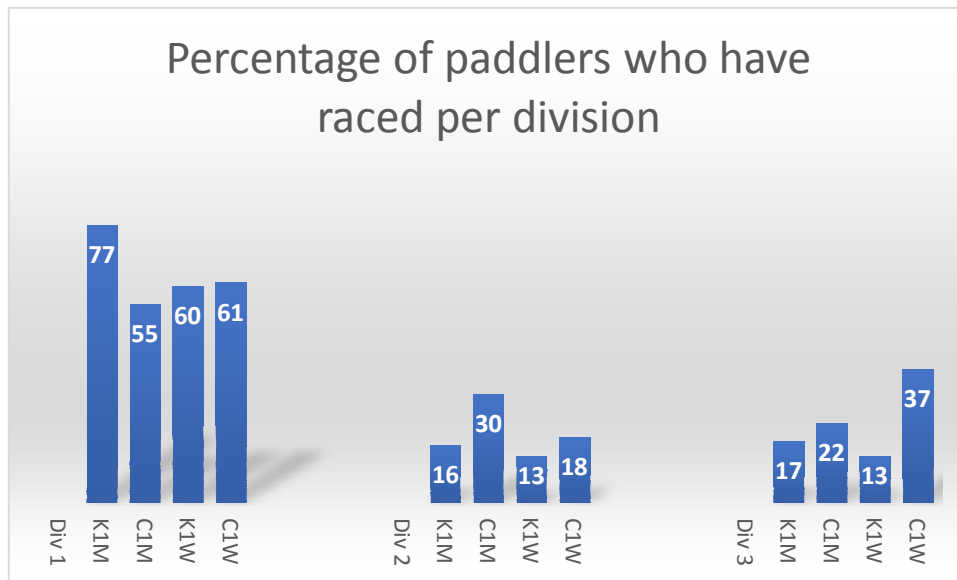


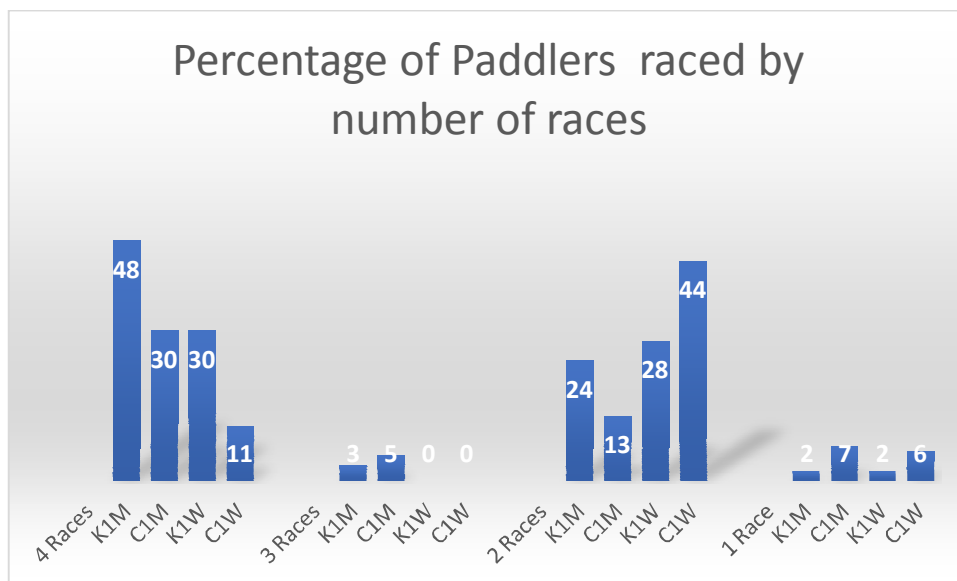
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The numbers entering the early races were not significantly different from those that entered the corresponding race in 2019 were a comparison can be made. As the most northerly race to take place was the 3/4 at Stone a lot of paddlers had not started their season before the coronavirus restrictions took hold.

The graph below shows the percentage of paddlers per division that had raced.



Only Div 1 paddlers had 2 weekends of racing and although the percentage of paddlers who have raced is high when you look at the percentage of paddlers that have raced by number of races as shown.



These percentages suggest that like we saw last season with Div 2 certain groups of paddlers are becoming selective where they will race. Also, the location of the races will not give a clear indication of the number of Div 1 paddlers intending to race this season.

Until we return to racing across all divisions and have a good geographical spread of races, we will not know what the fall out to the sport will be because of covid.

During this year, members of the slalom committee and members of BC staff have begun to look at addressing participation in the future and ideas surrounding this. This is still in extremely early stages and further details will be published for consultation when this reaches an appropriate stage of development.

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