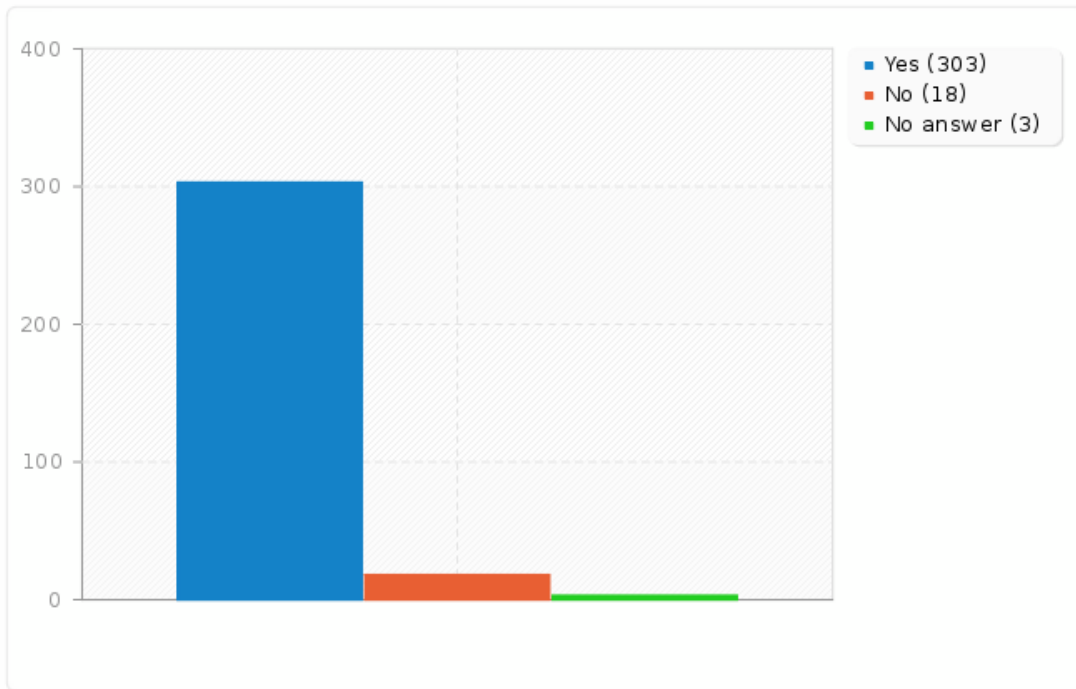
Field summary for SC8

Do you understand and accept the concept that Short Course and Long Course will be different style events maybe suited to different crew skills?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	303	93.52%
No (A2)	18	5.56%
No answer	3	0.93%

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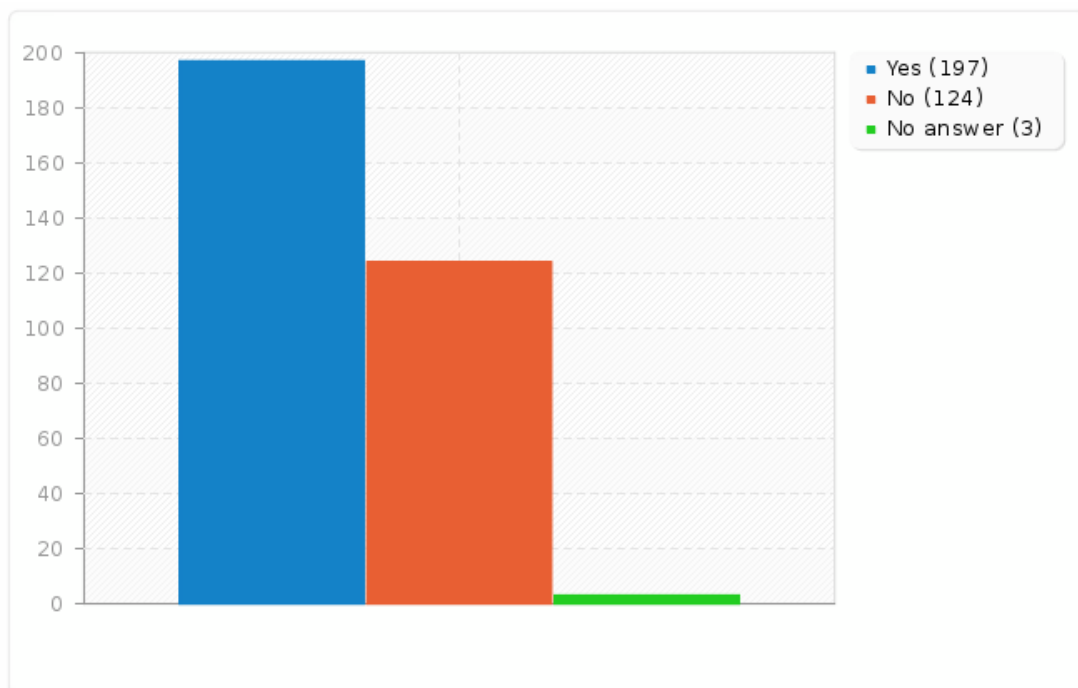
Field summary for SC9

Do you support the concept of running 2 Male and 2 Female Divisions being Open and U19?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	197	60.80%
No (A2)	124	38.27%
No answer	3	0.93%

Field summary for SC9

Do you support the concept of running 2 Male and 2 Female Divisions being Open and U19?



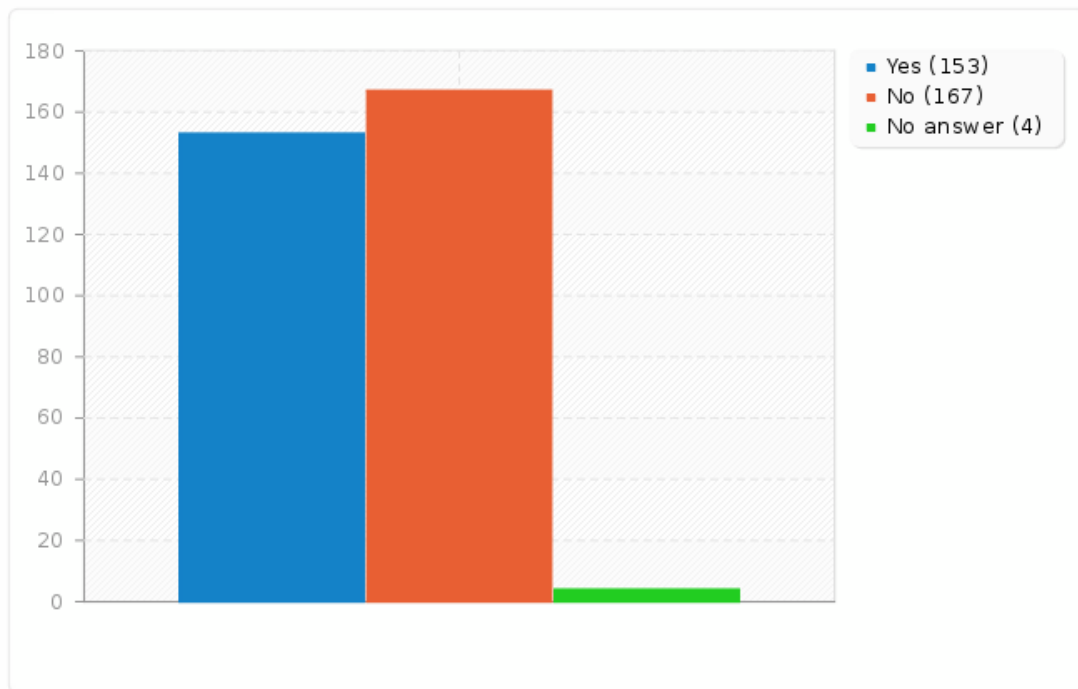
Field summary for SC10

Do you support the concept of running 2 Male and 2 Female Divisions being Open & U23?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	153	47.22%
No (A2)	167	51.54%
No answer	4	1.23%

Field summary for SC10

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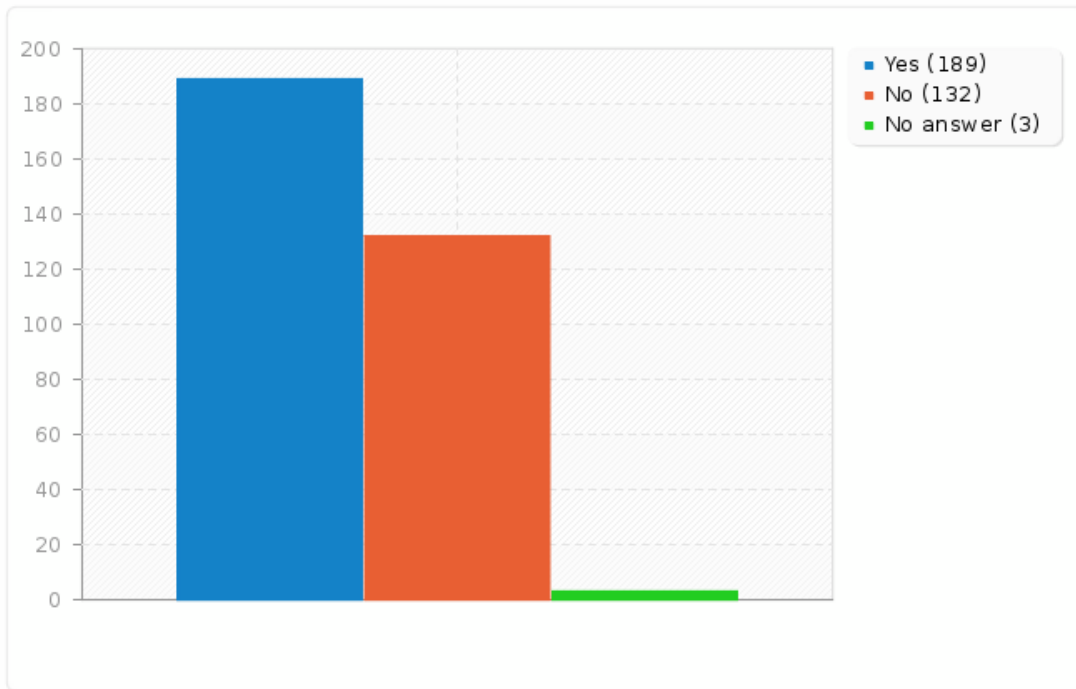
Field summary for SC11

Would you support a State/Region based pre-qualifier to gain entry into the Championship Event?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	189	58.33%
No (A2)	132	40.74%
No answer	3	0.93%

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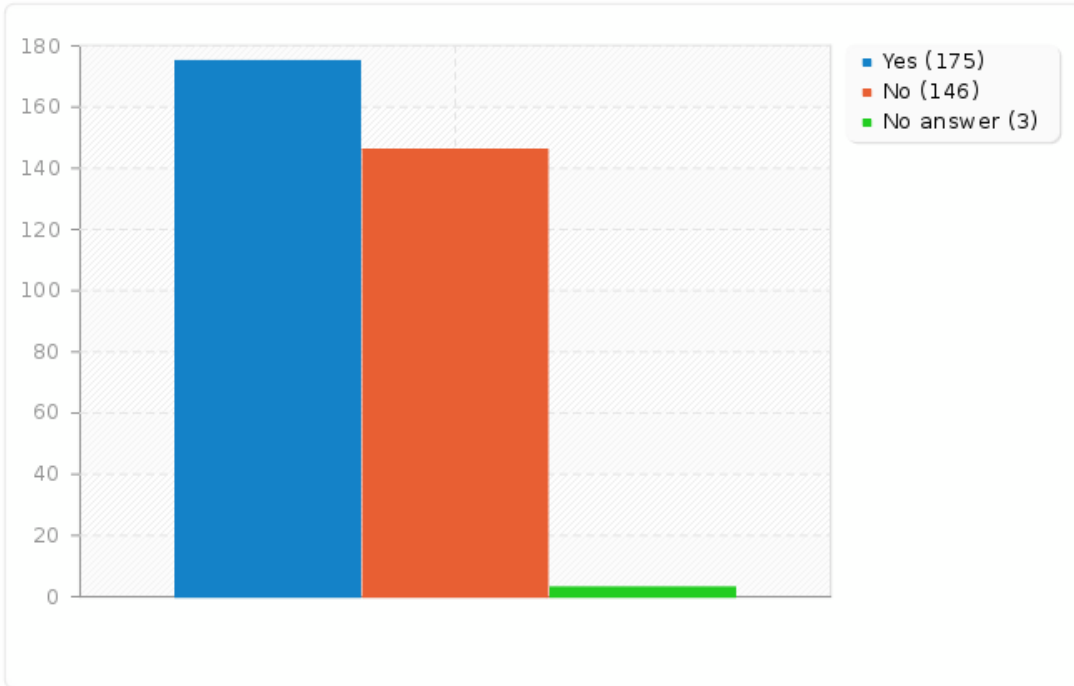
Field summary for SC12

Would you support the event with all 8 divisions if that required it to run across two days?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	175	54.01%
No (A2)	146	45.06%
No answer	3	0.93%

Field summary for SC12

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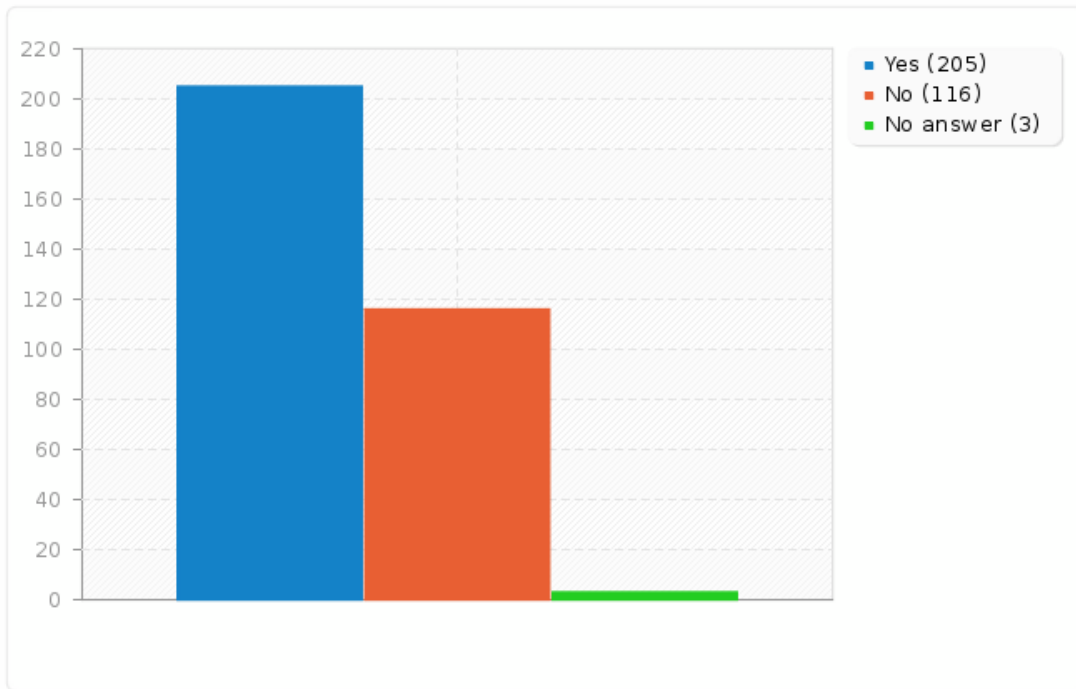
Field summary for SC13

Would your preference be to restrict divisions if that made it possible to program across one day?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	205	63.27%
No (A2)	116	35.80%
No answer	3	0.93%

Field summary for SC13

Would your preference be to restrict divisions if that made it possible to program across one day?



Field summary for SC14

Do you have any general comments you would like to make on the Short Course Championship concept?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	104	32.10%
No answer	220	67.90%

ID	Response
13	N/A
14	Consider Short Course Masters as a Division - there is nothing to keep Masters crews competitive throughout the season, and this would be perfect
15	I would vote for restricted divisions if sweeps can represent in an open, Ressies and under 23 crew and Co-opt sweeps from other clubs if needed. Also I would like 1 day if it allowed for the second day as a back up day, but not if a second event was scheduled to back onto the event, restricting flexibility.. if not, I'd support 2 days.
16	No interest. Maybe get the asrl open right before branching into sub genres
29	Good to try new initiatives that promotes the sport.
32	Having as many divisions as possible I believe is more beneficial for the sport in general
33	I think the best will win it anyway and thats fair enough to, they should be held at the Aussie in the one day, they big question is the weather and surf holding the Aussie in this time of the year is crazy, it should be held in early march as in the first week, and I'm happy to travel to Gold coast or sunshine coast for the Aussie and maybe syd . I just wish it could go back to the way it was a different state every year were people can compete in different surf and different conditions
37	Bring it on for all divisions
39	There should only be open men and open women. We are cheapening medals by adding all divisions.
41	Attaching it to ASRL Open or Aussies would make it difficult to get the time off work for the short course. It's better as is, attached to the Manly weekend carnival.
55	Run the Short Course Champs across all grades. Start heats AM Saturday and finish by noon Sunday so crews can get to the airport to get home.
56	The current system of coupling the event with a carnival at Manly (or elsewhere) and utilising the Australia Day long weekend means that travellers can make their journey more worthwhile by attending more than one event.
58	I don't believe we should have 'reserve grade' at any championship event. When we have crews who could clearly race competitively in 'open' but choose to race reserves it blures any thereoretical line between 'open' and 'reserves'. No other surf sport competition has a 'B' grade event at our championships. Why does boats?
65	There are already far too many events and we are taking a lot of shine off the holy grail of winning an Aussie gold. Everyone can't be a winner and we should not look to make our sport more of a lottery.
71	We are already running short course events races are 3 minutes 30 now. I can't see the point.
78	Great concept
79	Not a good idea.
80	Only having opens and U19 male and female and only allowing entry in the open to those crews who also only row open in the long course may assist in improving the current situation where clubs without an open crew area are wrongly dominating reserve grade.
82	We have to stop trying to compress events. Most people accept that larger events like this will need to be run over multiple days. Generally people can arrange days off work if enough notice is given.
85	The survey is ridiculous. I DO NOT SUPPORT their being a "short course" event at all. Where is the question that allows me to say that? The ASRL has been influential over a period that has seen the sport decimated.
87	Stop diluting the sport with all your hair brain ideas! Throw reserve grades in the bin. Start Women and Men in one pool each. Race 4 times, the top 12 go to A Semi (2 x 6, 3 through to final of 6) same process for B's

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105	2 each gender divisions. Will bring the crews into the event arena earlier. This will assist with flexibility in timetabling if the weather or other circumstances warrant change.
106	What about a masters division also, which has large numbers
107	I don't think we need a short course event, just get the present events running well, that is, usually course distance only.
109	Need to keep all divisions and open to all skill levels, having state qualifying rounds will see the sport diminish further.
112	Points based qualification from selected carnivals
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143	Great concept that needs to be pushed and promoted. As a WA rower would like to see it attached to ASRL Open or Aussies.
149	It should be Run Across All Divisions Including Masters over 1 day if attached to the ASRL Open or the Aussies , or 2 days if its a Stand alone Carnival
150	The more crews we can encourage and include can only assist in the ability to increase participation and improve competition.
157	Difficult for WA to travel - expense and time. Perhaps travel subsidy may help.
165	If I am travelling interstate i would like to run the Short course Championship on Saturday then an elimination short course on Sunday morning so we get 2 days of racing and still time to get to the airport on Sunday arvo.
167	The concept is great, no question, but as you say the opportunity is there for other crews to take home some medals then limiting it to open men/women & 19's or 23's reduces those crews who may row masters normally but are happy to row up a division if masters racing was out of the question to be included. Consider running U19 & U23 divisions as this is where our sports future lies, evident by there numbers and not forget about us masters, who still love to have a row competitively and now are the ones getting these young crews on the water.
169	I think a Masters division should be added
175	This current ASRL committee continues to amaze me with their willingness to do the work required to garner rowers' opinions and to be progressive in the events they seek to put on. Progressive as opposed to reactionary (SLSA). Well done and a massive thank you for your hard work done on a volunteer's salary!!! As for the short course, I would not attend a stand alone or two day event, it would have to be 'bolted on' to the Australian Championships. If that were the case then I think it would be very, very appealing to a large number of crews. For a long time we, as a section, have lamented the fact that craft/water competitors have so many 'goes' at a medal with all their team and individual events whereas we are stuck with our one division/one chance titles. And if you are from a smaller club there is no relay or lifesaver relay to enter. This short course Title would give another chance to compete in an event that would give crews a bit more of a chance given the nature of a short course race. I think most competitors save a lot of annual leave to attend the Australian Titles so I think attending a day earlier to have another shot at a medal would be most appealing. It certainly is to me.
186	Allow a day of recovery after the Short Course Championship, prior to the ASRL Open / prior to the Australian Championships
187	Short course will be determined on the start, with little change from there. Its an interesting change occassionaly to sharpen up some skills for normal racing but not a championship event.
188	Sounds like a good idea although the surf calendar is already pretty full Dec to Feb, qualification could be through existing carnivals or events
189	Don't think it will be taken seriously
197	Short course is not needed in our sport, we have just reduced our nromal racing to go down to 350m I believe, why do we need anything shorter. Seriously just run better events now, we have 8 divisions which is great, we will build the sport with better events and more exposure NOT a 'mickey mouse' short course event!!

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- 198 Good concept. Depends on the support from other clubs as to how well it will go.
- 209 If the seas are up there must be a suitable back up venue to allow the races to be short.
Normally with a big sea the races end up longer than anticipated.
All slsa Australian medals should be awarded at the ASRL open. The two current events should be morphed together with the ASRL running the show.
ASRL this year at Elouera a far better event in every way than slsa titles at Perth.
- 219 while wet starts are always good practice, don't be afraid to mix it up with run starts/finishes to really capitalise.
- 221 transport of boats is tricky for southern state clubs , if we could pursue a loan boat system (even if eastern state club recieved a donation from the club lending the boat ?) i think it would encourage more clubs ,
- 226 I think you are over thinking it
We do not need short course events
We should be concentrating more on making Normal racing more attractive
- 227 I reckon it's a sick idea! Sounds fun. Must ensure these contests are run at a beach with long, far out and big waves!! Needs to be lots of quick rounds tho so you don't get bummed if you get knocked out early cos of fast races. a good opportunity for those crews that froth surf action!
- 231 Love the concept, but don't restrict it like the ASRL open. Doing Aussies as a new rower was an amazing opportunity; I wouldn't have had the chance to compete at Aussies if there was a qualifier beforehand.
- 244 the more boats the better
- 248 Get the word out to all the bow bitches to start stretching them hamstrings!
- 255 Ask yourself has 20/20 Cricket done anything for Cricket? Personally I think that it makes Cricket into World Championship Wrestling type event.
Surfboat rowing to me is a sport that encases fitness, strength, speed, endurance & most importantly " Skill". That is skill to do the task at hand & that means to row the boat \$00m-500m to sea & then surf the boat back using the elements at hand. "A wham bam thank you mam" type event may result in all things being rushed, including a sweeps judgement with all importance placed on rushing & speed.
A sweep/coach does half boat races for training to sharpen skills & to get in more starts & turns. Often a sweep doing this will take a "late take off" to practice a crews ability to react in a fast manner to get aft, but if the crew muck it up they usually have an area of beach to themselves.
What about halving the distance of an "Iron Man Race" it could be called the "Tin Man Race".
- I once went to the Quarter Horse Races at Los Altimos California. To me it wasn't horse racing, it was just a mad dash.
- 257 I think it is important to protect the integrity and prestige of regular long course competition at the ASRL Open and Aussies. I don't think the short course should be attached to either of those as it may reduce or split participation numbers and the level of competition. I like the idea of the short course but feel it would be better being a stand alone event.
- 259 A state based pre-qualifier would reduce the quality of the Championship event as doing so would leave better crews from more populated states unselected where potentially weaker crews from smaller states would make the event, resulting in an uneven competition in terms of having the most skilled short course rowers be present.
- 269 If possible, three divisions
Under 19
Reserve (think that the Masters will be there if it is ran on the Wednesday of Aussies) this would also include Under 23's who might want to go into here who are no hope in Opens
Open
- 270 Give all 8 divisions the chance to compete against like wise so that every team can compete knowing that they have an equal chance of taking top honours and yes make it an anual event over 2 days .This is just what surf boats Australia needs
And most definetly what surf boat wa needs.
- 272 I dont think it should be with the Australian titles as its a different event to train for and can mess up a taper for sunday of Aussies.
- 280 If you get enough support, you can only give it a go and see how it pans out. No harm in trying.
- 286 300 metre course .. as opposed to 350m ..
- 288 Great idea.....anything thats improves on surf skills should be encouraged
- 291 Must run in one day. Must be attached to Aus titles as this is the one everyone takes more leave for and can compete in. Under 19s weakest division in terms of strength and speed and way off top 23 crews whereas under 23s closer to Opens hence must be divided into Open

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	and 19s.
293	19s & Opens, 23s can race open but 19s can't match it with 23s. Aussies bolt on only way i would go with my crews.
300	Gotta be Aussie Champs event not make ASRL OPEN longer
301	Great Idea!
303	I think the concept is a great idea, the focus will be more on starts, turns and surf skills due to the shorter distance
380	State/region pre qualifier and say top 10 crews from each division go to compete for short course medal in one day attachedto the asrl open. Keep age groups and categories separate ie: opens, reserves and juniors as it's not fair. Many reserve crews wouldn't get the chance to compete for a medal as they would likely to be out done by open crews.
389	Dont extend current carnivals by adding short course races
524	Why not make it a mixed event 2 males 2 females 1 division, just a suggestion
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693	Great idea ?????
739	Masters ?? If the effort has been made to tow a boat interstate taking multiple crews is more appealing
835	I don't accept the different styles of racing will give other crews a chance. If you're a middle of the pack opens crew in long course, you will be a middle short course crew. Given time off work and costs of travel, I don't support short course event as an additional. I would support a short course event that is in place of a current carnival. My suggestion would be the Freshwater carnival. All crews generally attend the manly carnival, so would be good to make the freshwater carnival short course and give interstate crews a reason to commit to a long weekend away. The nature of freshwater beach/ conditions lends itself to this style anyway.
930	Not needed
972	What about masters? I would have thought this format would be ideal.
1133	Brilliant! Could the top perhaps 24 crews in each division have preference? If one of those crews didn't want to compete then the 25th ranked crew qualifies and so on. Is there any consideration for masters?
1144	Master should be included
1205	Keep it one day. Keep it WEd Aussies that is when most people have most time off work. Keep it U19s and Opens. 23s can compete with opens, 19s can't compete with 23s to much physical development and difference there.
1236	possible to hold start of the season avoid congestion
1324	Add masters Both u19 and u23 At surf beaches One day event State based championships as qualifiers
1412	Combine reserve woman and open woman
1444	Great concept and good to see not every bloody division given a chance at a medal. Already too many as it is. Don't include masters if they want to race they can enter opens or run their own event
1472	Make it inclusive for all divisions! Masters too! Us oldies love racing! Look at developing women's masters rowing....140 & 160 it's a growing age group!
1517	Instead of adding an extra event, get numbers back in the existing 8 divisions. One of your questions on the short course gives no option to say no.
1606	Racing is shorter enough already. If you get hit by a wave in a short course race or don't get a runner your race is over. Longer races allows good crews to row back into the race. Short course racing will kill the sport. A skins carnival perhaps. But short course shouldn't be a championship carnival.
1620	Short course is a waste of time. The long course races are only 3min as it is. Long course needs to be 4min30sec for open men
1644	There's enough novelty events in the form of surfboat relays, australian representative carnivals and such.
1650	I think this is a terrible idea. We have enough troubles running championship events with the current roster. Adding more events simply erodes the value of either this event or the main event. Makes no sense to me. Instead of making More events, we should look to understand how to boost the popularity of the sport and this suggestion wouldn't do so. The turn around time of each heat is the issue and making the racing shorter won't help.
1716	Dont do it
1759	Grt did of it all together. 5min races rest can go kick a whinge bucket

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1780	Good for lead up events, however short course shouldn't be a championship event
1813	Include Masters division this is perfect for older crews and would encourage more older crews. This season we were 180 women's masters and had no competition except to row against younger crews and men.
1837	Why? What is the point of this carnival? There is no need for it. The sport is so small these days why would you create yet another subset of competition. Any victory in this event would be hollow as the competition pool would be diluted. Please focus energy on making our current events better, e.g. video finish judging at all major events, better live streaming with more camera angles.
1843	I think everyone should be given the chance to race in their own division whether that be over a few days or not. The more opportunities for people to win medals the better
1869	I oppose Short Course racing. Normal Championship Carnivals race length has decreased dramatically, they are no longer "Long Course". SC accentuates the disparity in fairness at the Start along a 150m stretch of Beach. There was no option to oppose SC racing, hence a couple of questions have responses that should be N/A.
1874	This is a horrendous idea, that even as a younger rower, I can see the degrading effect the introduction of the this as an event will have on our beloved sport. Every season the races are getting shorter and shorter with a so called 'normal' race being about 3:30 this season and the Australian men's final at the Aussies being a timed 3:15, it's absurd to think that we should need a 'shorter' division, if anything I'd love to see a return to some longer races back up to the 4:00 mark in length for Open men minimum and maybe a bit longer for the younger divisions, so that the Surfboats ROWERS actually have a chance to make a difference on their competition in a ROWING race not a Little trip out through the break and back
2054	Maybe for the first year run it on the Thursday before ASRL open and just have Open male and Female divisions, monitor entry numbers and add the under 19s the following season. Before Aussies I think entries may be lower because crews would be cautious about injury/damage at what is their major goal, the Aussie long course, also understanding it does open up medal prospects to crews which may be off pace for the long course.
2153	Should be 3 divisions open, under 23's and under 19's
2189	I support the concept of recognizing this event at a National level
2204	no
2261	Racing is the perfect training. Create quality and well organised events for combined divisions. Could have different divisions racing on different days to shorten the program.
2266	Stop making up events. Lets get back to Open Men & Women ,and the U19 back to U18 Men & Women. Reserve grade is only for crews that dont want to train. Most of them would qualify at Marsters level.
2310	It's a awesome idea , look forward to it coming out to be racing soon
2467	Run Aussies Wednesday to Saturday and have short course Sunday of Aussies.

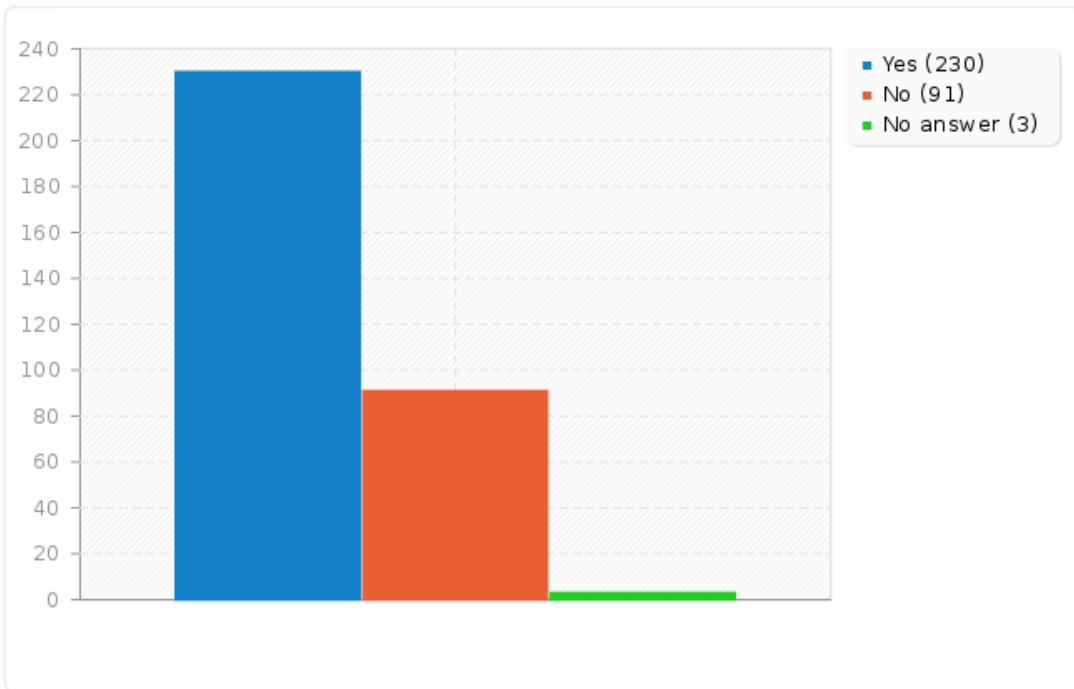
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Would you support a program that ran 4 divisions on Thursday with finals on Saturday and another 4 Divisions on Friday with finals on Sunday?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes (A1)	230	70.99%
No (A2)	91	28.09%
No answer	3	0.93%

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Field summary for AC3

Do you have any general comments you would like to make on the Australian Championships timetable?

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	89	27.47%
No answer	235	72.53%

ID	Response
9	Get drones to film all races (birdseye) so incidences out to sea can be viewed and reviewed when protests are put through and judges "can't remember" very poor form. Also changes to rules such as "one boat cannot be added to a race from a protest unless another boat from that race is DQ" should be made on the day of an event. It is bias and unfair and unnecessary and destroying our sport
11	Yes- if you are to "cut" crews with hard cuts i would rather see the reserves hit harder and have softer cuts for the under 19 divisions. These are the men and women who hold the future of the sport in their hands and the recent Aussies cuts hard to crews to go all the way to Perth for 3 rows and no back to back days is ridiculous(my crew made the final 8 so im saying this as an observation) Most if not ALL reserves(men and women) have experienced a true Aussies experience of racing over multiple days yet the "kids" were cut to a 4 hour carnival- that's not ON. Time and cost vs actual experience is quite low.
15	The officials need to stick their the rules. There were too many decisions Mandy on the fly and outside the rules. Giving an entire heat equal points is not right. Then to cut a deal with the protesters to extend the cut and then throw in an extra round - poor and not fair on the rest of the competition. Either rerun the race or dismis the protest. Harsh cuts are ok, but only if needed. To do harsh cuts then conclude racing at 1515 on the Thursday made the decision a mockery. The line marshals need to be educated. They were shocking and useless. The draws team were ineffective, slow and made too many mistakes.
17	Bring back kurrawa and finals Sunday for all divisions
24	Have a backup beach for U19 and U23 crews and take it seriously that they don't have the capacity to take on some of the Kurrawa surf we've experienced in the past. It's too far for some of us to travel to waste the trip and the whole season and the finances.
29	Having the finals on Sunday was fine when we only had Opens Reggies and Juniors in mens only. But now with many more divisions we must split the Finals up and not drag it out too long. The next generation will not cop that and I don't want it like being dragged out either.
32	Would totally support splitting the divisions if it gives greater flexibility to the program and getting racing completed. Would just need to manage peoples expectations particularly around travel arrangements if competitors think that they are racing Saturday and then that division gets moved to Thursday. Can be an expensive impost on competitors.
33	I think all division should row every day with the final day, being where all grades row 1 semi and then final . Why should there be only some grades have take more time of than other grades, to me its a bit rough . If we can fit the ASRL in three days we should be to fit that pogram in four days , just my thoughts.
37	Keep the 8 Division finals on Sunday
39	Divisions all need a minimum of 4 rows. Doing nearly 50% cuts after 3 rows at Perth was again a bad desicion. The organisers again where scared of a potential storm on Sunday which didn't come. There was ample time still to give all divisions 3 - 4 rounds depending on numbers but they still couldn't get organised. Why can we have such great events like Ocean Thunder and ASRL run like clockwork and the Aussies be such a shocker. Everyday at Perth the draws took so long after the round robin and no one new what exactly was going to happen next until 5 minutes before there race. We need to get younger people to run the carnival who know surf boats as well as computers and the programs that are run.
41	I prefer having all finals on the one day, I like to watch the other divisions and be involved. Plus the younger divisions don't get as much 'cred' When their finals are completed on a different day

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- 47 Am disgusted in how Masters are treated completely different to other groups. Most of them train just as hard and pay the same money to enter, travel etc and don't even get footage of there races etc. Some of them even compete in reserves/opens as well which makes it even more expensive staying extra days. How about we start treating them as equals....
- 52 My U23 girls rowed Thursday and Friday this year.
No problems and happy to do it it two days.
- 56 The four day program seems to work well. This also allows the flexibility to modify the program in the case of inclement weather. I would even be in favour of holding the Australian Championships over 5 days and utilising the 4 days with the best conditions. If the Surf boat Finals were on a Saturday this could give rowers a chance to watch finals of other events on the Sunday.
- 58 I believe it is necessary to have the flexibility to move the program around to cater for conditions. Having a lay day built into the program or more relaxed programming allows this.
- 60 Keep all finals on Sunday. Thats part of the excitement, making it to Sunday (Finals Day). Numbers in open womes division has been down since the introduction of reserve women. They should however be given the same amount of racing as the reserves. There was no additional elimination round for open women this year which was really disappointing given they are a premier division.
- 65 Scrap u23s or reserve grade. Encourage open rowing for younger athletes. Look after the elite competition and we will be better off in the long run. We continue to cater for hobbyists who are destroying our sport. Time to change!!
- 70 U23 is a bullshit division and needs to go!
U19, Reserves and A grade - that's it.
- 75 All finals one after the other on Sunday
- 3 rows to final
- 12 , 8 , 6
- 80 Saturday demonstrated that all 8 divisions can be easily run in a day from top 16 down.
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- 103 Junior male cut super harsh as was reserve male which was changed half way through racing
- 105 Unfortunately history has shown that we need to be flexible at any surfboat "event". Crews need to be ready to row anytime within the time frame of an event.
- 107 Yes think we could split no worries if needed to.
- 112 Flexibility and communication is the key. This year officials did a fantastic job to fit everything in but if some divisions had prior notice to be there Wednesday they could have run heats after the relays
- 124 Crews should compete at a certain amount of events and at specified events to qualify to attend the Australian Championships.
- 126 Under 19 females ran well this year with the small number of crews that attended. Why not run them over 2 consecutive days in future? It would save on year 12 students taking a week off school and more crews might attend.
- 136 With more divisions and fewer competitors it would be great to not be spread over a number of days- this means taking less time off work/ away from families etc. opens and 29s run together and 23s/ reserves run together.
- 149 That Masters be re worked to be part of the Open Program
- 150 Have masters rowing included into the open section of the carnival.
- 157 No
- 165 I think you should block U19 men, U19 women, U23 women, Res women together and let all divisions know that racing is over 4 days. If the surf looks like it is getting up before the week end you may run the weaker divisions Thursday and finals friday, Then the other divisions. There needs to be flexibility and this needs to be communicated very early before people book flights etc.
What was done this year in Perth was brilliant.
PS everyone i speak to says they are NOT going back to Perth for 10 years.

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- Thanks for the survey Steve Davies
- 169 I think the Reserves division is out dated. I believe it should not be a championship for a medal. I believe all senior crews should be entered in opens then cut after two rounds, with the bottom half having a consolation division with no medals. This should apply to both men's and women's. Club points could still be awarded as this encourages depth.
- 171 Keep all finals on Sunday where possible please.
- 175 Keep all finals on the Sunday. If it means running semis and finals only on the Sunday then so be it. Sunday needs to be a big finals day and it needs to be a day where the surf boat community can gather and see the best of all divisions in the one place, at the one time. Also, having been lucky enough to make the finals' day on a few occasions, I can say don't underestimate the value of atmosphere and excitement that is created for the crews involved by being among all the action of finals. It adds to the community and camaraderie and therefore the appeal of being involved in the sport. 'Making the Sunday at Aussies' is a goal for all crews from the start of the season and one that is seen as a genuine achievement that makes it all worthwhile. This goal needs to remain for all crews to strive for.
- 180 yes and no for splitting the finals day. It would make it hard for smaller clubs with only 1 crew competing on each day.
- I also feel like they cut to many events at the aussies, we still had a lot of time at the end of each day which could have been used to run a rep or another round to give crews another row. It's no secret that there are less and less crews every year, being able to give people more rows on more days is a great way to encourage them to stay
- 186 Have the flexibility and movement within the program to favor the better weather and swell conditions
- 187 All finals should be on the same day!!! Its an AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP. This does not mean all QF, 16-12 etc but as a minimum all Semis 8-6 & finals. hats only 5 races per division ie a 40 race program!!!
- 188 It was very well run this year. Good call to move to sat with the forecast being what it was.
- One of the key additions was the camera at the finish line. This should be a must for all carnivals going forward and absolute necessity at the major carnivals.
You cant argue with the camera and I have known people to leave the sport after perceived bad calls from the line judges.
- 189 I get why you are asking but think all finals should be Sunday. The age divisions should be down to top 8 to save time since they start with less.
- 198 Don't constantly change it. Stick to what you set. E.g. on Friday we were told 3 races in Open Men. They specifically said "that's definitely it" when we asked are you sure there won't be another race. This was told to us in the morning. Then, after our 3rd race, we are told there will be another race. How does that work? Why make that change half-way through the day? Make a decision in the morning and stick with it. If you need to change - communicate it. Use text messages or an app or social media. Communication is key if you want to save this sport. Let us know the reasons why you have changed as soon as you make the change. Fix it as it is not acceptable at the moment.
- 208 Maybe look at an A pool and B pool finals series for both open/reserve men and women. Pool all open crews (Open and Reserve) racing on Thursday and then qualify B pool to Saturday finals and A pool to Sunday finals. This gives you your Open boat winners and a true Reserve boat winner.
- 209 Get someone competent to do the draws in real time. It is to a point that the impartiality and integrity of the system is now in question. This is unacceptable. Publish the way draws will be done at the start of the carnival. I.e. rounds seeded. Method used etc.
Seeding alleys into quarters and semis. Or not seeding. Just let us know so we can race accordingly.
This will save time. It takes to long to get draws out. If the draw is done based on finish position of previous race once knockout rounds have begun the crews can almost work it out themselves.
Saves time,
- 218 Why were there such "savage" cuts for the u19 Male division, but such "soft" cuts for the Reserves.
Surely the u19 Division are the people we are trying to encourage and keep?
- 219 It makes it super hard for sweeps over that long too
There needs to be restrictions on double dipping and clubs having crews rowing reserves when they should be opens.
I do however support not racing every division every day.
- 221 better late march
- 226 There is no reason all finals could not be held on the finals day

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	Surf will always control how the event is run This year we adapted If it wasn't for the weather we could have run all finals on one day Nothing beats the buzz of all finals following each other and ending with the two open men's and women's It will bring the younger rowers back
227	Nicce
244	very disorganised this year
248	Much prefer Finals on the Saturday! More time for celebration
254	Don't Split the finals please, that would destroy them.
255	Surfboats should have their own Australian Championship Schedule, just like the swimming & the athletics at the Olympic & Commonwealth Games. Meaning they are not run at the same time.
257	Aussies Sunday has a different feel to any other day of competition (even though it was actually a Saturday this year) and I think it is important to keep the finals on the same day, even if it means harder cuts or starting earlier ect
261	If you want to run 8 divisions, then masters crews should not be permitted to back up for Reserves male and female. If you allow that to happen, then we should not have U/19 Female division nor should we have a Reserve Women's Division.
269	With the finals we had on Friday (U19M and U23W) NO ONE knew the winners/results due to an extremely late finish and also no SLSA coverage. They missed out on the glory.
272	We need to do everything to ensure that the eight divisions finish on Sunday as a group. Even though I said yes to 4 divisions thursday and 4 divisions friday, Just wondering if it would take away the prestige of racing finals day sunday at Aussies when half the boats are all finished? I think supporters attendance on the beach would drop? We seem to keep adding divisions and the numbers are dropping like crazy, Look at cutting the 23s division, At 20y old they can row reserve grade, at 23 they should be strong enough to row OM.
276	condensing the racing to the saturday worked out fine, it was a long day though and slowed down too much at the end. could speed things up a lot more. I don't think anyone missed out on a final who was meant to be in it. I did enjoy having the friday off for rest day.
280	I thought the decision to shorten the program was a good one under the circumstances. Great event, really enjoyed it, was much easier in our area (scrutineering) with less boats at Scarborough. Next year it would be better if we can start scrutineering from 7.30am or 8am every morning, instead of 7am. 7am is a big ask of volunteers, especially when we're required to be there for 9 days straight.
287	All finals to be held on the Sunday
288	We should endeavour to have ALL finals on the one day - Sunday
291	ALL FINALS MUST BE SUNDAY!!! This is non-negotiable as far as I am concerned. I come from a very big competitive club and we love being there together on the Sunday. Please make it stay the same. The public wants to see the best of the best all in the one place, one time.
293	No WAAAAAAAY! Must all be 2 gthr. Ruin atmosphere and take away the goal of crews trying to make Sunday. Also if you know you can make Sunday you make the trip more worthwhile. Gotta be all on Sunday.
300	NEVER. Keep Finals Day Sunday.
389	Don't change the running order mid carnival, don't change the amount of races in a day
405	Lrb roster is a joke!
681	Easy to run all finals on Sunday when we had three, then four divisions. With eight divisions, time to change. Our u23s and 19s had no problem finishing on Friday this year. They don't care, as long as they row.
739	Keep it at the ASRL as we have more control
835	I would be happy for the finals day split ONLY IF it meant that all crews were ensured more racing during the round robin with cuts less harsh. Travelling to Perth this year, a number of crews only had 3 races and were out. 5 rounds will eliminate bad luck, bad draw, bad alley leaving the best crews to go through to elimination races whilst providing some form of value to competitors who have trained hard all year, and the clubs who fund these entries.
972	All positive. Personally as a low age masters competitor I'm disappointed how many races we row when we travel mostly 3 to 4. It would be good to do more so the crews that get fit become more of a factor. 8 months of training deserves an advantage over crews that rarely train. Cheers keep up the good work????

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1200	The present timetable is too spread, our crew would like to row the Masters but cannot find the time to have crew boat & sweep at venue on Sunday for a Monday start, sweep then has 3 days off until he is required for Friday. We have not attended since the Monday start
1204	NO NO NO!!!
1205	NOT AT ALL! Keep it together for the good of the sport. Sunday is the promised land all crews want to get to at the Australian Champs. don't take that away.
1270	Video finish line - sls and officials need to accept technology Everyone has phones that video and take photos
1412	Business Sunday
1444	All finals on Sunday if weather permits
1515	Put U19/U23 earlier, then RM, RW, OM, OW on sunday
1606	No short course at Aussies.
1716	It can all be done in three days. same as ASRL as there are similar numbers at both carnivals these days
1759	Even though it was condensed it was still alright.
1780	Scrap the 23 division all together. Run only U21, reserves, open men and women.
1813	Include Masters crews
1869	Too Long for the volume of Crews. Could have completed in 3 full days (incl Masters).
2030	ALL Finals on Sunday please!
2153	The hooter is not very loud a gun is a much better option for the start
2204	no. well done at scarborough!
2261	Finals on Sunday for all divisions. Clubs want to celebrate achievements together at the end of the competition.
2467	ASRL at Elouera and Aussies in Perth showed they can run an efficient carnival if they want. Need to change the officials at the back of the beach doing the draws as NSW state and Aussies was atrocious and most time lost came because of them. If you can do that, run Aussies Wed - Sat including all relays and short course on the sunday.
2475	Thanks it was run really well at Scarborough