

1. How many years have you been a member of USSVI Groton Base?

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B Answered: 56 Skipped: 0

Total Answered: 146 Total Skipped: 0

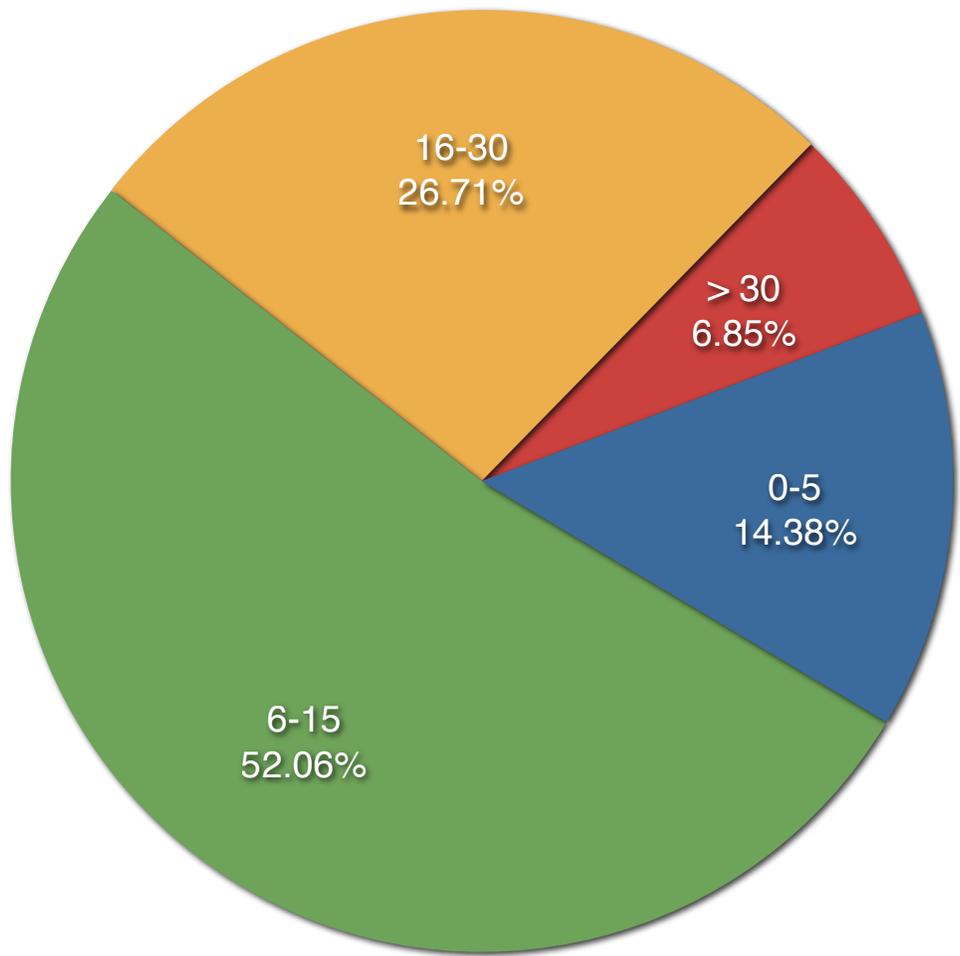
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0-5	13	8	21	14.38%
6-15	45	31	76	52.05%
16-30	27	12	39	26.71%
More than 30	5	5	10	6.85%
Total Answered	90	56	146	100.00%

● 0-5

● 6-15

● 16-30

● > 30



2. How many times a month do you visit the club?

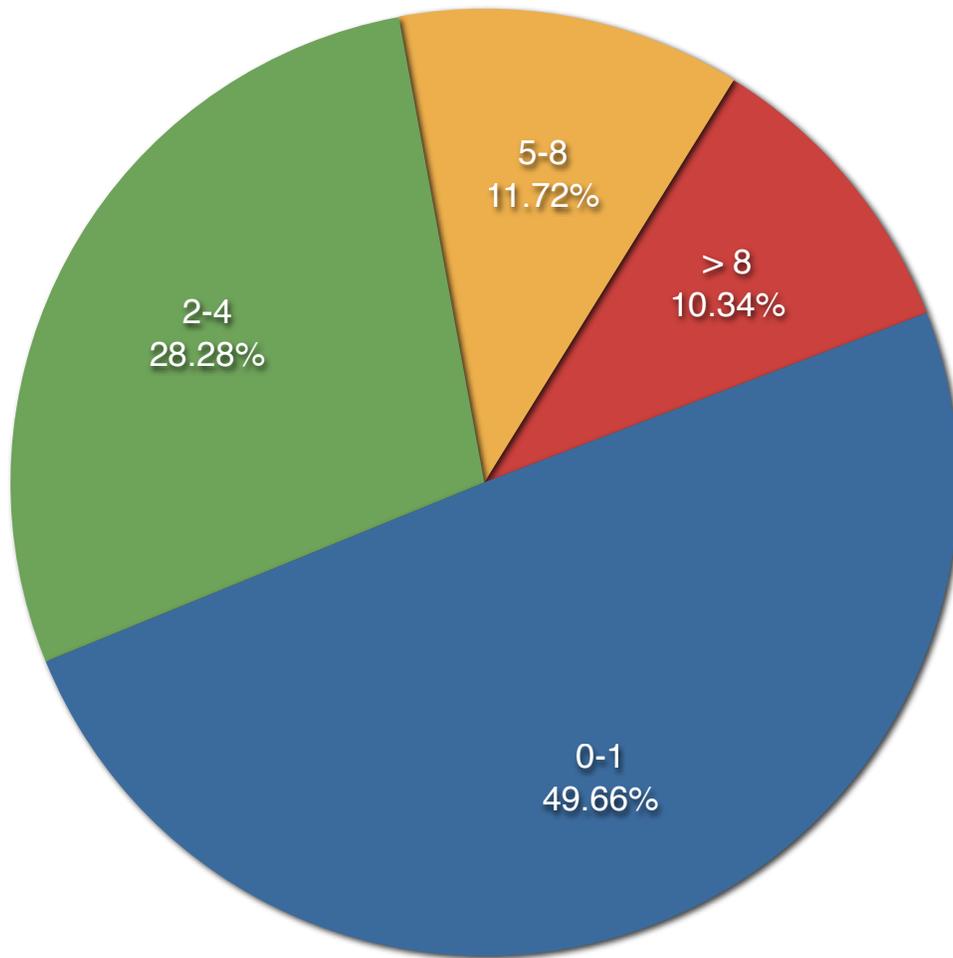
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B Answered: 55 Skipped: 0

Total Answered: 145 Total Skipped: 1

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0-1	47	25	72	49.66%
2-4	21	20	41	28.28%
5-8	12	5	17	11.72%
More than 8	10	5	15	10.34%
Total Answered	90	55	145	100.00%

● 0-1 ● 2-4 ● 5-8 ● > 8



3. What is your biggest reason for visiting the club?

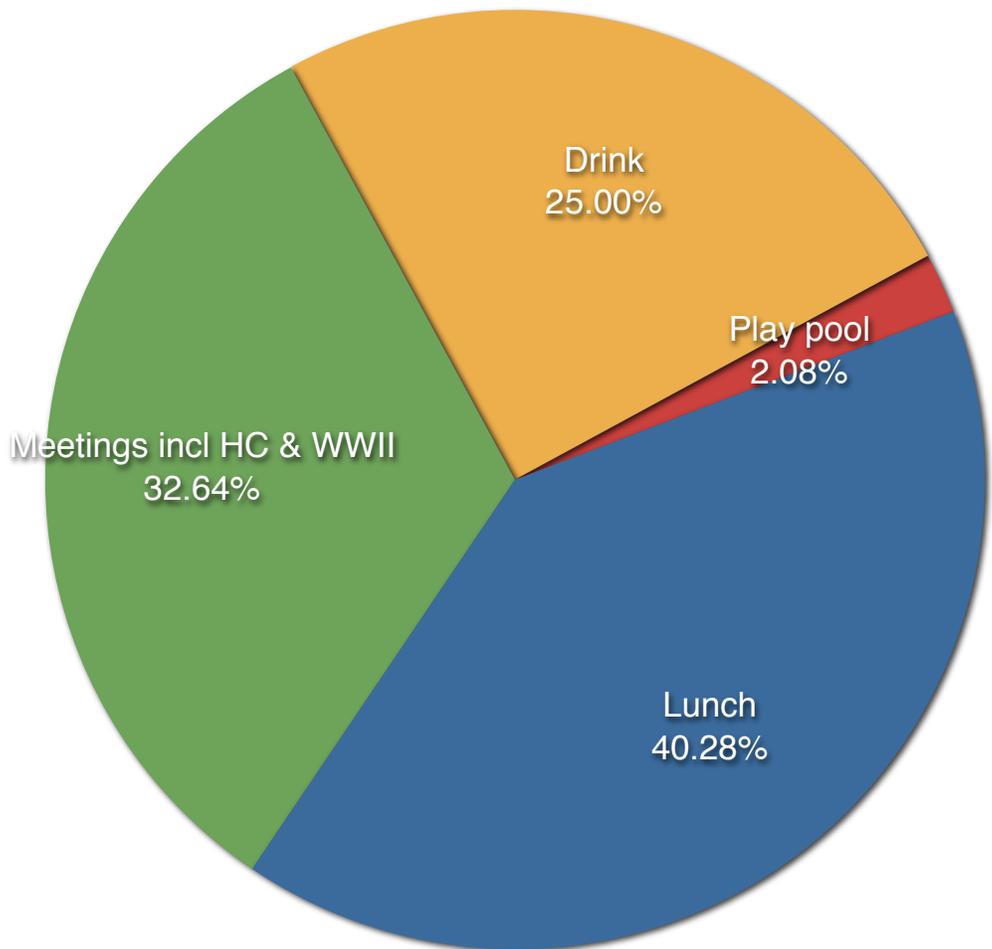
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B Answered: 48 Skipped: 8

Total Answered: 122 Total Skipped: 25

Question 3	Survey A Response Count	Survey B Response Count	Total Responses	Response Percent
Lunch	30	28	58	40.28%
Meetings including Holland Club and WWII	30	17	47	32.64%
Drink	19	17	36	25.00%
Play pool	2	1	3	2.08%
Total Answered	81	63	144	100.00%

● Lunch ● Meetings incl HC & WWII ● Drink ● Play pool



4. How many times a month do you have lunch at the club excluding Holland Club and WWII?

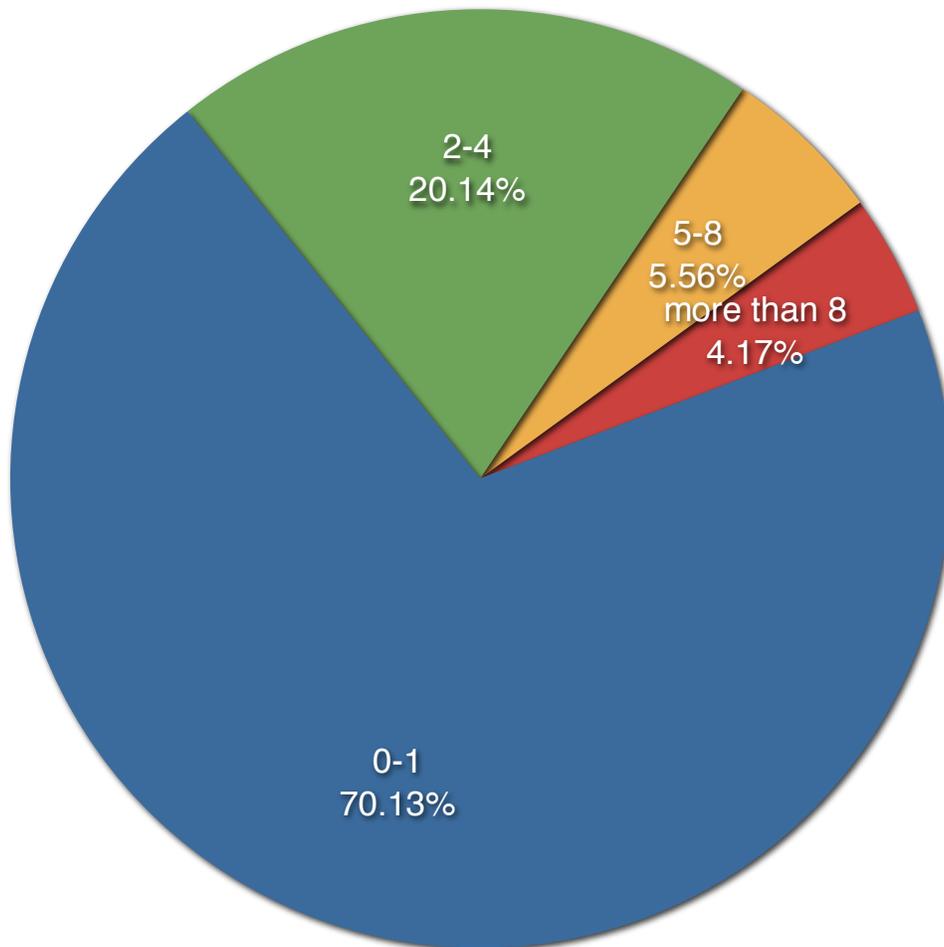
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B Answered: 54 Skipped: 2

Total Answered: 144 Total Skipped: 3

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0-1	63	38	101	70.14%
2-4	21	8	29	20.14%
5-8	3	5	8	5.56%
more than 8	3	3	6	4.17%
Total Answered	90	54	144	100.00%

● 0-1 ● 2-4 ● 5-8 ● more than 8



5. What is your favorite time to visit the club?

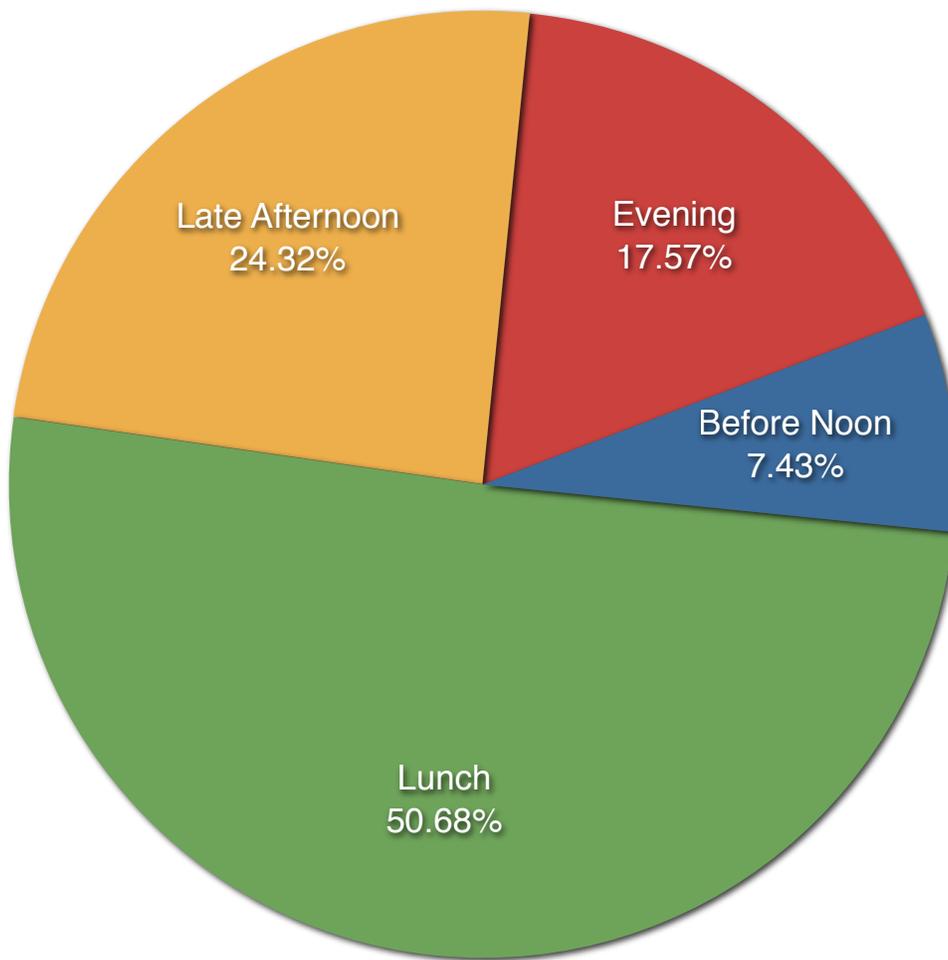
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B Answered: 52 Skipped: 4

Total Answered: 131 Total Skipped: 18

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Before Noon	7	4	11	7.43%
Lunch	43	32	75	50.68%
Late Afternoon	23	13	36	24.32%
Evening	14	12	26	17.57%
Total Answered	87	61	148	100.00%

● Before Noon ● Lunch ● Late Afternoon ● Evening



6. Does building accessibility keep you from attending events or coming to the building?

A Answered: 87 Skipped: 4

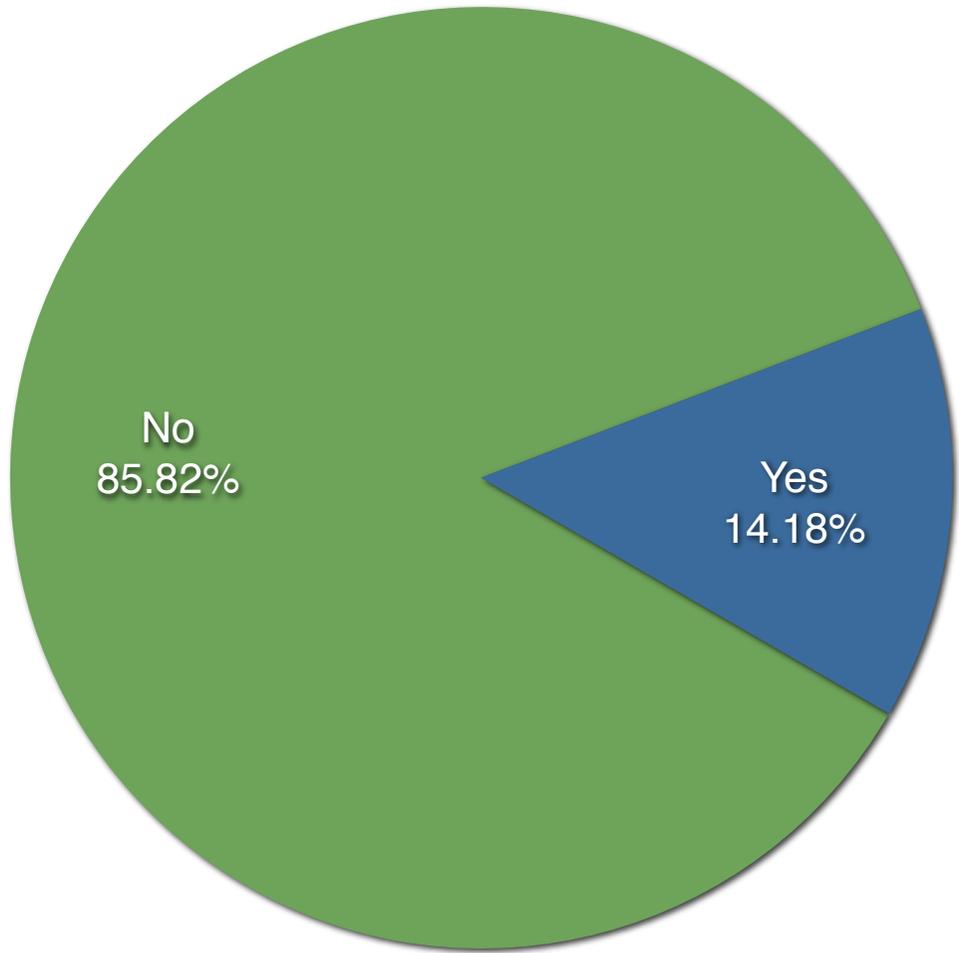
B Answered: 54 Skipped: 2

Total Answered: 141 Total Skipped: 6

Question 6	Survey A Response Count	Survey B Response Count	Total Responses	Response Percent
Yes	14	6	20	14.18%
No	73	48	121	85.82%
Total Answered	87	54	141	100.00%

● Yes

● No



7. Should a new base location (building) be a long term USSVI Groton Base goal?

A Answered: 84 Skipped: 7

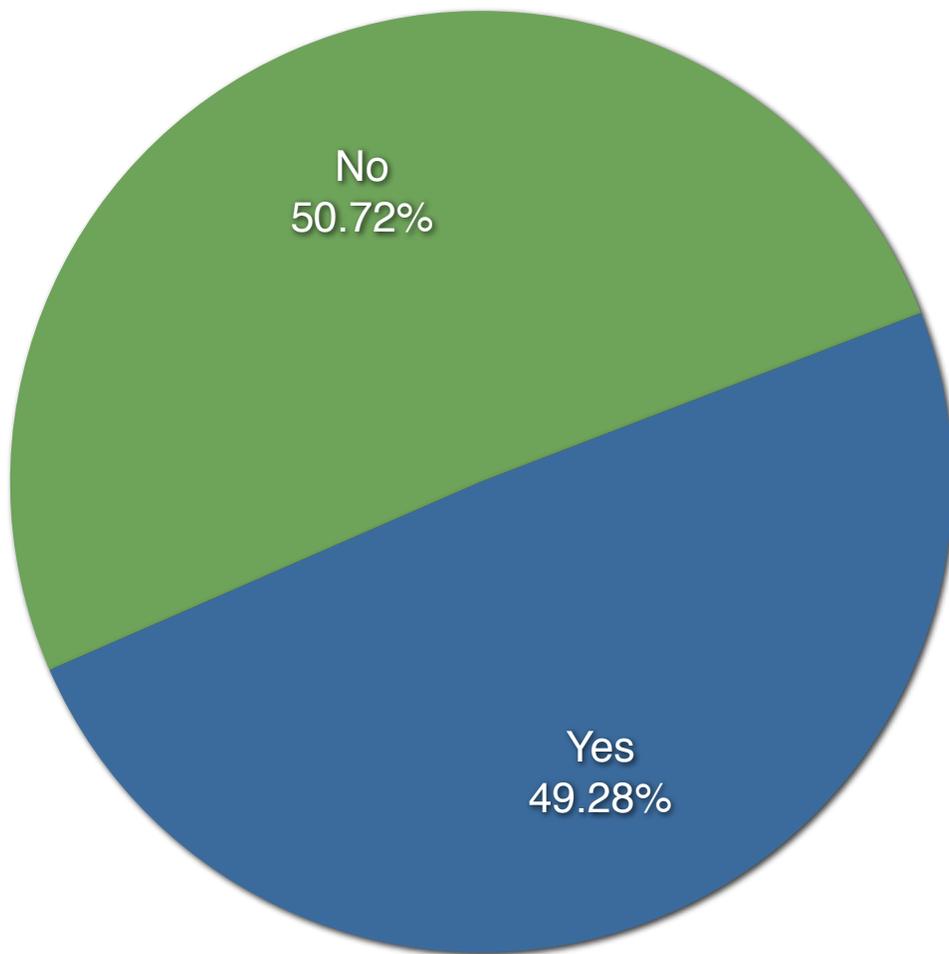
B Answered: 53 Skipped: 3

Total Answered: 137 Total Skipped: 10

Question 7	Survey A Response Count	Survey B Response Count	Total Responses	Response Percent
Yes	40	28	68	49.28%
No	45	25	70	50.72%
Total Answered	85	53	138	100.00%

● Yes

● No



8. What would your usage be if the building was a totally No Smoking building?

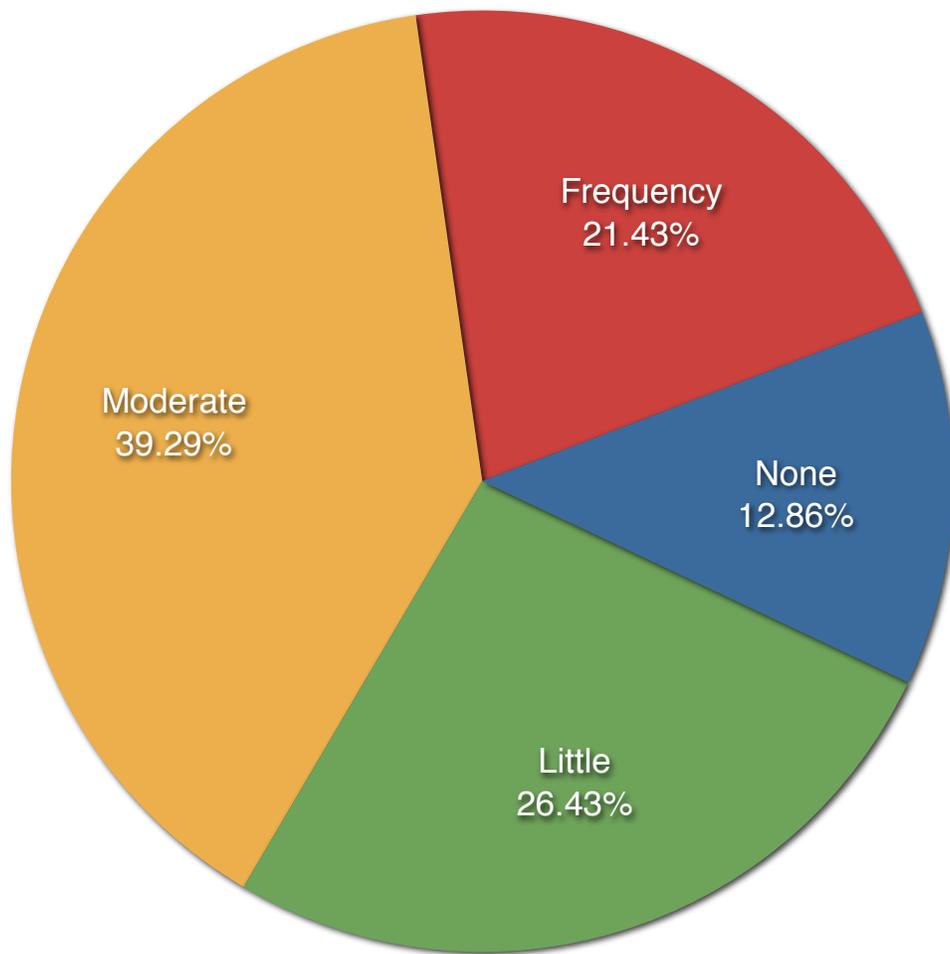
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B Answered: 53 Skipped: 3

Total Answered: 118 Total Skipped: 9

Question 8	Survey A Response Count	Survey B Response Count	Total Responses	Response Percent
None	13	5	18	12.86%
Little	23	14	37	26.43%
Moderate	34	21	55	39.29%
Frequent	17	13	30	21.43%
Total Answered	87	53	140	100.00%

● None ● Little ● Moderate ● Frequency

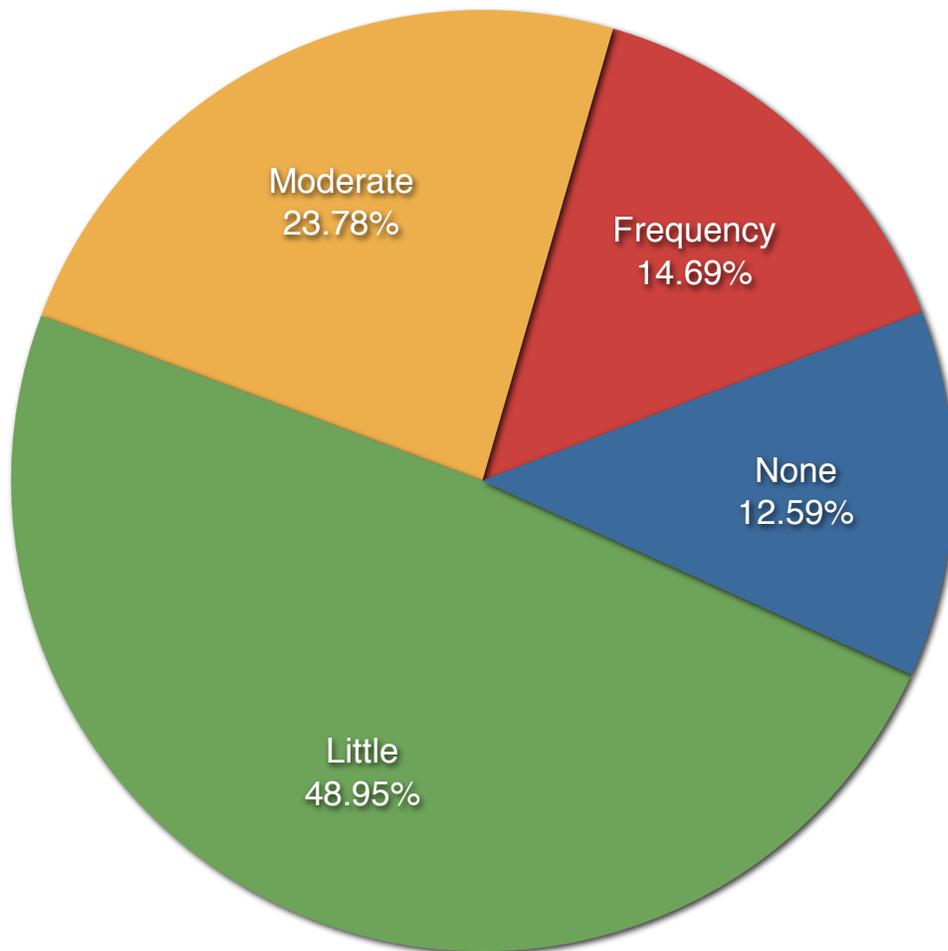


9. What is your level of participation with USSVI Groton Base?

A Answered: 89 Skipped: 2
B Answered: 54 Skipped: 2
Total Answered: 143 Total Skipped: 4

Question 9	Survey A Response Count	Survey B Response Count	Total Responses	Response Percent
None	13	5	18	12.59%
Little	44	26	70	48.95%
Moderate	17	17	34	23.78%
Frequent	15	6	21	14.69%
Total Answered	89	54	143	100.00%

● None ● Little ● Moderate ● Frequency



10. What impact would a change in Membership Meeting time / day have on your participation?

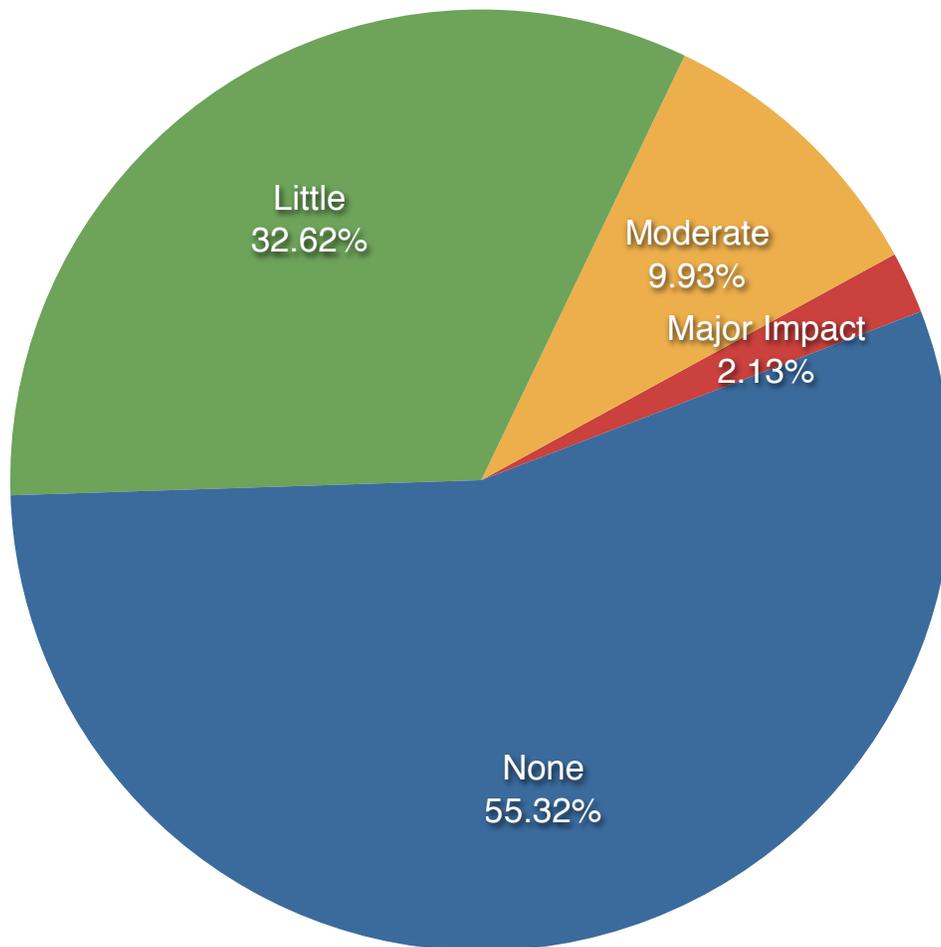
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Total Answered: 141 Total Skipped: 6

Question 10	Survey A Response Count	Survey B Response Count	Total Responses	Response Percent
None	52	26	78	55.32%
Little	24	22	46	32.62%
Moderate	8	6	14	9.93%
Major Impact	2	1	3	2.13%
Total Answered	86	55	141	100.00%

● None ● Little ● Moderate ● Major Impact



11. What would you like changed aesthetically about the building? (fill in)

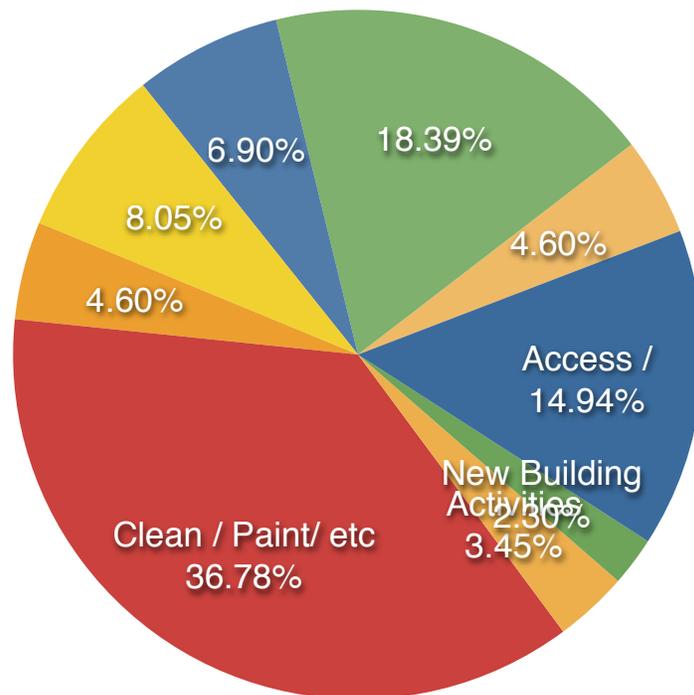
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B Answered: 38 Skipped: 17

Total Answered: 87 Total Skipped: 59

Question 11	Total Responses	Response Percent
Access /	13	14.94%
New Building	2	2.30%
Activities	3	3.45%
Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize	32	36.78%
Lighting /	4	4.60%
Other /	7	8.05%
Smoking /	6	6.90%
No Change	16	18.39%
No Opinion	4	4.60%
Total Answered	87	100.00%

- Access /
- New Building
- Activities
- Clean / Paint/ etc
- Lighting /
- Other /
- Smoking /
- No Change
- No Opinion



Question 11 Responses

Access

Access

Access

Better access and facilities for the aged and handicapped.

Access

If it were possible, change the configuration of the ladder going from the entrance to the bar area. It presents some challenges for those physically challenged.

Access

Add a covered 'front porch' to the entry door. Members could enter the building then navigate up or down the stairs to their destination.

Access

Some how make the side entrance (I know it's on a side street) a permanent access as your membership is getting older. The Stairs are a killer. With the new Navy views on smoking and drinking "lack there of" our attention/need for clubs has dwindled. We have lost the old hard core drinkers and smokers and today's sub sailors are more family oriented and don't want to hang around in the local bars as we used to do. Ask the active duty wives what they think, family is more important than spending time in a bar especially with as hard as these sailors run (long patrols)

Access / Lighting

Better access to the stairs and brighter lights at bar

Access / Lighting

Brighten up the whole building and make it handicapped accessible. Make access through the double doors in front of building; remove the stage and install two Handicapped restrooms and a kitchen and service bar in place of. Renovate the top floor into offices and smaller meeting rooms.

Access / Lighting

Main Entrance bigger and glass so it won't be as dark/secret looking.

Access / Update

I thought the entry way was pretty outdated when I was last able to visit.

Access / Smoking /

Entrance widened and more accessible. Smoking area needs to be isolated better. I feel like I am submerged in bar area with very little light coming in.

Access / New Building

A new building would provide for additional activities. Handicap accessibility could be installed for our disabled veterans and more functions accommodated. Use for new functions could enhance the club income.

Access / New Building

As I am getting older as most of the membership is that hill we walk up or down is a challenge in the winter. It would be great to have a new building on flat land.

Access / New Building

Building has aged beyond economical usage. Relocation is a more viable option. Who the heck wants to climb up and down hills to get to a building.

New Building See the building and build a new base building or perhaps buy one of the American legion or VFW buildings that may be put up for sale.

New Building

No issues, only reason relocation would be if a financial gain...selling present location and getting a different location.

Activities

Bring Hooter girls in every day

Activities

see what's going on at other services (vfw, etc.). exchanges nights with them. might increase out base.

Activities

question 3 answer is meetings and activities and we also do lunch about once a week

question 5 answer is anytime

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Clean it up and give it a face lift. I would like to see the upstairs remodeled to include a kitchen two bathrooms (a womens and mens). This would facilitate for better rental, plus we could hold dinners to include the public without concern.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Lighting

it needs cleaning and a ton of trash removed from the 3rd floor. Wherever you look there is crap sitting on stairs, laying on the floor. The ceiling downstaris is a mess, the lights hanging over the bar are broken.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Smoking

Replace all rugs and clean all walls and ceilings by removing all nicotine. Ban smoking immediately! When I visit the club I leave it with my clothes and hair smelling of smoke;and leave with a sore throat. The smoke eaters do not filter all contaminants.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Cleaner building, cieling tiles, floors, walls, etc.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Bar / Outside

Less clutter in the bar area; Dress up the front of the building.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

clean up the mess!

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Memorabilia

The plaques and decorations put in some kind of order

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Memorabilia

Repaint the interior and find suitable places for all plaques and of items.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Bar / Memorabilia

Brighten up the inside. Organize plaques, pics etc. Install big screen tv.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Memorabilia

Organize plaques. Remove paneling and paint.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Memorabilia

Lots of history displayed there. If anything, I suppose it would be arrangement of displays. refresh the bar/food service areas. needs commercial cleaning, new ceiling tiles, lights etc.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Memorabilia

Groton sub vets is unique with the ship plaques, memorabilia and overall submarine theme. i would change very little or nothing at all.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Bar

Paint bar area and replace ceiling tiles

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Bar

complete remodel of club area

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Obviously a complete overhaul of the old building would be great. Total re-insulate, redo the meeting room and modernize the bar. But I know that money is not there, so it doesn't matter.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize / Bar

Figure away to upgrade bar as the center is loose and plumbing behind bar needs some TLC

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

The exterior is good, but the interior badly needs cleaning and updating, but this will change the atmosphere and roots of the club, but times are changing.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

The place is a disorganized mess. There is no organization to the plaques, pictures, and awards. Get rid of junk that is not being used. It is always a headache trying to find stuff when we volunteer on Thanksgiving.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

The building needs to have major work on the back fire escape. I have heard Tom Conners say for years that it needs to be fixed. The members from the base helped weld and paint the Submarine that you see from I-95. Maybe we can get the base to provide a welding machine and some welders to fix the back fire escape stairs. Then we can see if they could lend us sailors who volunteer and grinders and chippers to get all the rust off ready to paint. That would save a lot of money the club will have to put out to a civilian contractor.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

The building seems dingy. I'd like the lunch and bar area to be lighter and more modernized. So much of the upper building just seems to be jammed. Areas need to be defined for their use and then designed to meet that purpose.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

The building needs a remodel, while it's fine for older members but I think brightening the place up would help attract younger members, consolidate memorabilia into a more central location instead of all scattered throughout the building.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Bar and dining areas downstairs need to be brightened up. Fresh paint and a new ceiling would be good.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Change ceiling tiles in bar & make brighter

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Start w/ fixing existing problems.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

clean it up. update bathrooms, maybe move ladies to the front of the club and men's to the back; don't see why a woman would want to go so far back in the club. update lighting. move the pool table and shuffle board to someplace and add tables so more people can be in the bar to watch tv sports

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Refurbishment and use of the third deck. Restoration of the stage to a status that it could be used for entertainment venues such as stand up comedies, singing acts, and other forms of traveling/hired entertainment.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Update the club. It's stuck in the 70s. Key to that update is ensuring the submarine plaques and other momentous are integrated to maintain the identity of the club first and foremost as Subvets.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Update the Head facilities!

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

The buildings interior needs an overhaul

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Keep it in a good coat of exterior paint. Keep it up in a safe condition. Perhaps schedule a professional inspection to that end.

Clean / Paint / Upgrade / Organize

Wash the walls, organize plaques, replace the naugahyde

Clean / Paint / Update / Organize

Needs to be 'lightened' up. It is a unique combination of bar and museum. We need to be more active in upkeep. Too many 'duct tape and bailing wire fixes'.

Lighting / Sound System

Though not aesthetic, a better sound system upstairs might benefit those who have hearing difficulties. The stairs could use better lighting.

Lighting

It needs to be brighter, and more welcoming.

Lighting

Lighting could be a little brighter.

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Other

I do not live in Groton. But when I am in CT I do visit the building. When I was stationed there I attended the lunch functions.

Other

Not much...the last time I filled this out I said closer to Subase would be smart but having thought about it I think the location is great to get the working guys lunch crowd from EB.

Other/ Air Conditioner

functioning air conditioner;

Other / Bar Seating

I think that any notion of reserved spaces at the bar is unwelcoming and sets some members above others. If we are all brothers let us walk the walk.

Other / New Building

If we could get a bunch of cash for the building this year or next or the year after maybe we should do that. We have a lot of room in that building but all that room adds up to square feet for a sale! The market is getting stronger.

Other / Outside

Within the zoning regulations, more obvious submarine nautical theme outside the building.

Smoking / Access / Clean

Smoking. We spent a lot on smoke eaters. Why? Replace ceiling tiles. Walls need scrubbing. The nicotine is everywhere. We cater to smokers and not non-smokers? Make the side door the main entrance so people don't have to worry about stairs. One person says we can't. Research it with the state.

Smoking

No Smoking in the building

Smoking

No smoking.

Smoking

Nothing really. Just get rid of the smoking.

Smoking

PUT OUT THE SMOKING LAMP

Smoking

Make the building totally non smoking. Change out the dark paneling on the walls to lighten the place up and help get rid of the deeply inbedded smoke. I have been telling the board of trustees for years that the wives and military members prefer a non smoking building, but we keep catering to a few "smokers". As we get older we can not tolerate that smoke. We have a history where several of our bar tenders have gotten cancer "from second hand smoke"?. For years we have asked to put in the smoke eaters we had on hand but were always given reason not to. the Bar tenders get cold and so on. Often times I have entered the clubhouse and you walked into a blue haze of dense smoke.

Smoking

no smoking is a big deal for my wife

No Change

None

No Change

Nothing

No Change

n/a

No Change

Nothing at this time.

No Change

n/a

No Change

I believe the building is a historical landmark and should be changed a little as possible.

No Change

It fits fine within the community

No Change

Nothing, the building is fine the way it is.

No Change

Not much can be done without major renovations

No Change

Not much, I like it old school.

No Change

Nothing beyond keeping it clean and in good repair

No Change

Nothing, however stairs limits me

No Change

None

No Change

Nothing.

No Change

Nothing

No Change

nothing

No Opinion

(blank)

No Opinion

No comment.

No Opinion

I live in mississippi and never use the building so my input should not be considered.

No Opinion

Doesnt matter to me I am no longer in the area.

12. What additional uses would you suggest the building be used for? (fill in)

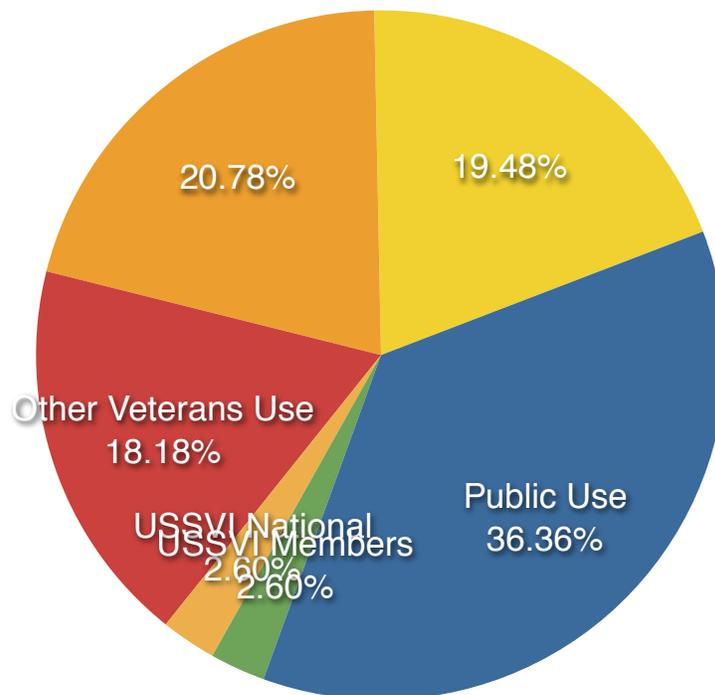
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Total Answered: 77 Total Skipped: 69

Question 12	Total Responses	Response Percent
Public Use	28	36.36%
USSVI Members	2	2.60%
USSVI National	2	2.60%
Other Veterans Use	14	18.18%
Other /	16	20.78%
No Opinion	15	19.48%
Total Answered	77	100.00%

● Public Use
 ● USSVI Members
 ● USSVI National
 ● Other Veterans Use
 ● Other /
 ● No Opinion



Question 12 Responses

Public Use

I think we need to rent out upstairs more to outsiders to get non member's money in the bank

Public Use

Members personal functions - i.e. kids parties, weddings, graduations, retirements, etc.

Public Use

Renting the hall for various meetings/social functions could add some revenue, but the legal, zoning and liability issues may be a stumbling block.

Public Use

promote outside activities and functions .

Public Use

Receptions (wedding, anniversary, etc)

Public Use

Rent out hall for funding.

Public Use

Candidate forum for state or local politicians. Book signings of local writers or military theme books.
Get on the Groton walking tour of historic/patriotic spaces.

Public Use

Varied event types in the hall other than just dinners. Speakers, concerts, etc.

Public Use

Make the auditorium more available to the public for private meetings and celebrations. That could be an income enhancer.

Public Use

Spedial community events

Public Use

It should be used for all events the organization sponsors

Public Use

Weddings, other Vets' organizations large meetings, Retirements.

Public Use

Use it for everything...

Let the boats up for CPO functions... dining in, retirements, etc. Advertise it

Public Use

a common hall that local groups could use. you might sell them food/beer and make a buck.

Public Use

More events upstairs. Rent the hall to other organizations.

Public Use

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. and can be if the above is accomplished

Public Use / Fundraising

more frequent fundraising meals

Public Use

Rent it out for parties/weddings.

Public Use

Possibly school organizations would have use for the building.

Public Use

Maybe scouting organizations could use it.

Some work or business groups might have a use for periodic meeting.

Possibly a team could be set up to canvas local organizations or businesses and let them know we are available.

My local Marine Corps League has good luck with dances for kids, retirement parties for larger groups of people, receptions for various occasions when people need a place to meet.

Public Use

Let the other organizations that already have meeting venues know that the site could be used as an alternate for them if needed. That could start to let people see the club and be introduced to its staff and amenities.

Public Use

Perhaps allow other organizations (Lions, Rotary, etc) use of the upper hall for fund raising dinners, as the Pawcatuck VFW does.

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Public Use

Hall rental and maybe activities such as the senior centers have (Seems like most of the active members are in this age group).

Public Use

banquets

Public Use

Consider renting the hall to outside interests as a money making endeavor.

Public Use

Lighten the place up and see if you can attract local groups from Groton and New London to entertain using the site. We have to get away from the old bar room stigma. Give local groups a free usage to get the word out about the clubs availability.

I am not sure what the Ct. laws are but lets try to bring Bingo in it helps spread the word the club house is available.

Public Use

Open to the public for events

USSVI Members

I would like to see more events geared to the younger members to help bring traffic to the club.

USSVI Members

Remain the use of the membership.

National USSVI

Refurbish the third deck and have National return headquarters to Groton, thus saving National money and providing funds to Groton.

National USSVI

Once the building gets fixed and up to code, we should use the third floor for the National Office and move it from Bremeron to here. Or we could move their office into where the old library is and rent out the third floor for weddings, retirement parties, Christmas and office parties.

Other Veterans Use

Boat reunions, weddings, meetings, lecture series on what it was like for the different generation of boat sailors.

Improve the premises so that we could rent out the hall and generate more revenue

Other Veterans Use

Cater to submarine reunions. We have used the club on both my crews reunions for Hamilton and Trout.

Other Veterans Use

CPO Pinning / Initiation

Other Veterans Use

Tie in an activity for each reunion crew having their reunion in the Groton area.

Other Veterans Use

Hold an open house, invite crews to use the club. Provide a location (WWII Memorial in good weather, clubhouse in foul weather) for the crew to hold a brief ceremony of some sort. Recruit the attending veterans to become USSVI members.

Other Veterans Use

Contact the reunion organizers ahead of time to invite them to use the club as our authorized guests any time during their visit to the area.

Other Veterans Use

More retirements. More social events, etc.

Other Veterans Use

More boat reunions & parties on the second deck.

Other Veterans Use

Other veteran groups, VFW as an example.

Other Veterans Use

In addition to Subvets activities the spaces could host other Local navy and other events.

Other Veterans Use

Let other veteran organizations use the building like the Naval Submarine League does with their luncheons. Maybe boat dining-ins/dining-outs

Other Veterans Use

Perhaps we could offer it for ship's parties.

Other Veterans Use

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Other Veterans Use

What ever functions we could promote for use. i.e. Boat parties, reunion events, etc.

Other

Multi- family residential.

Other

I think changes in the building/location depend totally on your projected Club membership. Is the trend going up or down and how much effort is required to just maintain the current levels.

Other

fire wood

Other

Scratch moving to a new location. Someone is having a "brain fart" on this suggestion. That would be like moving the Submarine memorial to Jewett City. Too much history to be moved. Is this Nationals idea? Wouldn't surprise me.

Other

more functions [functions?]

Other

Whether in this site or another, I would like to see the memorabilia displayed as it would be in a museum. There are so many important pieces that should be on display in a more ordered way. I am always amazed by what I spot on the walls but I know there is so much more. Subvets needs a museum.

Other

See number 11

Other /Access / Parking

There are limited options for this building due to accessibility, parking and building arrangement.

Other / Parking

Love the building but there is no place to park.

Other /Parking

The building being used is not an issue the issue is parking.

Other / Entertainment

More entertainment

Other / Games

Maybe a card league or tournament such as cribbage, spades or pinnacle.

Other / Bingo

Bingo to raise revenue.

Other / Bingo /Public Use

Bingo. Many other organizations make money on Bingo.

Other / Fundraising

Anything legal that would make the club money.

Other / Parking

none that i can think of. i feel sub vets does a good job with there fund raisers etc. parking at sub vets is an issue when fund raising events take place. i answered question # 7 no, but to me the only reason to have a new base location would be to improve parking.

No Opinion

No suggestions.

No Opinion

None that have not already been suggested.

No Opinion

(blank)

No Opinion

None

No Opinion

No recommendations

No Opinion

none

No Opinion

None.

No Opinion

No suggestions at this time.

No Opinion

none

No Opinion

I have no real opinion.

No Opinion

None that I can think of now.

No Opinion

None.

No Opinion

n/a

No Opinion

NA

No Opinion

None at this time.

No Opinion
n/a

No Opinion
Not sure

No Opinion
no comment

No Opinion
no comment

No Opinion
Unknown

No Opinion
Can't think of any.

13. What menu item would you like to see added? (fill in)

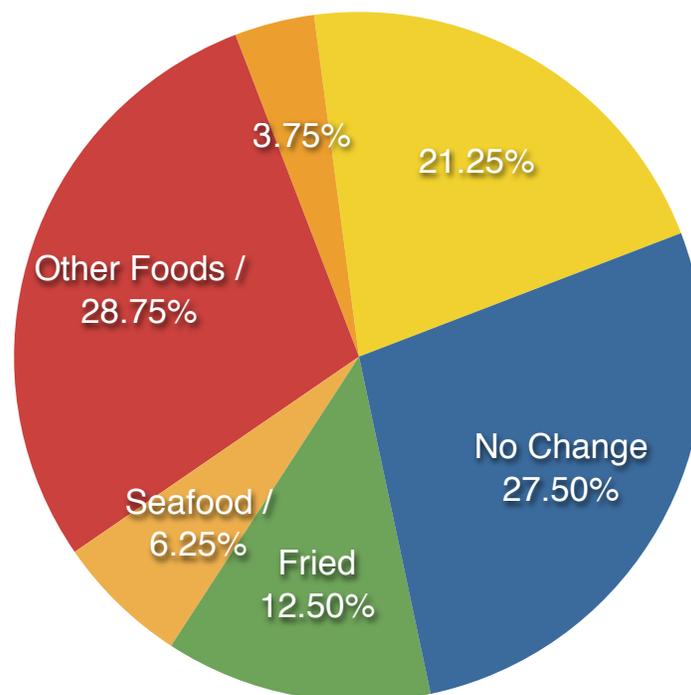
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Total Answered: 80 Total Skipped: 66

Question 13	Total Responses	Response Percent
No Change	22	27.50%
Fried	10	12.50%
Seafood /	5	6.25%
Other Foods /	23	28.75%
Other /	3	3.75%
No Opinion	17	21.25%
Total Answered	80	100.00%

● No Change
 ● Fried
 ● Seafood /
 ● Other Foods /
 ● Other /
 ● No Opinion



Question 13 Responses

No Change

I'm rather happy with the menu, and have always been.

No Change

I'm fine with the current menu.

No Change

No change

No Change

None

No Change

The menu as it is is pretty conclusive

No Change

I like the current menu

No Change

i feel sub vets does a great job with there menus. (e.g. menu variety and price)

No Change

I think the menu is fine.

No Change

Menu is just fine.

No Change

The menu is great. If you start adding more items, it's just going to get bigger. Remember what is important KISS.

No Change

None at this time.

No Change

Satisfactory asit is.

No Change

menu ok

No Change

Keep it the way it presently is

No Change

You are doing ok.

No Change

No recommended changes

No Change

none

No Change

I'm perfectly happy with the menu.

No Change

None

No Change

Nothing. Lunch menu is good.

No Change

not choosy. It is fine the way it is now.

No Change

None, chili dogs are great

Fried

I believe that if we could have more fried items on the menu it would help bring money into the bar

Fried

fried foods, onion rings, french fries etc.

Fried

French fries instead of potato chips.

Fried

anything fried in a deep fryer...french fries, onion rings etc...

Fried

French Fries

Fried

French Fries

Fried

French Fries.

Fried

French Fries made in a convection oven. Crispy fries without the deep fat fryer issues. We have a micro-wave/convection oven combo and it works great.

Fried / Chicken

French Fries and chicken dishes.

Fried / Grilled Steaks

French fries and grilled steaks instead of fried ones.

SeaFood

Fresh fish.

SeaFood

Stuffed clams

SeaFood

Fish

SeaFood

more seafood

SeaFood / Salad / Fried

Added for what time? Lunch? Fish, Salads, Fries (potato and sweet potato)

Other Foods/ Bar Food

I watch Diners, Drive-ins & Dives on the food channel and they show some great "Bar Type" food from very small kitchens. Maybe something like that could be used. I know the layout of the kitchen is hard to feed large numbers of people with the dish washing station nearer the dinning room. See #15

Other Foods/ Comfort Food / Fried / Chilli

More comfort foods and fryer items like French fries. Most folks eating there are probably looking for something hearty. Definitely keep the chili.

Other Foods/ Finger Food

More apps/finger food

Other Foods/ Chilli

More chili!

Other Foods/ Coffee

decent coffee, 1/2 & 1/2, raw sugar. Maybe a Keurig.

Other Foods/ Dessert Variety

More dessert options

Other Foods/ Fresh Fruit / Vegetable

You are doing ok. More fresh fruit & vegetables that are in season.

Other Foods/ Hot Dogs

GOOD FOOT LONG HOT DOG

Other Foods/ Hot Dog

Endless hot dogs

Other Foods/ Italian

Pasta and other Italian Food.

Other Foods/ Dinner

Dinner items once or twice a week.

Other Foods/ Dinner

More dinner meals but i don't think there is enough of a lunch/dinner crowd to support it.

Other Foods/ Salad / Dinner

Salads, early evening dinners foods

Other Foods/ Salad

Salads would be a good addition for us healthy eaters and fruit.

Other Foods/ Soup / Salad Bar

Soup and Salad Bar.

Other Foods/ Soup / Sandwich

soup and sandwich combo, more casserole type dishes, like beef stew, ham and scalloped potatoes, comfort food items

Other Foods/ Soup / Sandwich

soup and sandwich combo, more casserole type dishes, like beef stew, ham and scalloped potatoes, comfort food items

Other Foods/ Sandwich Variety

more sandwiches at noon.

Other Foods/ Sandwich / Rueben

Rueben sandwich

Other Foods/ Steak

I would be willing to pay more for a decent steak. The steamship round was good and my wife enjoyed the lobster on steak and lobster dinner. My last two steak dinners were a bit chewy.

Other Foods/ Taco

tacos

Other Foods/ Nachos

Nachos or something like that.

Other Foods/ Vegetable

Vegetarian items

Other

unreasonable question now that we don't have a cook

Other

See number 11

Other

Food is delicious

No Opinion

Unknown

No Opinion

no comment

No Opinion

No suggestion at this point

No Opinion

no comment

No Opinion

I don't eat there enough to even know what is or is not served

No Opinion

???

No Opinion

n/a

No Opinion

NA

No Opinion

n/a

No Opinion

?

No Opinion

No opinion.

No Opinion

Not interested in menu at all

No Opinion

No suggestions.

No Opinion

Don't know.

No Opinion

No recommendations

No Opinion

No suggestions at this time.

No Opinion

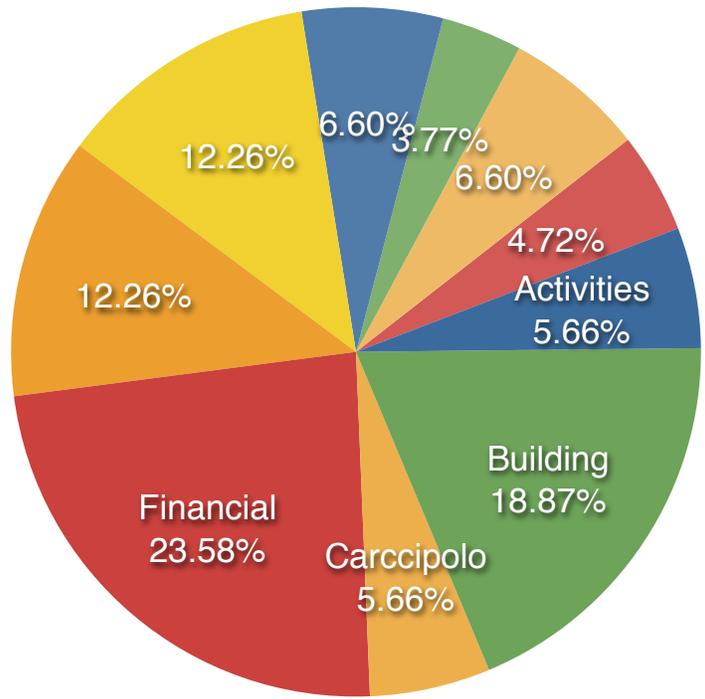
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14. What one thing would you like to see changed about USSVI Groton Base? (fill in)

A Answered: 69 Skipped: 21
 B Answered: 37 Skipped: 19
 Total Answered: 106 Total Skipped: 40

Question 14	Total Responses	Response Percent
Activities	6	5.66%
Building	20	18.87%
Carccipolo	6	5.66%
Financial	25	23.58%
Leadership	13	12.26%
Member Relations	13	12.26%
Meetings	7	6.60%
Other /	4	3.77%
No Change	7	6.60%
No Opinion	5	4.72%
Total Answered	106	100.00%

- Activities
- Building
- Carccipolo
- Financial
- Leadership
- Member Relations
- Meetings
- Other /
- No Change
- No Opinion



Question 14 Responses

Activities

Have it open to public event quarterly

Activities

Minor issue...We use to see upcoming activities and received tickets for EB but have not seen anything...I'm sure with our membership we must have a liaison from our ranks.

Activities

Additionally items at base such as decommissioning etc.

Activities

Enjoyed when in time but never saw anything from last EB function.

Activities

funchens [function?] for the women & girlfriends

Activities

Nothing for the base itself. But I think Groton base should provide a Funeral Honor Guard service for all local WWII submariners regardless of SVWWII or USSVI membership status.

Building

Totally No Smoking building.

Building

Totally non smoking

Building

remodel of club area

Building

A long range plan to either upgrade the clubhouse or sell it and move to a smaller modern facility like Legion Hall in Montville.

Building

Rent/purchase space in building next to ExcSubmarine Memorial. Excellent location for placing the sail of the USS Groton. which would also attract visitors and possible new membership.

Building

I would like a location more accessible with improved parking. But I'm not sure the membership could afford to move. I see the membership declining as the submarine force declines in numbers so frugality in the short term might be the best course of action.

Building

easier accessability, parking availability

Building

a parking.....

Building

Parking.

Building

Parking.

Building

A different building that has the ability to have more events that may raise capital. Current building has out lived it's usefulness. I do not know the status of mortgage(s) and such this may be a pipedream. Membership is ageing and a building that is more accessible and has parking should be consideration.

Building

Access and parking.

Building

Easier access. Stairs are getting harder to navigate

Building

if we get 50 people or less then we don't need to use the hall, we can use the back room downstairs.

Building

remove any unnecessary materials that are no in use

Building

No smoking facility

Building

I'll make it two things: (1) Up dating and modernizing the interior and (2) More parking.

Building

My only suggestions would be physical because I am such a fan of the services we provide. I would like to take one area (floor) of the base at a time, define its purpose and then design it to match its purpose. I have limited construction skills, but I can provide manual labor and would be willing to work. We do not make the best use of the building's assets.

Building

no smoking

Building

We should have our own clubhouse free from the National. Perhaps a place that we could rent for events and have a lower operating expenses would let us be more solvent.

Carccipolo

Well, I don't want this survey to be thrown out but, I'd like to see a lot more support for Past Base Commanner, John Carcioppolo.

Carccipolo

Throw Carccipolo to the fucking curb. As long as that corrupt fuck is the face of SUBVETs I'll have nothing to do with that place and his puppets.

Carccipolo

Get the Carciappola's and their blind followers to stop undermining things that the new USSVI Officer's are trying to accomplish, to include the House Committee Chairman and the Permittee. What a pleasure it was to read the New London Day article and not have John's picture shoved down our throats.

Carccipolo

John C removed from any involvement.

Carccipolo

Our image that has been tarnished by the previous head dude, whatever that title is.

Carccipolo

John C is gone. We're good.

Financial

finance control - percentage wise the amount of scholarship money distributed seems too much and takes from the working funds of the club.

Financial

take CLOSE LOOK at all the charities we support with money and as it appears money wise we should TAKE CARE of our hose FIRST, then charities

Financial

To defray the debt, I recommend that the prices of drinks and food be raised.

Financial

Each element should strive to be self supporting. If that is not possible/desirable then a fund raiser should be the focus of obtaining the funds need to support that activity. Including the bar.

Financial

Openness in and with the financial business, especially with the USSVI findings of last year. I do NOT feel that a objective explanation has been provided, nor a course of "eliminating the cause" been implemented

Financial

The level of debt and mismatch between income and expenses that resulted in a 200% increase in annual dues is alarming. Such a drastic increase in dues may create a downward spiral and actually exacerbate the financial problems through lack of retention, renewal and recruitment.

Financial

I come to the base for the meeting only as I live 15 miles away. I think the people that choose to receive Boat Notes in the mail should be charged extra to off-set the extra cost. I don't feel we should let Holland Club members or other members pay \$100.00 for life-membership

Financial / National

The process that is used to solicit donations from the general public. The inaccurate belief, by far to many, that every donation has to be earmarked for a specific item/purpose. The inaccurate belief, again by many, that no excess funds can be accumulated over time. I.E. The belief that every dollar brought in in any given year must go out/be consumed that same year. I believe there is really a misconception and staunch holdouts dug in regarding receipt, consumption, and perceptions of how a non-profit must operate and manage its' funds and assets. These flawed attitudes are hurting the organization and making fund raising almost impossible. Would also like to see more autonomy for the Bases and more organizational documentation on the relationships and responsibilities of both National and Base between and to each other.

Financial

I would like all money raised go to the organization and each year have the committees submit budgets on what they need to do there functions. Without the club there is no Thanksgiving meals or many of the other functions that we perform. We hand out too many scholarships each year. I also would submit that if the building belongs to National then they pay the taxes and we the Groton Base can pay for the upkeep. Any big renovations should come from National.

Financial

Get a grip on the finances. Run in the black! It can be done.

Financial

Base dues lowered.

Financial

Promote a "Non Deficit Budget"and maintain within that budget.

Financial

Leave dues for people who live far away and never attend any activities alone.

Leadership

Disband BOT. There is no value added to having 9 additional voices trying to run things. It just confuses issues and creates disharmony. Institute debate style q&a sessions with candidates prior to elections.

Leadership

The Base has been under duress the last couple of years with National removing the Base Commander, then having to deal with National to get a new BOT in place and new Officers. We are coming out of that period stronger for it. We now have a better working relationship with National and are starting to address all the problems with the clubhouse to get it fixed up. We need to find a person that can apply for grants to help us get the clubhouse fixed at the least expense to the members.

Leadership

We can no longer hang onto the past, our older members are dying off and the young sub sailors seem not to have the old comradery to want together as we did and still do. We see this in the downturn of attendees at our regional and national gatherings. It looks like the new Groton leadership is working hard to turn things around and I applaud that. We still have some old time thinking and influence around. But we can't dwell on the past we have to act now as you are doing or end up shutting the club down. It is still a business.

Leadership

If the so called leadership is going to make decisions about raising dues, put out smoking lamp, etc, then those same "leaders" need to be more active with the club. Monthly dinners, brunches, etc. I have been a regular at the club for over 10 years.

Leadership

Change the officers to have a Commander, Sr Vice Commander, Jr Vice Commander, Treasurer, Secretary. All functions would remain the same with the exception of the Jr Vice Commander. He/She would be responsible for overseeing the operation of the Club and be responsible for the Building

Leadership

Get rid of the BOT, they are a useless committee that does nothing positive for Groton Base. I say this from experience as I have served on the BOT and doing away with the BOT would be a big step in getting Groton Base back to being a fun place to come to and be involved with.

Leadership

Take the politics out of it. It appears that the dirty politics removed one of the most active members, the travesty is that the current house committee chair's bias is getting in the way of what's good for the club. Isolating John C is poor judgement by all who are involved.

Leadership

Those in leadership positions to get along with one another and for the smear campaigns to stop.

Leadership

More trust between leadership (Base & BOT) and Club workers

Leadership

Streamline extraneous committees, boards, etc into a smaller, more engaged leadership team.

Leadership

#1 A board of Trustees who actually frequents the club house - #2 too many pots of money for charity and hands in the kitty when we haven't even taken care of our own house!

Leadership

Delete Too Much Oversight.

Leadership

Disband the BOT & btw why is a non qualified politician the BOT chairman? WTF over.

Member Relations

Less backstabbing and more co-operation among the membership.

Member Relations

I would like to see the in-fighting stop and welcome back the members we lost due to 2012-2013 issues.

Member Relations

Stop the people bashing. Start obeying the ByLaws especially with regards to the Bar. Put out the smoking lamp during all events, including Base and committee meetings.

Member Relations

To return this Base to one ship. Too many groups that think things are wrong but no suggestions to help. We need everything on how to improve brought to the membership for resolution. No more politics. Support functions developed or make recommendations for changes without excessive negativity.

Member Relations

Become more welcoming to younger members.

Member Relations

More open as to what is going on.

Member Relations

More member participation.

Member Relations

Increase membership participation.

Member Relations

I believe that a lot of members think that their rank in the navy still holds in the doors of the organization and need to be reminded this is not the CPO club or O club we are all the same also that if you are a member you and hold a position you still should be helping also with any event also

Member Relations

More involvement from membership. Seems like a small percentage do the larger percentage of the work.

Member Relations

More involvement from membership. Seems like a small percentage do the larger percentage of the work.

Member Relations

Get more member participation in activities

Member Relations

The club needs to get younger. Push hard to get get more active and recently retired/separated individuals to join. Get some of us folks under 50 to become club officers. This is not a bias against the more mature members but simple reality that those are the folks who will bring forward new ideas and help increase paying membership. I'm almost 50 but when I attend a meeting I feel like I am the youngest member by far. That is going to Intimidate and discourage people from joining.

Meetings

Meetings. They are too long, most of it is all about financials. They used to be fun. They are all about business these days and not much fun and little comraderie.

Meetings

Long meetings, bickering and asking the same questions meeting after meeting.

Meetings

For me I would like the meeting night change so that I could attend the meetings as I am now committed to other things on Monday nights.

Meetings

Giving associates more of a voice during meetings.

Meetings

I live in Western Upstate New York, so making meetings and using the club only happens every 4th year when the USS Nautilus has a reunion in Groton.

Meetings / Financial

Establish limits on the meetings. The place is basically a club for former COBS who all love to talk to a captive audience. One hour is all my back can take on the chairs. I may leave earlier and go downstairs which means I will quit buying 50/50 tickets. I think the 200% increase on base dues is excessive and will cost a lot of membership. You would have been better off with \$15 increase and an appeal for contributions. I have not decided if it is worth it for me to donate \$100 for the Holland Club. If I do, I will stop donating to other things.

Meetings / National

Rather than only the members present at meeting voting, send it out to all members and require a response within a specific period of time and then comply with the results of the vote. A very small number of members attend the meetings so it doesn't represent the desires of all the members. Since the club house is owned by the National, the cost of maintaining it should be the responsibility of the whole organization. Make it the NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS!

Other / Holland Club

I was rather appalled at a Holland Club Ceremony *a few years ago* when the Emcee's didn't know how to pronounce the names of the Holland Club members being honored...

Other / Staffing

new club manager!

Other / Staffing

Staffing changes. I like the blonde girl bartender [Jamie?] and heather. Not a fan of anyone else. I only come down when those two are there

Other / USSVI National

Work closer with National for the good of the Base and particularly the Building upgrade. With our new National Commander, now is a good time to begin that process. I believe wheels are now in motion - just need to continue.

No Change

No one thing

No Change

Nothing in particular

No Change
nothing, really

No Change
Nothing

No Change
Don't know enough to offer changes

No Change
noting

No Change
none

No Opinion
No opinion.

No Opinion
NA

No Opinion
No comment.

No Opinion
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No Opinion
No suggestions at this time.

15. What was your reason for joining USSVI Groton Base? (fill in)

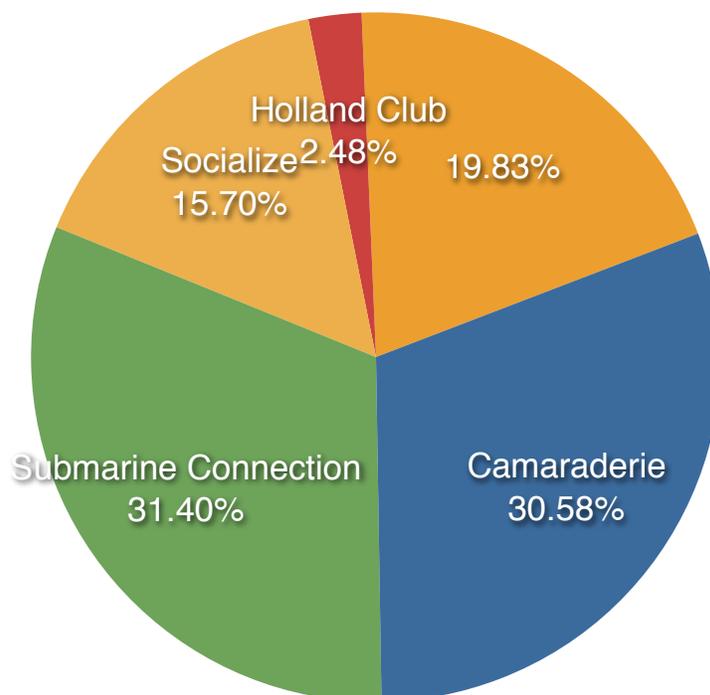
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B Answered: 47 Skipped: 9

Total Answered: 121 Total Skipped: 25

Question 15	Total Responses	Response Percent
Camaraderie	37	30.58%
Submarine Connection	38	31.40%
Socialize	19	15.70%
Holland Club	3	2.48%
Other	24	19.83%
Total Answered	121	100.00%

● Camaraderie ● Submarine Connection ● Socialize ● Holland Club ● Other



Question 15 Responses

Camaraderie

Comraderie with shipmates.

Camaraderie

To hopefully meet old friends from my submarine days. Would certainly attend more often if I lived closer. I'm about 50 miles away.

Camaraderie

Camaraderie.

Camaraderie

Comradeship

Camaraderie

was a sub veteran, place to go to be with others like me, place to drink and talk and so on

Camaraderie

Interaction with people who have similar experiences and likes.

Camaraderie

My background with the Navy and the Submarine Service. I moved from Connecticut to get to a more financially friendly climate.

Camaraderie

See old shipmates

Camaraderie

To be tied in with personnel that served on submarines and to take advantage of the Yearly Anniversary events especially the boat tours.

Camaraderie

Because I am a sub Vet and enjoy hanging with other sub vets.

Camaraderie

Shipmates

Camaraderie

To stay connected to the submarine community.

Camaraderie

The friendships developed over the years.

Camaraderie

Joe Negri. Heritage and comradery

Camaraderie

I joined for a place to feel the friendships you had when you were in and to be able to understand some of the things other friends went through and to have a great place to hang out and support something I strongly believe in

Camaraderie

for old timers camaraderie,,,,,,

Camaraderie

Camaraderie. Fellow boat sailors.

Camaraderie

Camaraderie and sense of helping others.

Camaraderie

to be a member of the submarine veterans organization.

Camaraderie

Continue the Brotherhood.

Camaraderie

Meet and greet old and new shipmates. Memories.

Camaraderie

Loyalty to the Submarine service, friendship, creating relationships, camaraderie, an extension to the active duty Navy

Camaraderie

Fellowship with other submariners

Camaraderie

I joined for the comradery of the sub mariners and to support the creed of the organization.

Camaraderie

Support fraternal organization. Foster good citizenship and patriotism. Camaraderie.

Camaraderie

Being with shipmates

Camaraderie

Fellowship/

Camaraderie

Camaraderie. I live 125 miles away and Groton is NOT my PRIMARY Base.

Camaraderie

Comradery, lunch

Camaraderie

Comradery, and friendships, and the Steak and eggs Sunday Brunch

Camaraderie

Commodore and re associate with my fellow submariners.

Camaraderie

meeting other submariners

Camaraderie

To enjoy the comradery of fellow subvets and share stories and events of the past. To carry out many submarine membership events. To help maintain the memories of old.

Camaraderie

Comradery of socializing with old shipmates and making new friends

Camaraderie

Brotherhood

Camaraderie

to be with shipmates & meet more

Camaraderie

Camaraderie

Submarine Connection

The sub service has been a defining part of my life, joining USSVI keeps me connected.

Submarine Connection

To be a part of "The First & Finest" even though I don't live near Groton.

Submarine Connection

To meet with fellow Boat Sailors

Submarine Connection

I joined USSVI Groton Base to spend time with my former shipmates.

Submarine Connection

To stay connected with the the submarine force

Submarine Connection

To meet and socialize with other Brothers-of-the-phin.

Submarine Connection

To participate occasionally in events and meet other members.

Submarine Connection

As a retired submarine sailor I wanted to belong to an organization that was related to submarine service only.

Submarine Connection

As I have gotten older, my service seems more important.

Submarine Connection

My Boat (Lafayette) had our 2013 reunion in Groton and I wanted to visit the "First & Finest" as a member, so I joined. Never got to visit; therefore I cannot add any positive or negative comments regarding the Base or Facilities.

Submarine Connection

I have always loved submarines and have always been proud of my service - many of my friends and associates are dead or gone. I am a little too "old school" for the new submarine force BS and PC BS that the USN has come up with!!

Submarine Connection

Maintain connection with other veterans and honor those who have gone before us in the submarine service.

Submarine Connection

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SUBVETS

Submarine Connection

To be a member, went on from there.

Submarine Connection

I'm a sub vet.

Submarine Connection

proud to be qualified.

Submarine Connection

I'm a submarine veteran.

Submarine Connection

I wear Dolphins

Submarine Connection

SS

Submarine Connection

For the feeling of community

Submarine Connection

I served in the submarine service for 20 years. I wanted to become a member of an organization of my peers for the camaraderie that it offers.

Submarine Connection

Connecting with other sub vets when I'm in the area.

Submarine Connection

Proud to be "Qualified in Submarines", and to maintain contact with my shipmates of years gone by!

Submarine Connection

I enjoy meeting with my shipmates reunions and at meetings. I am also a member of Tullibee base in Biloxi Ms. I joined Groton base because I was encouraged to do so by an old shipmate and boss. a
Also, I look forward to being inducted into the Holland club in a couple of years

Submarine Connection

Being a member of Sub Vets however I have no real reason to go to the "Clubhouse" building.

Submarine Connection

To keep the submarine spirit alive. Support the organization and its programs.

Submarine Connection

CT local, knew Joe Negri, most SS time in SUBRON 10 & 8

Submarine Connection

I liked being around boat sailors. Hard to find many of them nowadays!!

Submarine Connection

Connections to Navy and Base community since retiring.

Submarine Connection

It is the local base and to keep sub vet awareness alive.

Submarine Connection

I go to meet my old friends from Millstone who I also meet twice a month for breakfast. I was hoping to meet more fellow crewmen from the Trout and Hamilton but they have either died or they do not go to the meeting. Most of them seemed to have stayed in Charleston.

Submarine Connection

I originally joined the Mare Island Base when I was stationed in Mare Island. Then I was a brief member of the Groton Base when I was an instructor up here 94' to 97'. When I retired in 2006 I moved from Hawaii to here and decided to join as a life member. I have been the acting Secretary and the Treasurer. I help out at Thanksgiving and at the picnic's. I joined to be around my fellow submariners. I still miss going to sea.

Submarine Connection

I respect USSVI Groton Base for all they do to honor our veterans. USSVI Groton Base is so important to our community because it provides so many ways for our community to remember our veterans. I wanted to be part of that effort.

Submarine Connection

I was proud to be a submarine veteran & help my shipmates and community.

Submarine Connection

SS

Submarine Connection

River rat sailor for many years. It was a natural to belong to a great organization that I can equate to, even though I now live in Florida. Groton first and finest. and the May return to sub school and the Thanksgiving feeding of our new submariners is first class. Thanks to John "Gumba" Carciapoloo for instigating them.

Submarine Connection

To support fellow sailors and keep their memories alive.

Submarine Connection

Connection with other subverts.

Socialize

to keep up with my shipmates

Socialize

A place for me to go and have a beer with people that have the same background as I do.

Socialize

A place for me to go and have a beer with people that have the same background as I do.

Socialize

To have a place to go with good friends, food, and atmosphere.

Socialize

Keeping up with local and national events and activities.

Socialize

Hanging out with submarine sailors and showing support to shipmates past and present. Being a Groton based submariner, the USSVI Groton Base has a lot of river boats sailors that I know or know of than other bases.

Socialize

Socialize with some of my fellow co-workers at EB who are members. Maintain my involvement in submarine community.

Socialize

Friendships

Socialize

My biggest reason for visiting the club is to visit with friends (when i can attend). Choice not provided.

Socialize

Joe Negri and my shipmates at the time.

Socialize

Being able to socialize with friends and folks I served with.

Socialize

It was a great place to hang out with all my Shipmates and get involved with the community.

Socialize

socialization

Socialize

A nice place to socialize with friends.

Socialize

Socialize with other members. Maintain contact with submarine history and traditions.

Socialize

Up till 2 years ago it was a fun place to go after work. In fact I was there every day it was open.

Socialize

It was a great place to socialize and it was fun.

Socialize

I have been a member of USSVI for 42 years. My primary base is Long Island. I joined Groton when I started to come to the Anniversary Weekends. I have been friends with many Base Commanders including knowing Joe Negri, Chris Quijada, & John Carcioppolo.

Socialize

As a non smoker I am more comfortable in non smoking clubs, but it should be open to vote. When another club i was a member of (Associate member of Marine Corps League) went non-smoking i attended quite a bit more. A better chance to visit with freinds, watch a ball game, etc.

Holland Club

Holland Club

Holland Club

Support for present submariners, and I enjoy being a Docent. I don't drink but will make a effort to attend Holland Club meetings when school is out. I retired 18 years ago but since I have worked with special needs kids at East Lyme HS so can only attend 2-3 luncheons a year.

Holland Club

Supporting Submarine History and becoming a member of the Holland Club when eligible.

Holland Club

I am a proud submariner and Holland Club member. It's what all dolphin wearers should do! The brotherhood and pay homage to my WWII heroes and others who paid the ultimate price!!

Other

Lots of great work by personnel and keep up the great communications!

Other

THANKS

Other

Even though I am an associate who likes fresh air and sunshine, I believe in the USSVI's mission statement.

Other

TMCM(SS) Raymond E Kreul

Other

Get car plate which I think stinks I should be able to get a plate from ct without joining

Other

get dolphins on my plate

Other

First and Finest!

Other

Groton Base was the only reason I stayed in area after retirement 25 years ago.

Other

smoking inside

Other

Better question is why do I keep renewing my dues?

Other

Member of the Westport Satellite group

Other

Please excuse the high number of 'no' answers. My participation is limited because of distance. I live a number of hours away. Some of the answers would be been n/a. choice not provided.

Other

I believe in perpetuating the memory of those that came before us but we have expanded and I believe we try to do too much for the amount of people who actively participate in the club. I work full time and don't spend a lot of time there but I enjoy the monthly meals and hotdogs after the meetings.

Other

I also live in New Hampshire and snow bird to Florida. Seldom in area

Other

Support the motto

Other

The Nautilus Alumni Association meets in Groton for their reunions (Ed Childs recruited me). I also belong to the Western New York Base.

Other

#13 I know it is easy for me to suggest looking into remodeling the kitchen but, if it was laid out differently maybe more thing could be done.

#14 Maybe Holland Club members could pay \$30-\$35 a year instead of the \$45.00.

Other

I felt it to be my moral duty.

Other

I joined and supported the members of the Greatest Generation, not the members of the Carcipolo Club of thieves and rapists

Other

I heard many great things about it and when I talked to a few old salts they said it was one of the best decisions they made in their life.

Other

A place to go after work, but since dues are being raised 3 times the old amount, I will be spending my money at the Fleet Reserve and not renew @ Groton base.

Other

Although I do not have a Naval background (am an Army vet) - I have close ties to the community to which the Navy and Sub Vets are a large part of.

Other

I was qualified in Submarines and therefore support the cause. But if dues keep climbing, I will go to the National membership, since I'm a life-member.

Other

I was invited to join.