



# GLENDOWIE BOATING CLUB (INC)

Clubhouse: Glendowie Road

## STARLING SURVEY RESULTS

The recent survey of participants in the 2006 Nationals was concluded on 17 June 06. The objective was to assess opinion on the fleet splitting arrangements as used at the last two National Championships. An informal email survey sent to the listed addresses of entrants from the 2006 entry list. One hundred and sixteen valid addresses received the following questions: -

### OPTION 1

*All boats race as one fleet regardless of the total number. ISAF and Yachting NZ do not recommend this and recommend the Gold and Silver fleet system for fleet splitting once entries exceed 60 boats.*

### OPTION 2

*Split the fleet into four similarly ceded flights, with two flights racing against each other per race. The four flights are rotated through the series and the winner of the championship is the lowest points scorer at the completion of the regatta.*

### OPTION 3

*A four to six race ceding series followed by final splitting of entrants into gold and silver fleets based on the achieved aggregate (allowing discard) of these first races. The series is then resolved within the gold and silver fleets utilizing all points (less drops) achieved over the entire series. (This was the option used at the last two Nationals.)*

Twenty-four replies were received which equates to a 21% response rate.

Option 1	13%
Option 2	8%
Option 3	79%

### **Conclusions**

The male/female survey response ratio closely reflected the male/female participation ratio in the regatta.

Those in favour of option 3 (the most popular) were evenly split between the gold and silver fleet participants.

Within these option 3 votes, gender support was evenly divided between the gold and silver fleet females. However, gold fleet males supported option 3 at a 3:1 ratio over the silver fleet males.

Judging from the low response rate and the overwhelming support for the #3 fleet splitting option it would appear there is very little support for a change to the procedures currently in use. Only 4% of emailed participants replied requesting change. The results of this survey have been forwarded to Yachting New Zealand and the Nelson Starling National's 2007 organisers. A few replies were received with brief comments added, all offering useful points of view. These have been de-identified and forwarded to Yachting NZ for consideration.

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