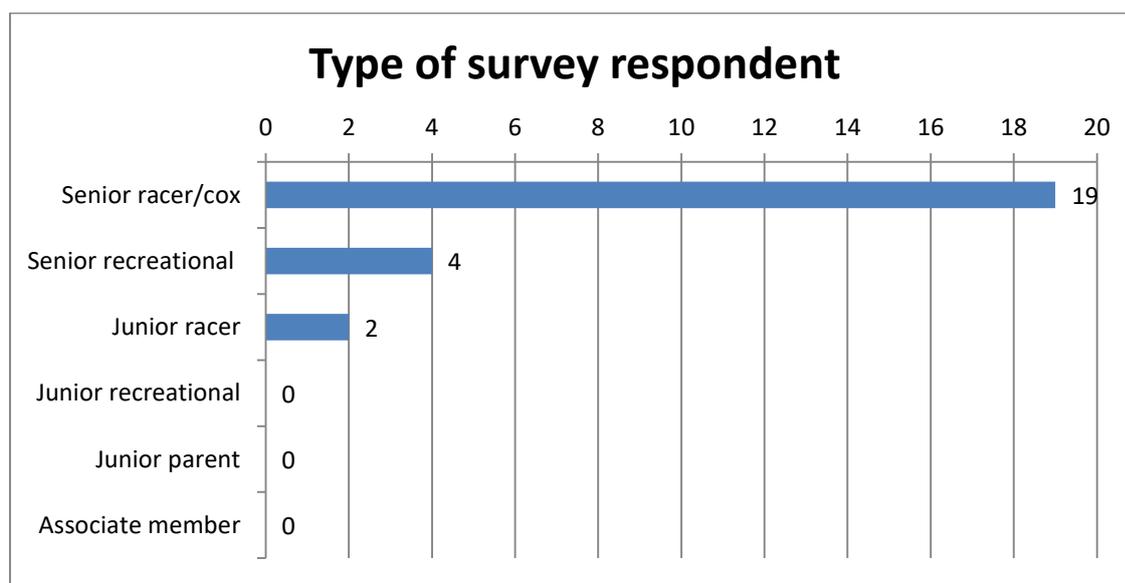


OTRC Member Survey 2018

There were 25 complete or partial responses to the survey. All partial responses (i.e. survey was not 'submitted' at the end) are included, even if some questions were unanswered. The only responses that were excluded were those where the survey was answered but no answers at all were submitted.

1. Are you answering this survey as (select the most applicable):

Three quarters of respondents were from the senior racing section of the club.



The Club

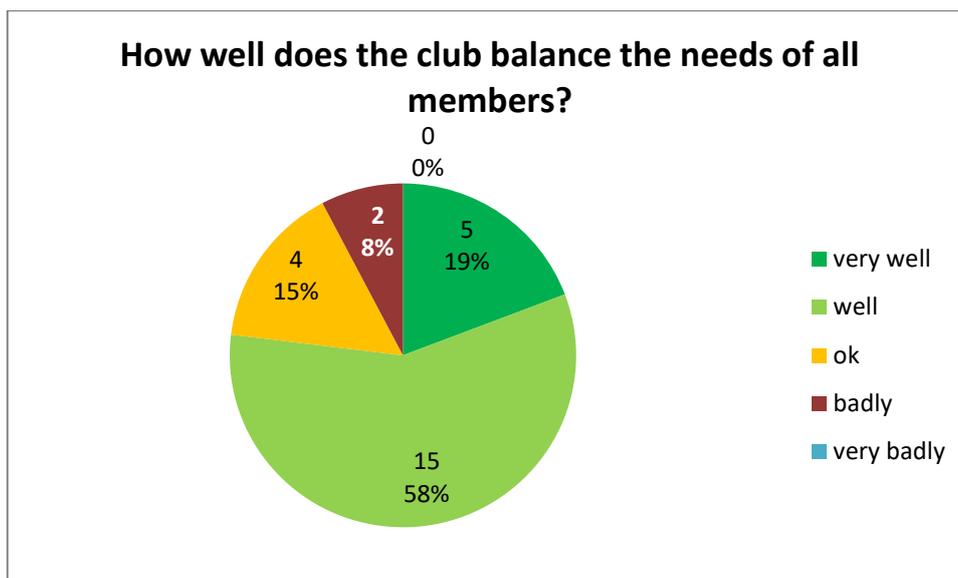
2. Why do you belong to OTRC? What's your reason for being a member? Please rank the options below from 1 (most important/applicable) to 5 (least applicable).

Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank
To keep fit	86	1
For the social/team element	80	2
It's an enjoyable, healthy activity	77	3
To challenge myself	74	4
To compete in races	74	4
¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.	answered	24

Extra comments or other reasons:

1	To be honest the main reason for joining was because my son had joined and enjoyed it.
2	I do not have the time to commit to racing at present but want to row well with good technique and to be able to slot into a racing crew when possible.

3. OTRC's current aim is 'to foster enjoyment and talent in sculling and rowing'. How well do you think the club balances the needs of all the different club members?

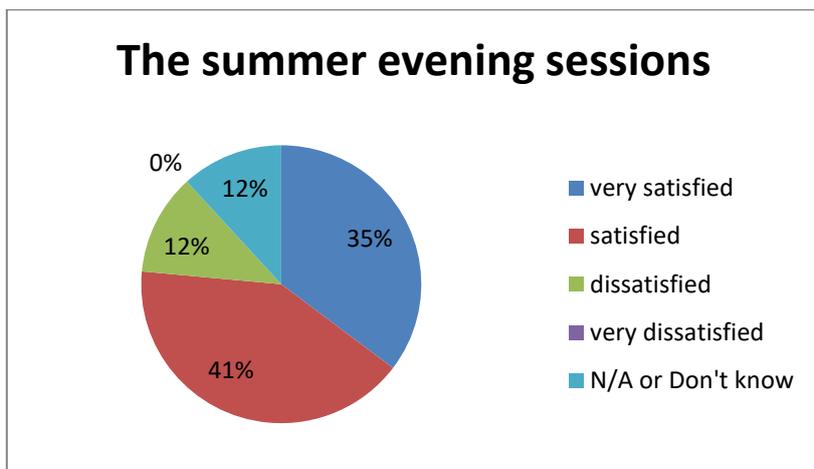
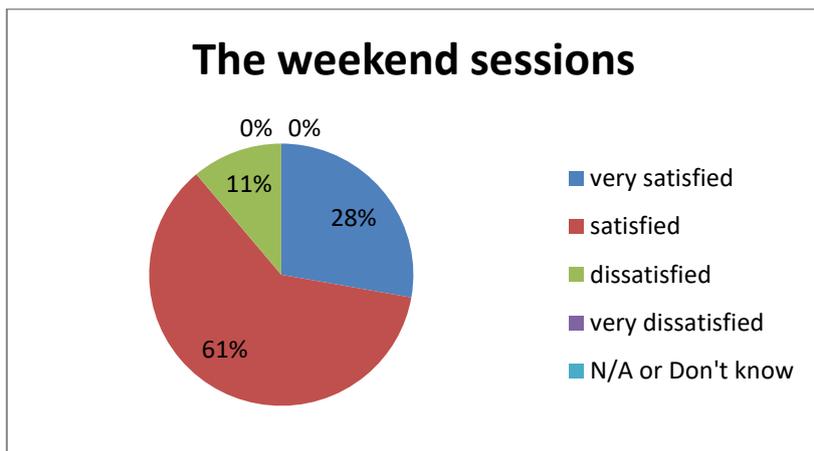
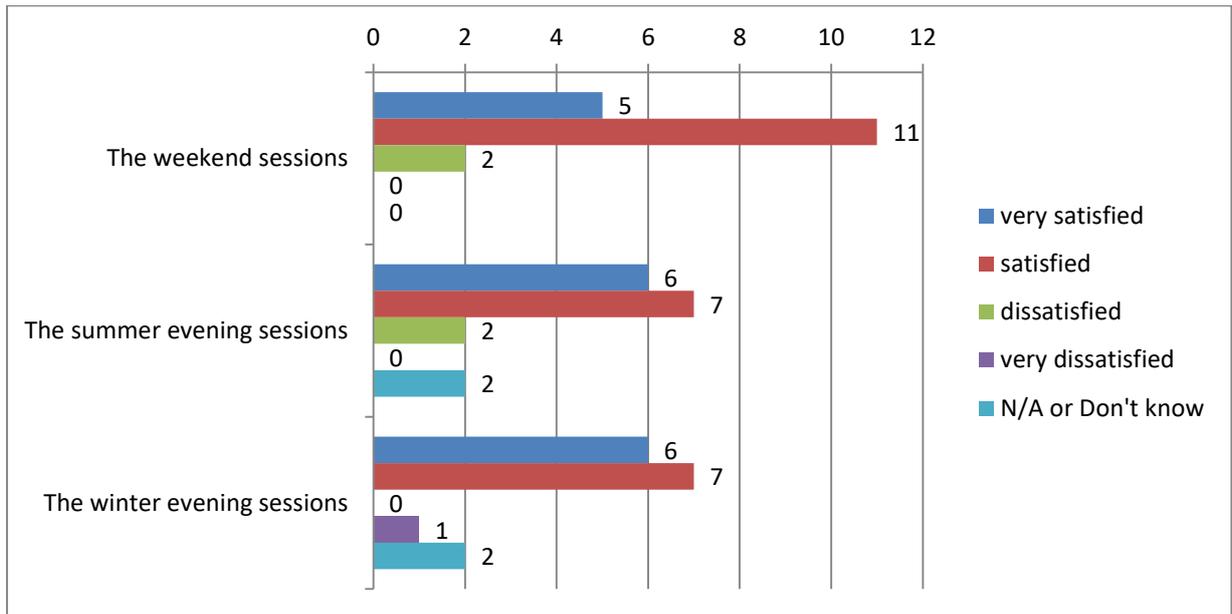


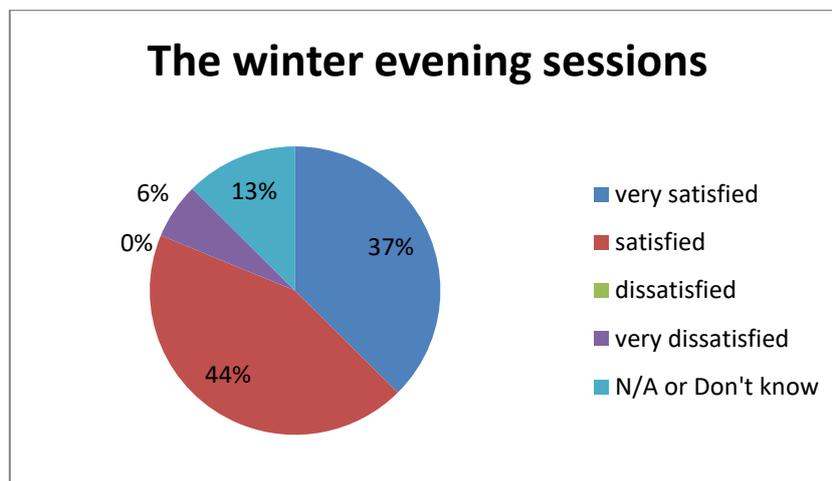
Additional comments:

1	Within the confines of coaching, volunteers and money, there all opportunities for all.
2	I appreciate it is very difficult to do with needing stable crews for racing but as a novice rower it would be nice to have more experience rowing with experience crews.
3	I enjoy it and I am still improving thanks to the coaching
4	I think this depends on how involved you get, you get out what you put in. The more people you get to know the better this statement gets. It facilitates this without twisting peoples arms. It is then up to the individual.
5	There is emphasis on the racers and the recreational rowers do not get the coaching and opportunities that the racers do.
6	I think that there is still some divide between those who enjoy rowing and those who are very serious and competitive and there still a bit of us and them even within the racers which the club should strive to keep at a minimum
7	On Tuesday mornings I have found all of the experienced rowers to be very supportive and encouraging. They are helping me to enjoy rowing as well as improving my overall rowing skills. I have only attended a few Saturday sessions. These sessions I think focus on improving rowing technique for people who wish to race.
8	I think that the club is generally very good at balancing everyone's needs which makes people feel very welcome and comfortable there. However I think sometimes the club is too accommodating of people who aren't that committed to training and racing and this sometimes affects the amount and quality of rowing that other people can do.
9	The Club addresses well the needs of the competitive Saturday rowers but I feel that the Sunday rowers are rather isolated as many do not have the knowledge or rowing ability to develop the session delivery.
10	There is a reasonable cross over with the Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions in summer but rather less well in winter.

Training

4. How satisfied are you with ...?





No additional comments were made on these responses.

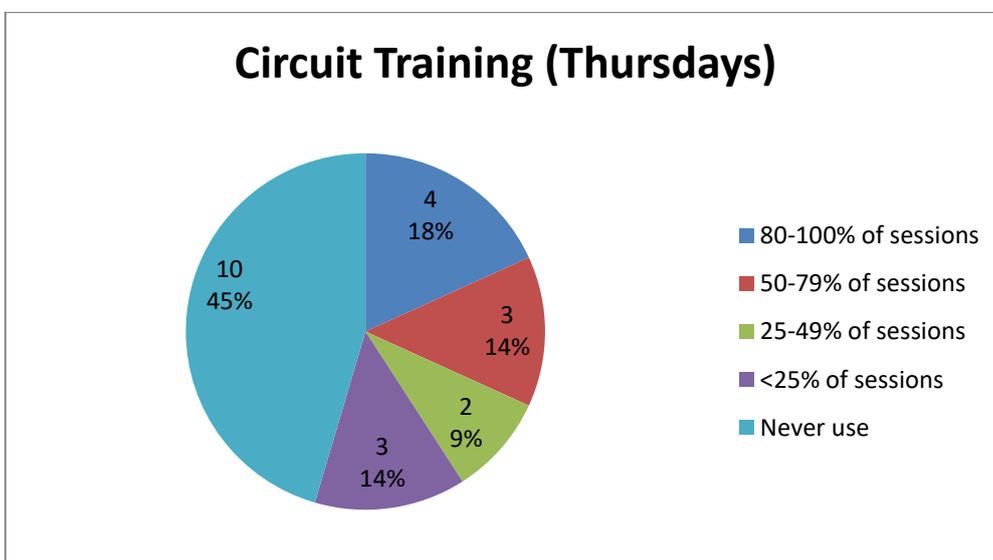
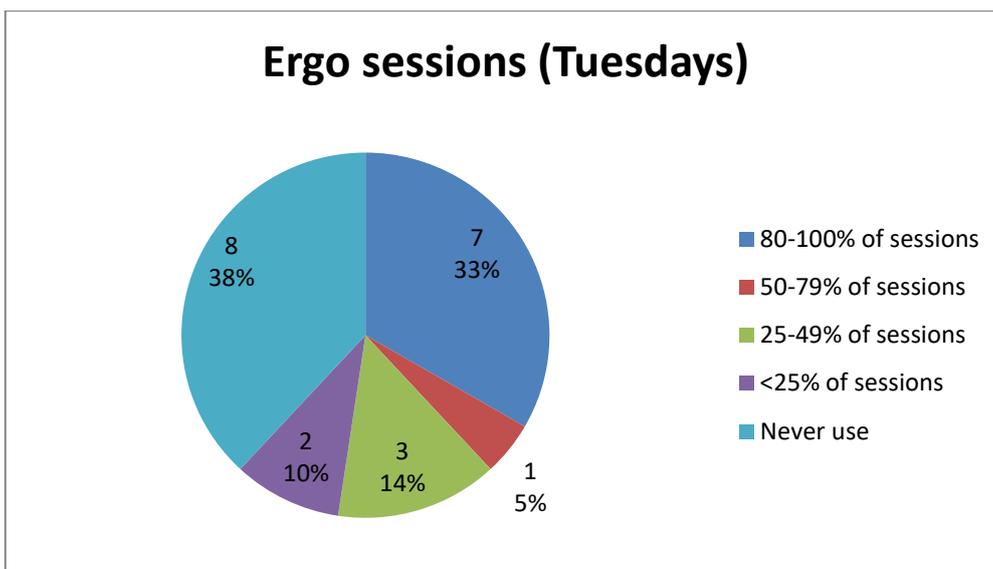
5. If you are an adult rower, what function do you think the midweek summer sessions fulfils for you? Please rank from 1(most applicable) to 5 (least applicable).

Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank
A recreational after-work wind down for exercise/destressing	58	1
An opportunity to row with different people in different boats	57	2
An extra training session for competition	53	3
An opportunity to introduce new adult rowers to the crews	41	4
other	16	5
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Explanation of 'other'

- 1 Unable to comment as I only started rowing in the summer

6. How often do you make use of the indoor winter sessions?

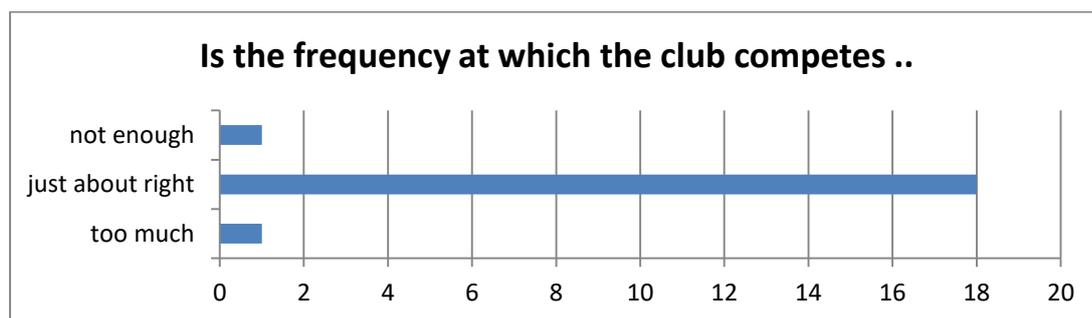


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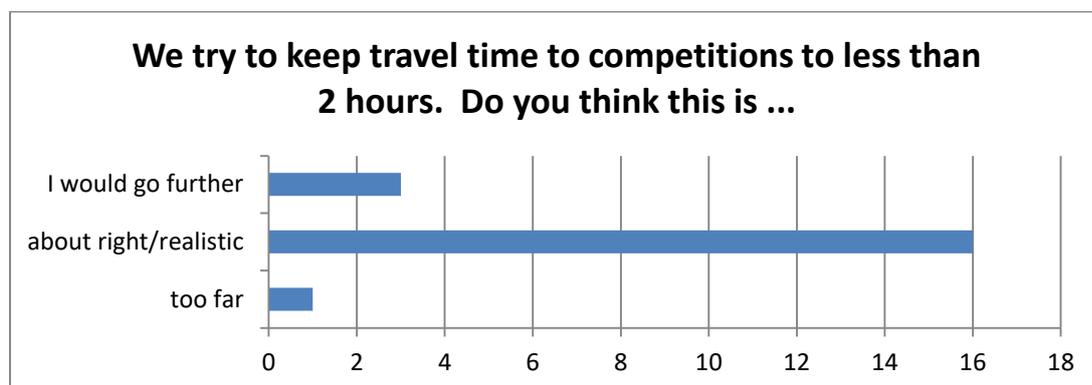
- 1 time of session ok
amount of equipment ok
could be easier and more time efficient to do it in your own home, but I like the chance to watch and learn from others techniques, see what they do and catch up with others/ social time too.
- 2 appreciated
- 3 I work in London so I cannot get back from work in time to attend
- 4 I have only just started but will use both options when available
- 5 I hope to attend more often in the winter but I need to understand better what I'm supposed to be doing on a Tuesday!
- 6 i like the fact that the weeks training plan is available but only if you ask. perhaps this could be put on the website. I very much enjoy the Thursday circuits/T25 type training .

Competition

7. Is the frequency at which the club competes (on average, once a month) ...



8. We try to keep travel time to competitions to less than 2 hours. Do you think this is



Comments:

1	Wouldn't mind going to Abgindon or trying other local-ish events in substitution of some of the Bedford events.
2	a rough idea of what events we hope to attend would be useful in advance, Like going to different places, Doncaster,
3	I think 2 hours is the maximum time to travel and that the majority of competitions should be less. Competing once per month as a maximum is about right as I will miss a quarter of these.
4	I would travel further if necessary however this can make this an even longer day particularly in the winter
5	I have not answered questions 7 and 8 as I have never rowed in the clubs competitons.
6	think we could do some different head races next year???

The Clubhouse

10. What do think the benefits of the clubhouse could be and, therefore, what should we be concentrating on? Please rank in order of importance (1 = most important).

Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank
good but basic facilities such as shower & toilets	102	1
a space for club members during training	95	2
a training space for rowing machines etc.	82	3
a shelter from the weather (For rowers, parents, etc.)	67	4
a space for social events	50	5
a source of income from lettings etc.	18	6
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Comments:

- 1 A list from the boat house working party of what may be required in advance may be useful, just in case someone has access to or knows someone with a [in good condition/ working order] an item we need FOC
Or any other jobs that we could help with [small scale] like cut down some bushes...this could be done after row for example, so the workload is spread out etc
- 2 I think my 1 and 2 should be equal.
Great to have good but basic tea/coffee point as part of the space for members.
- 3 I would like to develop School Holiday L2R sessions and Week Long Summer Schools

11. Can you help with the clubhouse development in any way?

- 1 a list of ad hoc jobs would be useful that can be done if you have a few hours to spare or after a rowing session. bit like the maintenance day work. Then tick off when done.
- 2 Already involved
- 3 I would be willing to help with fund raising, catering for events or cleaning/decorating if necessary.

OTRC Statement of Intent

OTRC's current aim is 'to foster enjoyment and talent in sculling and rowing'. While one size never fits all, what do you think should be in OTRC's "Statement of Intent"? What is the most important thing the club should be considering and working for? This could be about membership, racing, rowing sessions, the clubhouse...

1	Maintain the current friendly and "can do" attitude, while catering for needs of such a diverse membership.
2	I have only been a member of clubs where the sole reason is to compete eg cricket and rugby clubs. With this in mind racing and subsequently winning boosts membership although I'm not sure how this fits into rowing which can be enjoyed as a purely recreational pastime
3	the club creates opportunity for those who want to enjoy and also to excel in their rowing. The various different rowing sessions are important so that there is something for most people
4	Dry clubhouse to be able to change in and can chat to other members when have free space between outings.
5	It's the 'there's always a seat for your somewhere' approach. Other clubs will expect you to race for a seat and put pressures on a fixed training schedule. Similarly, if you are dedicated then there's opportunity to do more extra water sessions etc.
6	Fostering the development of people.
7	To have fun whilst getting fit! People passing on info on techniques. when 1 was in my 1st / 2nd year of rowing i found rowing with more experienced rower/s ie on a Tuesday eve in the eight really useful to get knowledge on rowing etiquette, disciplines techniques etc. getting to know other people. May be to have a parent group site on the web site to pass on specific messages to them?
8	A good statement of intent, it would be great to offer the recreational rowers coaching so that it is available across the membership. It would be good to acknowledge more publicly the sterling work that the Sunday morning team do in getting a wide range of rowers on the water safely. Please will you get new shoes for the explore boats as they are tatty and not supportive and make rowing those boats more difficult.
9	Inclusivity recognising that there are a variety of aspirations for users recreational as well as competitive/ adult as well as junior. Fostering spirit/ethos of the club as emotional connection will sustain support from members. I think that the coaching quality and quantity is critical to rowing satisfaction and enjoyment and raising standards of all facets of the club. Should we try to look outside the club to assist and support the great job others are doing. Continue to develop the sophistication of the organisation as this survey and website demonstrate in order to manage and coordinate and sustain a growing club.
10	I am not in the club long enough in order to provide an objective overall opinion.
11	The current aim is true: everyone is very welcoming and patient with new rowers and that makes is really good fun. Thank-you for all your hard work and enthusiasm.

12	I think that the OTRC vision should also consider how to educate club members on the constant care of the equipment and incorporate a rowing club manual for each club member which is could include basic training aims to be met and signed off as each new rower progresses. Perfect example how to put a boat back on the rack see Angela's email most recently about this.
13	As a U3A member I enjoy rowing for the social aspect. However I am aware that there are other people who enjoy racing as well as the social side.
14	The statement of intent is right. We should be working towards: Increased participation and membership to maintain numbers Fund raising to provide equipment and boathouse improvements Increase in coaching numbers (trained coaches who can run sessions)