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Women in Sailing by Generali SAILOR REPORT FIELD STUDY (JULY 2024)

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## Methodology

#### Interviews to athletes

#### Interviews to coaches

A CAPI quantitative analysis has been carried out on a sample of 197 boys and girls aged 12 to 25 who practice competitive sailing.

The athletes have an international background: **56 come from Italy and 141 from other countries,** mainly European.

The interviews have been carried out through a semi-structured survey including single-answer, multiple-choice, matrix and/or open-ended questions. This took the respondents about 15 minutes.

Data has been collected in two different instances:

- at the 420 Open European Championship held in Portorož on 4 and 5 July 2024
- at the Trentino 2024 Youth Sailing World Championships held at Garda Lake on 17 and 18 July 2024

A CAPI quantitative analysis has been carried out on a sample of 49 sailing coaches who are actively involved in competitive sailing.

The coaches have an international background: **21 come from Italy and 28 from other countries, mainly European**.

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## Women in Sailing by Generali



#### **Experience in mixed sailing**

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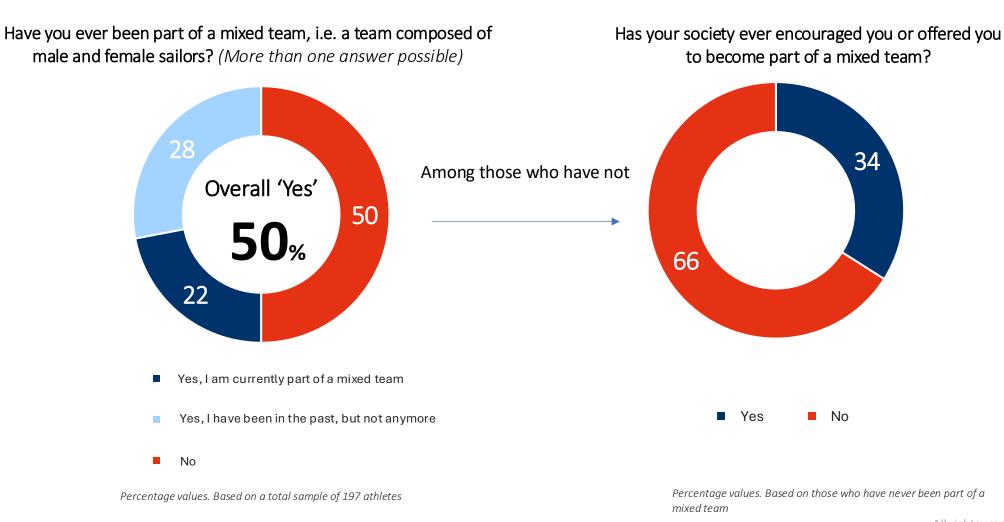
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1 in 2 sailors has never experienced a mixed team, in most cases due to lack of encouragement from societies



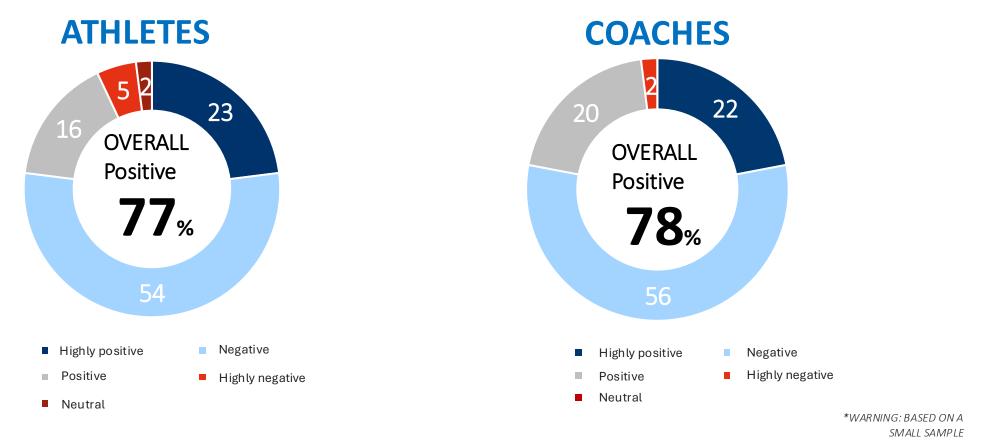
### Assessment of current mixed sailing experience

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Athletes and coaches who are largely satisfied with their experience in a mixed team.

How would you describe your overall experience in a mixed team?



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### Pros and cons of mixed sailing in SPORTING terms

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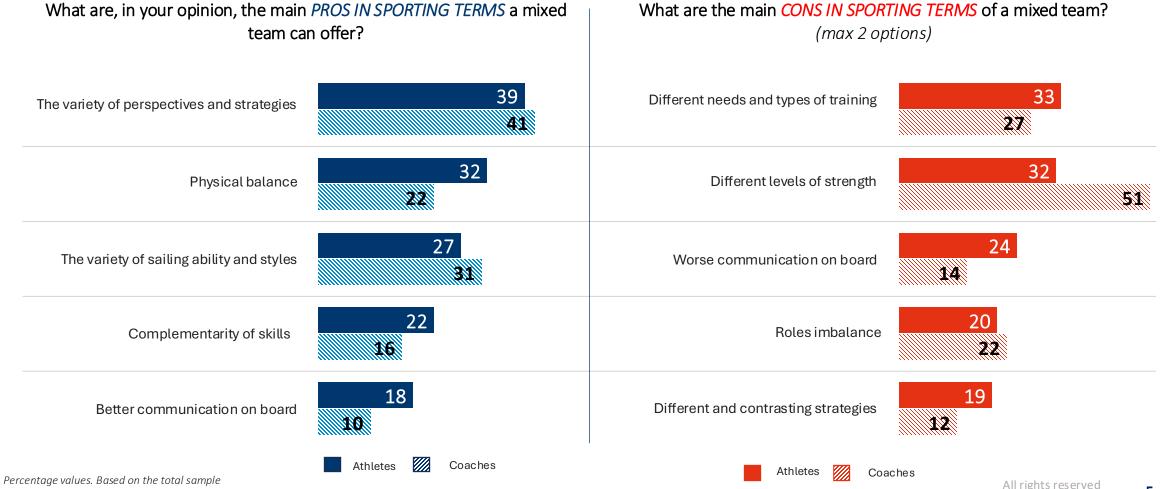
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Mixed teams can offer different strategies and perspectives. The main challenge they face is how to reconcile different training and body types



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## Pros and cons of mixed sailing in RELATIONAL terms

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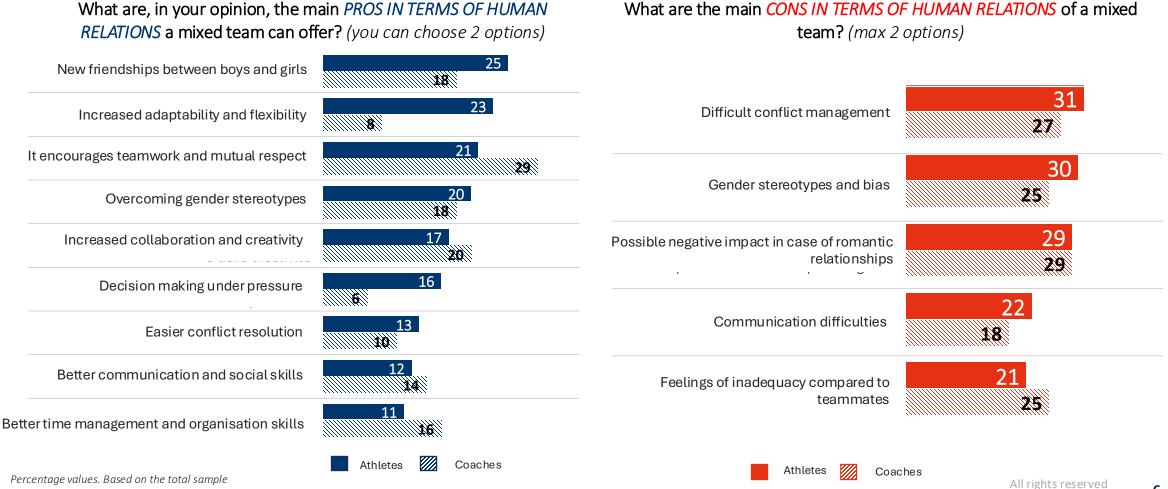
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Being part of a mixed team can help broaden one's circle of friends but can also create various types of conflicts that might be difficult to handle



### Barriers to the diffusion of mixed teams

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Relational conflicts, lack of encouragement and gender stereotypes hinder the diffusion of mixed teams

In your opinion, why are mixed teams not very common today?

	ATHLETES	COACHES
n: 197		
More relational conflicts in mixed teams	24	12
Lack of encouragement by sailing societies	19	22
Gender stereotypes and bias that are still present	17	22
Mixed teams are less competitive	17	12
Some competitions do not include mixed categories	• 17	31
Lack of successful mixed teams as role models	• 17	14
More difficult management of common spaces, such as locker rooms and accommodation	16	25
Possibility of romantic relationships in mixed teams	14	10
Lack of support from coaches	11	12
Fear of criticism and judgement	10	4



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#### Challenges for coaches and strategies to encourage participation

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What are the main challenges you face when training mixed teams?

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In your opinion, what measures could be taken to encourage greater participation in mixed teams in sailing competitions?

Facing challenges related to emotional and social growth/adolescence	37	Creating opportunities for mixed youth	22	
Managing differences in strength, weight and height	29	teams in youth classes	33	
Balancing different levels of skill and experience 29		Promoting diversity and inclusion through communication and activities	27	
Resolving internal conflicts constructively in order to preserve harmony	24	at races Working with schools and association		
Managing complex interpersonal dynamics and developing a collaborative environment	17	to encourage participation in mixed teams	22	
Difficulties in communicating and conveying information and strategies clearly	10	Offering successful mixed teams as role	20	
Organising time schedules for the activities	10	models for young athletes	20	
Facing challenges related to different cultural backgrounds	10	Organising educational workshops and events on mixed sailing at races	20	
Harmonising different personalities and attitudes towards competition and collaboration	5			





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