

2010 Crew Survey Results

First and foremost let me thank everyone who responded to the crew survey. I really appreciate the feedback and the open and honest opinions that were shared.

Before I get to my comments on the survey results, I thought I'd share the data with you. I've simply cleaned up the data to make it more presentable, but I haven't altered the opinions expressed. It does appear however that some answers were truncated by the survey system.

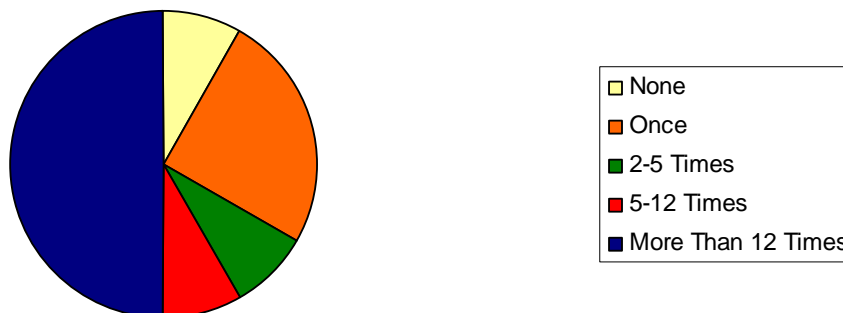
Response Rate

The original email went out to 19 people, and the reminder went out to 15 people. We received 12 responses. 75% of responses included names (or recognizable, if not disturbing pseudonyms) – *though I have removed the names from the responses and any particularly personally identifying parts of their answers.*

Question 1: How many times did you race on Andiamo in 2009?

Number of Times Raced In 2009	
None	1
Once	3
2-5 Times	1
5-12 Times	1
More Than 12 Times	6

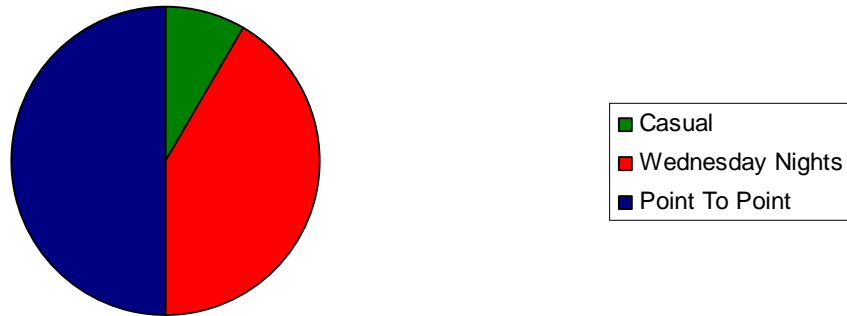
Number of Times Raced In 2009



Question 2: What type of racing do you most prefer?

Type of Races	
Casual	1
Wednesday Nights	5
Point To Point	6
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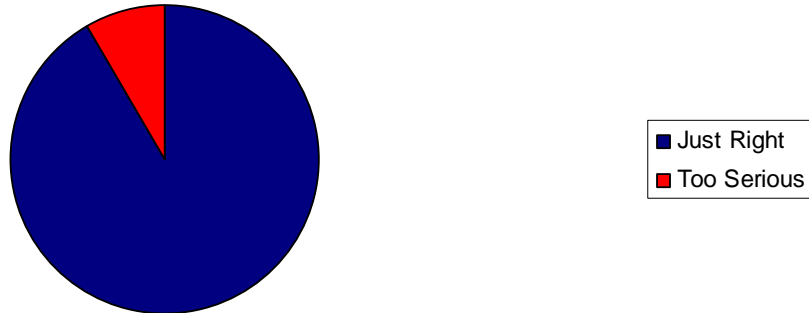
Prefered Types Of Races



Question 3: What is your opinion of the mood on board while racing?

Mood	
Just Right	11
Too Serious	1

Opinion of Mood Aboard



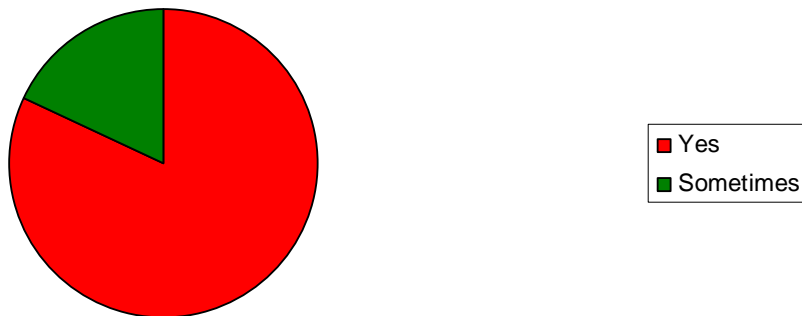
Comments Within The Survey:

- I think most of the time the mood is just about right. It does seem to casual with getting people to commit to actually racing though.
 - Just right balance between desire for competitiveness fun and more learning. A note to the skipper: this mistake-making crewmember responds better to patient instruction than to exasperated recrimination
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Question 4: Do you enjoy post-race events such as heading out for dinner/drinks?

Post Race Activities	
Yes	9
Sometimes	2
No	0

Post Race Activities



Comments Within Survey:

- I prefer off-the-water post-race activities; either at the dock or at a restaurant (to provide sailors the option of heading for bed).
 - But Harry's SERIOUSLY needs to cut down on the amount of shredded lettuce on their burgers. See if you can do something about that.
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Question 5: What do you like most about sailing on Andiamo?

- The times when you and I are the only ones on the boat and we get have deep conversations about our relationship while under way
 - Being with friends on the water (when it's warm)
 - The camaraderie. Completing perfect tacks and working together to solve issues.
 - Good group of people and fun atmosphere! I just can't race on Wednesday nights.
 - Camaraderie; 2. Learning
 - I'm a sailing addict. I love getting out and sailing. Especially with good friends.
 - Group participation; social aspects; learning new skills and trying to improve skills; overall the challenge; Oh and competitiveness.
 - I like that the experience is mostly casual punctuated by moments or phases of dedication and focus where we really get to learn and apply our skills.
 - The captain and crew.
 - racing, learning new tactics and positions (don't go there Jamie!) on the boat. love getting out with friends and being outside on the water. love summer racing the most
 - The opportunity to learn things I wouldn't otherwise have and spend time with friends doing so. Oh yeah and beating other boats too.
 - Getting together w/ friends - 50%; Being a better sailor- 40%; Getting outside- 10%
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Question 6: What do you like least about sailing on Andiamo?

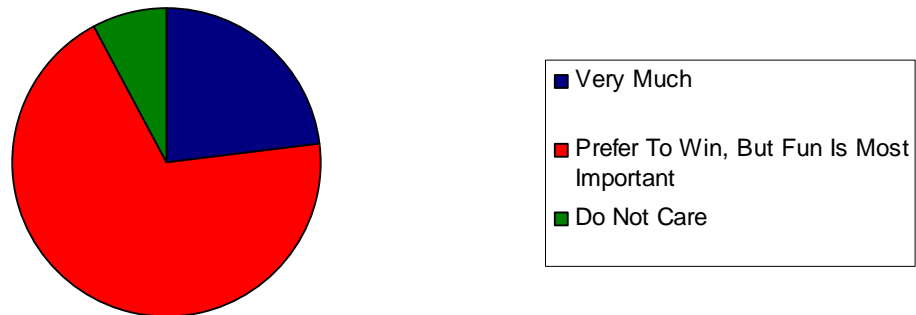
- Really serious racing when the weather is shit and everyone is stressed.
 - Rain
 - When the mood goes from serious to frustrated.
 - Jamies bad jokes.
 - We tend to get stuck in roles. When we've tried to pick a job from the hat we always wind up going back to our normal positions. I realize that is due to weather but we all learned our spots under the same conditions.
 - The lack of interest and commitment by some other members of the crew.
 - Cold weather
 - Low wind and early start times. :)
 - Losing
 - Hypothermia
 - Hmm...I dislike long races when we screw up and are stuck in last forever shorter races are better while we're still climbing the learning curve. Uhhh...I feel bad for rail meat that has to just sit through a race but its not like I really want to tack...
 - Feeling lost when things get gnarly.
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Question 7: How important do you feel being competitive in races is?

Importance of Finishing Position	
Very Much	3
Prefer To Win, But Fun Is Most Important	9
Do Not Care	1
N/A	0
Total	13

** Added one vote for 'Very Much' since one respondent was torn between 'Very Much' and 'Prefer To Win'

Importance Of Finishing Position



Comments Within Survey:

- I say I don't care, but then I end up getting all competitive.
 - I always want us to do the best we can but most of the time it did not matter to me how we placed. I was more interested in improving the whole boat's speed and skill so that we could really challenge ourselves on those occasions when we really DID win
 - Somewhat | A mix between somewhat and liking to sail no matter what. I like winning/competing but recognizing where the crew's skill level is I don't expect to win but I'm still disappointed that we failed to compete. Also depends on the type of race...duck...
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Question 8: Suggest 3 ideas that would improve sailing on Andiamo.

- More casual dinner cruises with zero competition going on; A babysitter
 - Change my work schedules; Make it rain less
 - Letting people learn new positions while dropping the expectation that we will compete just as well while people are learning those positions. Sorry I only have that one!
 - Before the racing season starts do some practice with people at specific tasks. Have all the girls go topless; Have the topless girls serving cocktails!
 - Try to set the schedule (I realize finishing varies) to not stay out for too long 2. Try to get the boat faster (pull off non-essentials prior to racing?) 3. Rotating crew assignments (for those interested)
 - The only way to get me on board more in 2010 is for the boat to do more races. haha
 - My schedule was the problem so unless you can be on the boat 24/7 I don't know that there's anything you could do that would get me out more often. :(
 - Can you make my work go away so I can come more during the week races? or even make the weather a little more happy. maybe that stomping dance you do could be put to better use as a sun or wind dance :)
 - 1) Continue the shorter races. 2) More focus on teaching strategy terminology maneuvers etc 3) more dinners on boat (summer) 4) bikini night (girls only duh)
 - Can't come up with three. One is more cross-training on crew.
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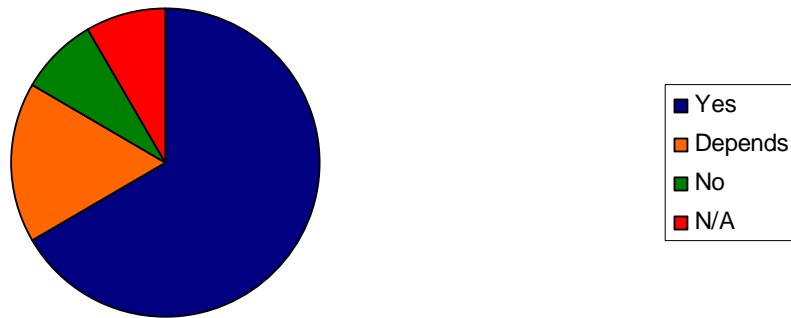
Question 9: How do you think we can decrease the rate of canceling among crew?

- Line up babysitting...I'm totally there.
 - I'm not sure. You are good about getting out the info in advance. People need to be more personally responsible to ensure that they are letting you know either way in a timely fashion. I wonder if we could use Team Cowboy (scheduling online system that
 - Yup
 - Plan for less of the all-day races. When they are happening quite a bit it seems like crew can by-pass one because another is coming up.
 - Aside from a vacation I have planned for May sailing is already at the top of my schedule.
 - Good question - not sure. Weekend sails tend to start very early in the morning, especially if the night beforehand ran late. I suppose it might be easier to commit to shorter sails that start later in the day on the weekends, but then you're not partici...
 - hooters girls handing out beer during the race.
 - it's already a high priority...and i RSVP so I think i'm good on this one. but glad you're asking! couple of the cancels have upset me.
 - More communication about events (or importance implications of events, i.e. exclusive invitationals) further out in advance with follow-up reminders to RSVP.
 - More duck dodges in case can't make regular Wednesday nights.
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Question 10: Would you like to see a major event on the schedule, like Swiftsure, even if you had to pay part of the preparation or entry costs?

Big Event	
Yes	8
Depends	2
No	1
N/A	1

Big Event



Comments Within The Survey:

- Depending on the event yes. I would much rather see something like Round the County on the schedule as opposed to Swiftsure.
 - I guess I'd like to see it on the calendar because I think it would be exciting for you and the experienced crew but I don't feel like I'd be able to participate in any useful way.
 - Uh...I don't even know what Swiftsure is...I probably should by now. If this is the one that is a couple days worth of short race series I'd pay for that.
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Question 11: What non-racing type of sails would you like to see Andiamo do?

Non-Racing Events	
Social Cruises	6
Training Sails	9
Overnight Cruises	7

Non-Racing Events

