

Sligo Kayak Club



Member Survey Summary

10 Jan 2021

Respondents

There were 46 survey respondents in total. All ages, genders & skill levels were well represented.

1. Gender

● Woman	22
● Man	24
● Non-binary	0
● Prefer not to say	0



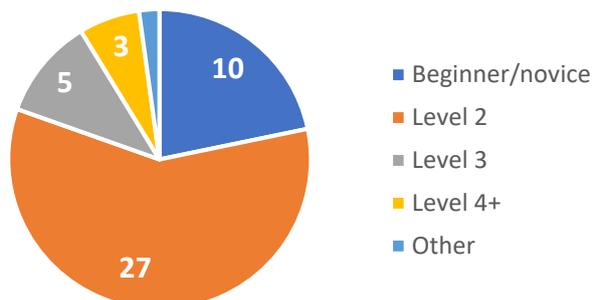
2. Your age

● Under 18	13
● 18-30	4
● 31-45	11
● 46+	18



3. What is your current kayaking skill level?

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Kayaking Goals

The majority of respondents (37/46) expressed a desire to progress river/sea skills with 10 of those interested in progressing to instructor/leader level. (Two of those counted ticked the "other" category).

Running rivers, doing day trips and learning how to roll are key areas people want to focus on for the coming 12 months.

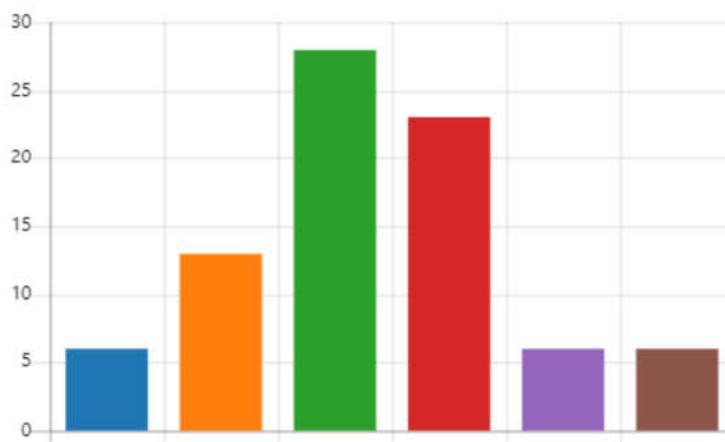
4. What is your kayaking goal?

Happy at my current level of s...	7
Progression to higher river/se...	26
Progression to higher skill leve...	9
Broaden my experience via ot...	1
Other	3



5. Where do you want to be in 12 months time? (tick all that apply)

Doing what i'm already doing	6
Rolling	13
Running rivers/whitewater	28
Doing more day trips	23
Leading trips	6
Other	6



6. Describe one area of your paddling you would like to improve on.

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[Individual responses kept private but included a variety of items from basic skills through to advanced freestyle and white water]

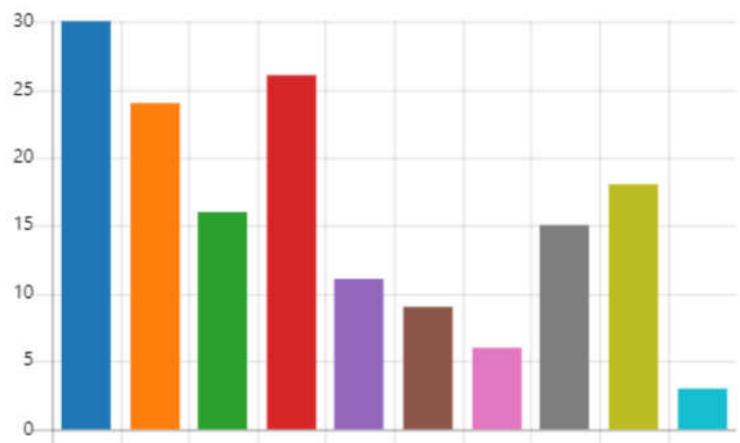
Disciplines & Other Training

There is a wide variety of interest within the club. Recreational paddling, river running and sea kayaking are the top three choices but there is also strong interest in other activities as shown below.

Outside of paddling there is strong interest in river safety courses as well as remote emergency care and coastal navigation.

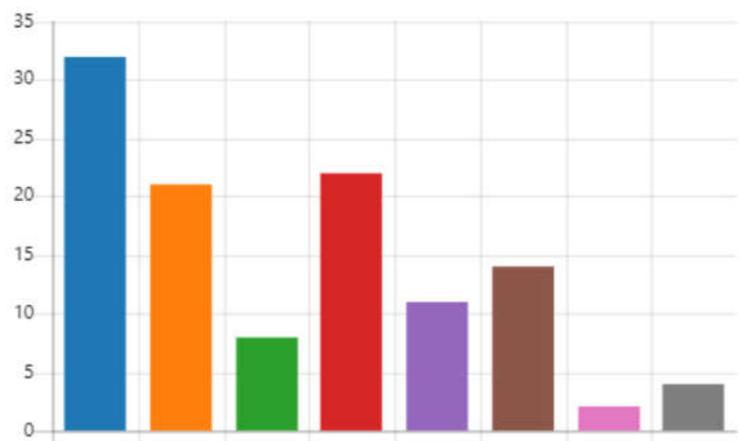
7. What disciplines or activities are you most interested in? (tick all that apply)

Recreational paddling (lakes, i...	30
Sea kayaking (coastal trips/to...	24
Kayak surf	16
River running (grade 1-3)	26
River running (grade 3+)	11
Freestyle kayaking	9
Racing/competitive kayaking	6
Events (Liffey Decent, Galway ...	15
Pool sessions	18
Other	3



8. What other kayaking related training are you interested in? (tick all that apply)

River safety and rescue (RSR)	32
Remote first aid (REC)	21
Children First training	8
Coastal Navigation	22
VHF training	11
Trip planning	14
None of the above	2
Other	4



Participation

Sadly, less than half of club members (74 club members total) get to paddle weekly or monthly based on those who responded to the survey. The biggest reason given is work or family commitments; Covid of course was cited by many as another reason for not being able to attend.

Almost all respondents have transport options available; 31 of 46 respondents have own transport.

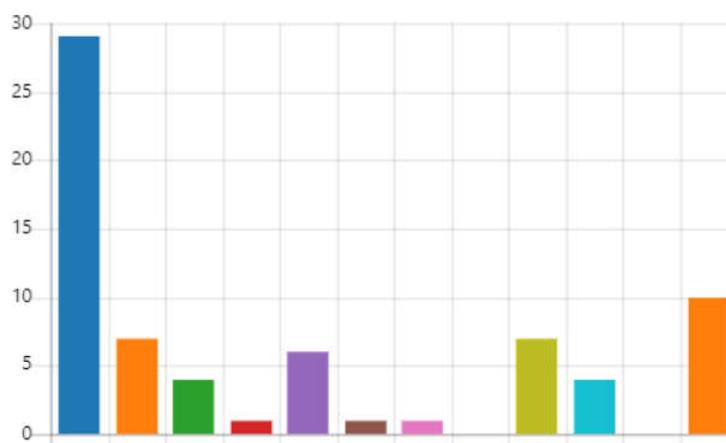
9. How often do you partake in club events/peer paddles?

Weekly	22
Monthly	11
Seasonal	10
Yearly	1
Never	2

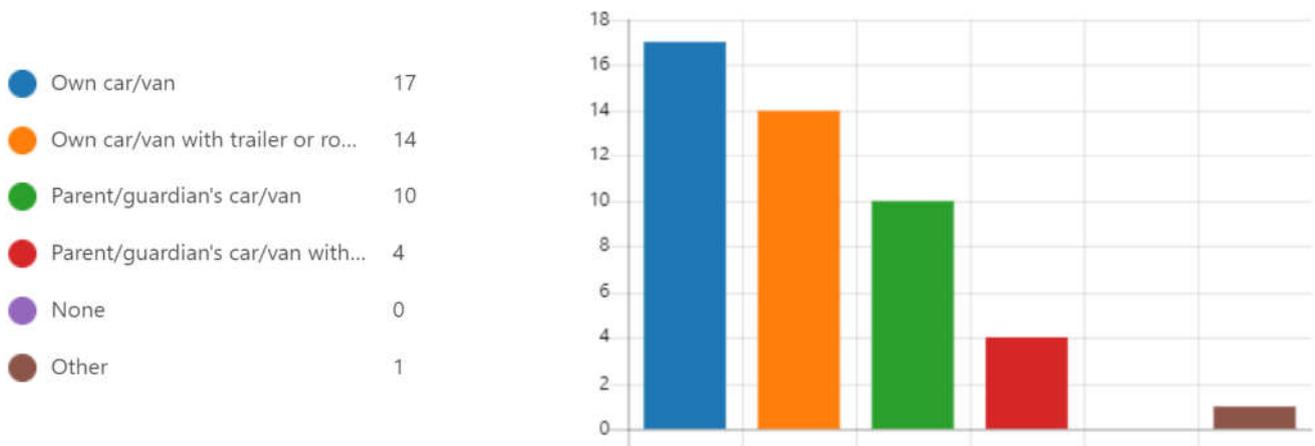


10. What prevents you from taking part more often? (tick all that apply)

Work/family commitments	29
Timing of sessions	7
Location of sessions	4
Not interested in type of even...	1
Skill level required is too high	6
Skill level required is too low	1
Skill level of instructors/leaders	1
Lack of transport	0
Weather conditions	7
Lack of equipment	4
Non-inclusive environment	0
Other	10



11. What transport options do you have?



12. What day/time works best for you i.e. weekdays after 6pm, sunday mornings 9am etc etc?

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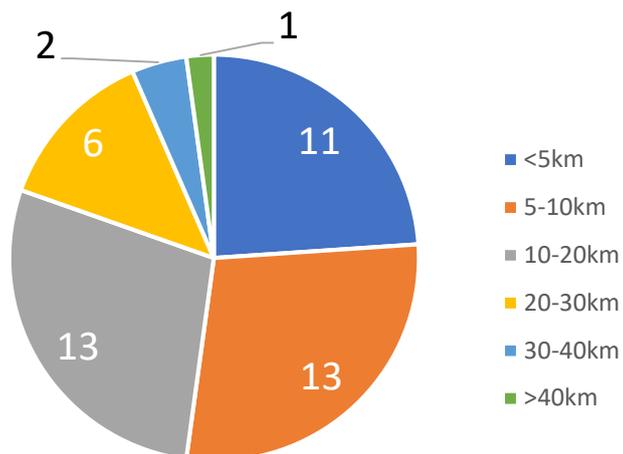
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[Individual responses kept private but included a wide variety of times such as Saturdays, Sunday mornings, Sunday afternoons, weekdays after 6, weekdays after 7, midweek only etc etc.]

13. Approximately how far from the SKC club house do you reside?

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One member lives 1 hr 30min from the club!!



On the important question about what the club can do to improve participation 24/46 respondents said the club don't need to do anything more however some of the suggestions put forward by other respondents included: late evening midweek sessions, adult only sessions, more river trips, different locations, more events, polo, lake competitions, more local training opportunities, more sea kayaking, higher level coaching, child minders ;) , skills development, more weekends, more beginner classes, longer and shorter sessions and more sessions.

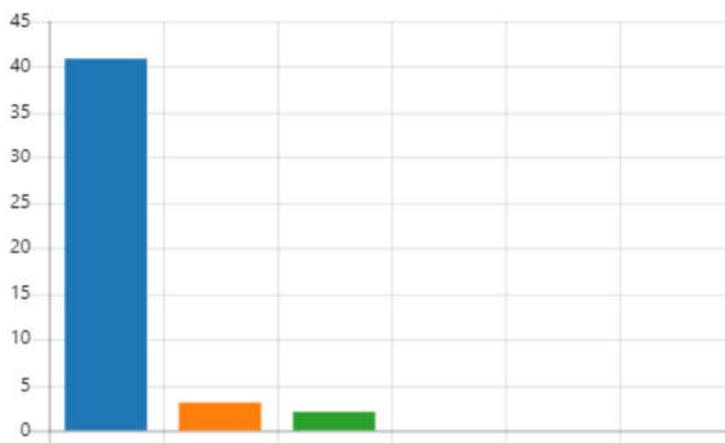
14. What could the club do to assist your participation?

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Latest Responses
 "More sessions"
 "Norhing more."
 "More beginners classes "

15. How satisfied are you that that the annual membership fee provides good value for money?

● Very satisfied	41
● Somewhat satisfied	3
● Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2
● Somewhat dissatisfied	0
● Very dissatisfied	0
● Other	0



Similar to Q14 respondents were asked for suggestions to improve participation/service. Suggestions included more coaching sessions, different disciplines, development of leaders and members in RSR 1/2/Rec 3, be proactive about getting feedback, create a calendar of events, junior competitive disciplines, foreign kayaking trips, more competitive activities, improve clubhouse and facilities inc. parking, more whitewater & sea trips, external instructors for L3+ skills, social meetings, long term paddling plan, more instructors, rolling & rescue sessions, earlier notice of activities.

16. Do you have any suggestions for things the club can do to encourage better participation or to provide a better service for members?

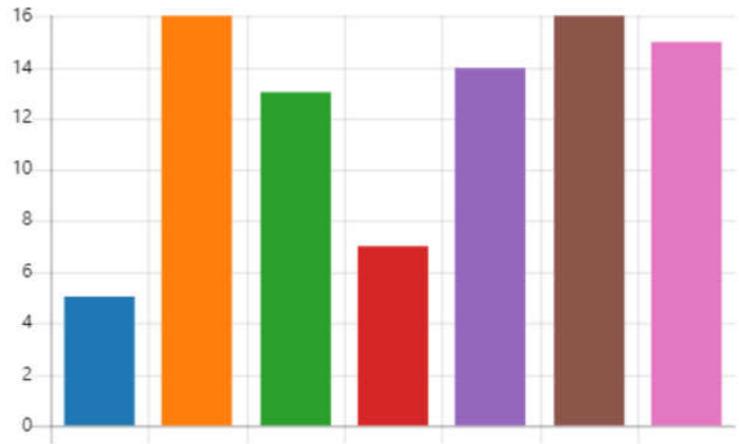
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 " No suggestions I am happy 🥰"
 "N/A"
 "They are very good with encouraging "

Respondents showed a strong desire to contribute to club development by providing transport, supporting the committee (but not be on the committee) or organising events. There is also strong interest in progression to instructor level.

17. How would you like to contribute to club growth/development? (tick all that apply)

- I'd like an active committee role 5
- I'd like a role supporting the c... 16
- I'd like to coach or instruct 13
- I'd like to lead trips 7
- I can provide transport (post-c... 14
- I can help organise events/ses... 16
- Other 15



Thank you to all survey respondents. Your responses will help future committees shape the club for the future.