

Survey Manager Report

2011 Race Survey 070811

Ski to Sea	
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Survey Name :	S2S Survey 2011
Survey Description	Completion of this survey will help the Ski to Sea Race Committee improve the race in 2012.
Author :	Race Committee
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Zones :	Survey
Current Status :	Active
Hits :	1352
Replies :	350
Replies Ratio	25.89%
Additional Properties :	Display Question Numbers Display the number of total replies Users can vote multiple times on this Survey Users can write comments for this Survey
Report Notes :	

Survey Summary		
1) What was your role in the 2011 Ski to Sea Race? (check as many that apply)		
Racer	308	88.00%
Support Team	15	4.29%
Volunteer	7	2.00%
Spectator	37	10.57%
2) Rate your experience in the Ski to Sea Race held on Sunday, May 29th		
5-Excellent	171	48.86%
4-Good	117	33.43%
3-Average	32	9.14%
2-Not Impressed	16	4.57%
1-Needs Work	4	1.14%
3) What was your favorite part of the Ski to Sea Race?		
Vote ID : 206	The 500 person start was pretty cool to witness first hand!	
Vote ID : 207	The race itself.Organizing a team and seeing them all come together to give their best on race day is my favorite part.	
Vote ID : 209	The big party in Fairhaven.	
Vote ID : 211	getting out of the zoo at the finish line(Marine ParkP.	
Vote ID : 213	The comerade	

Vote ID : 214	The dynamite start and me passing by the top of chair one 'cause it was all downhill from there!
Vote ID : 215	Being able to cheer on teammates and get excited as a group.
Vote ID : 216	Having my leg cancelled
Vote ID : 219	the beer garden at the finish line
Vote ID : 220	The way the whole community comes together to support the race
Vote ID : 221	Comraderie
Vote ID : 222	I love the combination of people that you see on race day. I love that the race follows the mountain to the sea- It's about the mountain, not providing the perfect course for each event.It's kind of a miracle that it turns out as smoothly as it usually does.
Vote ID : 223	Almost everything. Was my first Ski to Sea and loved it.
Vote ID : 225	finishing my leg
Vote ID : 226	my leg...the canoe
Vote ID : 227	My leg of the race. I am sure the festivities are great, but they close everything down too early for the racers to enjoy (unless you are in the elite category and finish at 2pm....)
Vote ID : 228	The race itself!! And though my competing experience was excellent, the parking issues and subsequent delays reduced my score to just good.
Vote ID : 230	The race start -- I love the excitement before an event begins. I also really appreciated the snacks at the end of the run segment.
Vote ID : 231	Meeting with old friends and competing against our rival teams.
Vote ID : 232	Competing in a family/friend competition with the Monkey Wrench Gang.
Vote ID : 233	Going to most of the starting and finishing lines around the county, seeing the same people all day long, and cheering on the racers.

Vote ID : 234	As the mt biker, I enjoyed most of the changes to the mt Bike course. The hill was a nice addition aswell as the loops to increase the length. It was unacceptible having the race course follow the railroad tracks by the cold storage. No markers no race volunteers at a hazardous rr crossing. I crashed going 25 mph and broke my helmet and have road rash up my whole Left side. Asphalt and railroad tracks should. Be avoided at all cost. Many Others crashed there also.
Vote ID : 235	The New Sister Cities International Team. And the sunshine...Honestly!
Vote ID : 236	hanging out with my team
Vote ID : 237	Dinner Saturday and Sunday nights.
Vote ID : 238	great volunteers on the road bike leg
Vote ID : 239	training
Vote ID : 240	Excellent event with great coordination. the android/iphone application was EXCELLENT! one of the best I have ever seen.
Vote ID : 241	Barreling down the final mile to the canoe handoff
Vote ID : 243	Being there!
Vote ID : 244	The atmosphere
Vote ID : 245	The mountain
Vote ID : 246	The ski
Vote ID : 248	My wife and I did the canoe leg (for the third year in a row). I really enjoyed doing something together and doing it well (after 43 years of
Vote ID : 249	Organization and consisistency year to year. The shuttle from the college and between the Kayak start and finish was a great addition!
Vote ID : 250	Community based event. I'm on a top fifteen team and it's great having 'ringers' show up and race, but this race needs to stay community focused for the masses. Let's keep this event focused on encouraging people within our area to get fit working having fun!
Vote ID : 253	Great attitudes of everyone and the VERY good information/updates provided to the racers. Loved the "tech" shirts - these will be worn much more. Please bring them back next year!
Vote ID : 254	Being with friends & race atmosphere
Vote ID : 255	Seeing all the happy people involved.
Vote ID : 256	Kicking ass in the canoe and the great feelings that accompany this race.

Vote ID : 258	The spectacle, excitement, friends.
Vote ID : 260	transitions and watching my sister pass a flipped over kayak just before the finish line
Vote ID : 261	team get-togethers
Vote ID : 263	The team spirit! And spectators cheering you up.
Vote ID : 264	my team
Vote ID : 265	Finishing!
Vote ID : 266	The finish line!
Vote ID : 268	Watching the kayakers come in!
Vote ID : 270	The friendliness and uniqueness of the race
Vote ID : 271	Getting out and racing
Vote ID : 272	The finish line :) and the camaraderie of the entire event.
Vote ID : 273	Sitting in the grass at Marine Park with my son and friends.
Vote ID : 274	a
Vote ID : 275	Partying with friends
Vote ID : 276	The canoe leg (that's me!)
Vote ID : 277	The skiing
Vote ID : 278	road bike leg
Vote ID : 279	Cross country
Vote ID : 280	My event, the canoe race.
Vote ID : 282	Being a part of a team and all the excitement!
Vote ID : 283	competing
Vote ID : 284	Finishing the canoe leg with my husband! We improved from last year's race :-)
Vote ID : 285	Being with all the other Canoe teams at the start,
Vote ID : 286	Finishing my leg.
Vote ID : 287	Watching the kayakers come in.
Vote ID : 289	love the day, done the race every year since 2007. Will do it again next year.
Vote ID : 290	The organization...it is a well-ran event!
Vote ID : 291	all of it!
Vote ID : 293	The snow this year! We have so much of it
Vote ID : 294	Competition is always fun.
Vote ID : 296	team spirit
Vote ID : 297	Being part of the big community of racers!
Vote ID : 298	Friendly competition. Community feel combined with the feel of Regional event. It's nice to show off Bellingham to the rest of the state, country, and world.
Vote ID : 299	Racing
Vote ID : 301	Waiting with the others for the start of your leg.
Vote ID : 302	Meeting other racers.

Vote ID : 303	I would have to say seeing Dan Pike wishing every single racer that he encountered while participating in the run leg of the race was a highlight. Also, our downhill snowboarder rode his bicycle up to the mountain the night before, and received some amazing hospitality from Marsha.
Vote ID : 304	WEll I did the road bike...loved the new coarse
Vote ID : 305	The radio coverage and enthusiasm of the announcers. Receiving the text of my placing on my phone.
Vote ID : 306	The camaraderie.
Vote ID : 307	Seeing all the teams compete.
Vote ID : 308	running leg
Vote ID : 310	Being able to compete in a well run event. I had a great time and I'm coming back next year for more.
Vote ID : 313	The Weather
Vote ID : 314	The sense of community. Interactions with othrracers and my race itself.
Vote ID : 315	The bike ride!
Vote ID : 316	Watching my team trade off.
Vote ID : 317	My race leg: running.
Vote ID : 318	Pre-race luau
Vote ID : 320	my leg the the team unity!
Vote ID : 322	Transferring the timing chip, and the incredible volunteers at the end of our leg.
Vote ID : 323	Hanging out in the park waiting for my leg to begin.
Vote ID : 325	The whole experience was a lot of fun! I dont think I had a favorite
Vote ID : 326	Fun being part of the relay team. M
Vote ID : 327	Participating as a racer!
Vote ID : 329	Immediate feedback on split times!! Awesome. Also, the return to wristbands.
Vote ID : 330	Hard to say, loved the new bike course (way more challenging), always love the festivities at the finish line. Can't complain about the wether this year.
Vote ID : 331	People think I'm crazy, but I love the run.
Vote ID : 332	racing!
Vote ID : 333	Preparing as a team.
Vote ID : 334	The finish line cheering.
Vote ID : 335	Hanging out on Mt. Baker.
Vote ID : 336	Canoe leg
Vote ID : 337	Team spirit. Great weather.

Vote ID : 338	I love kayaking in the race, but the kayak was cancelled before I got out. Good for safety, but I was unhappy not to race. This will improve when you can special order the weather. :)
Vote ID : 339	Receiving my race time in a text message shortly after finishing!
Vote ID : 340	Hanging out at the finish line ... party afterwards
Vote ID : 341	Weather was great this year
Vote ID : 342	All the great volunteers, racers, spectators and support people! The sense of Community!
Vote ID : 343	The bike ride to Everson in the morning.
Vote ID : 344	The hardcoreness of 3 hours in a canoe!
Vote ID : 345	The run leg that I did. beautiful!
Vote ID : 346	The race itself.
Vote ID : 347	race
Vote ID : 348	The race itself
Vote ID : 349	Organizing the team and the after event team get together
Vote ID : 350	level of competition
Vote ID : 351	Racing
Vote ID : 352	Organization of the race
Vote ID : 353	The atmosphere before the race
Vote ID : 357	I was the mtn biker, the best part was when it was over. good fun though
Vote ID : 358	Crossing the cross country ski finish line.
Vote ID : 359	Meeting new people from around the area
Vote ID : 360	Comradery
Vote ID : 361	The friendly people.
Vote ID : 362	Racing
Vote ID : 363	The whole scene at the road bike - canoe hand-off was new to me, and a blast!
Vote ID : 364	Finishing the canoe leg and being very pleased with our performance!
Vote ID : 365	pre-race activities
Vote ID : 366	racing
Vote ID : 367	Crowd support & volunteer support
Vote ID : 368	getting together with all my friends in a new place
Vote ID : 370	First year racing, overall I had a great time!
Vote ID : 371	RACING, THE EXPERIENCE WAS AMAZING
Vote ID : 372	road bike course (my event) but overall experience was great
Vote ID : 374	meeting everyone and competing
Vote ID : 377	Great energy from a well run, competitive event with lots of spectators.

Vote ID : 378	My race.
Vote ID : 379	Its all nicely done! Thank you!
Vote ID : 380	Cheering volunteers
Vote ID : 381	The beautiful day at Baker.
Vote ID : 382	The finish line and the excitement of everyone. The weather helped too.
Vote ID : 383	Bike
Vote ID : 385	Being part of the crowd at the start line
Vote ID : 386	Parade and Finish line
Vote ID : 387	Everything - first experience.
Vote ID : 388	Racing my leg and hanging out at Mt. Baker in the sun post-race.
Vote ID : 389	seeing the athletes up close!
Vote ID : 390	The finish and celebrating with teammates and family and hearing about everyone's experiences throughout the day. We went to a restaraunt in Bellingham as a group for merrymnt and story telling
Vote ID : 391	the involvement of the entire community
Vote ID : 392	The festival in Fairhaven. Really can't see much of the race.
Vote ID : 393	Participating in the downhill run.
Vote ID : 394	Racing with friends
Vote ID : 395	I thought the bike race course was challenging and exciting. I also thought the atmosphere at the finish was great.
Vote ID : 396	The dynamite start of the race at Mt Baker and the morning race excitement.
Vote ID : 397	Seeing all the teams chatting and mixing and having fun - after the racing itself!
Vote ID : 398	With a 3 and 2 year old, the bouncy castle at Marine park. Lots of food vendors too - major plus. More bathrooms in Fairhaven central area would be nice.
Vote ID : 399	Cheering by crowd at end of race - very uplifting!
Vote ID : 400	The wide range of competition - it is fun to have a race where mortals can compete with some of the best in the world!
Vote ID : 403	Seeing my teammates come in in anticipation for my leg of the race.
Vote ID : 404	The community involvement and festival at the finish line
Vote ID : 405	I really like the good-natured competitiveness that I see in the participants.

Vote ID : 407	Finishing! The best part was moving to the finish line for each leg and cheering on our team members as they crossed the line.
Vote ID : 409	The comradery of the racers.
Vote ID : 412	Winning our division! OK, and participating with everyone else too ... :)
Vote ID : 414	the atmosphere and the transitions.
Vote ID : 415	our team together at kayak finish.
Vote ID : 416	The actual racing.
Vote ID : 417	Scenery
Vote ID : 418	The combination of skilled, competitive racing teams with the amateur, out-for-the-fun-of-it teams.
Vote ID : 419	None
Vote ID : 420	Being part of a team
Vote ID : 422	Beer garden, and being with friends of course.
Vote ID : 423	Tailgating in the parking lot at Mt. Baker with fellow racers while we waited for the road to open.
Vote ID : 424	I was in the canoe so I didn't really see any other part of the race. But, the canoe leg was a blast!
Vote ID : 425	We compete in the family division and it is always exciting to bring the family together to have some fun.
Vote ID : 427	Being a first time racer i thought the whole experience was just awesome. It was so well organised especially when dealing with 4000 competitors. The atmosphere was great, everyone had energy and was ready to have fun and race. We are all coming back next year (still looking for a sponsor) but next year we will have sponsor and a new team name. Great work everyone.
Vote ID : 428	The happy vibe and the weather
Vote ID : 429	The new road bike course rocks! Safer by far!!
Vote ID : 430	The fun time with friends on a team together, but the overall spectacle of how big a part of Whatcom County and Bellingham this race is. The community really takes it seriously and embraces it and the teams.
Vote ID : 431	The start as I was the first leg.
Vote ID : 433	A challenging race and a being a part of a great tradition.
Vote ID : 435	sense of community
Vote ID : 436	The pre race party at BBB!
Vote ID : 437	being a part of the madness. Lots of fun

Vote ID : 438	Watching all the pro-riders get ready for their part in the mountain bike race.
Vote ID : 439	Working with teammates. Fun seeing all three competitors.
Vote ID : 440	Meeting all of the different racers and getting to enjoy that great outdoors!
Vote ID : 441	The actual race and the enthusiasm of the participants and volunteers.
Vote ID : 442	Absolutely everything! I was on a constant high for two days.
Vote ID : 443	The Boundary Bay Beer at the end of the race in Marine Park. It was a great spot with good beer and I hope it is repeated next year!
Vote ID : 444	Being a newbie, it was great to be part of this great Whatcom county event.
Vote ID : 445	Getting together with my family to mount an awesome attack on the top contenders.
Vote ID : 446	Pre-race Car-free kiss army bike and campout at Silver fir campground!
Vote ID : 447	Changes to road bike race course. (As always, also cheering kayaker to finish.)
Vote ID : 448	Participating. It was a lot of fun.
Vote ID : 449	I love it all. This is one of my favorite events of the year. I love coming up to Bellingham every May and competing in this race.
Vote ID : 450	Talking with team mates and other racers
Vote ID : 451	Well the team competition of course! And I have always loved the cotton t-shirts in the past with the great design and this years synthetic looks great too.
Vote ID : 452	I appreciated the wider trails for X-C.
Vote ID : 453	the finish, watching the kayakers
Vote ID : 454	The fact that we got to be a team. And that you guys didn't let each team fall to far behind in the race.
Vote ID : 455	Seeing all the teams compete
Vote ID : 456	would have been the finish and party in fairhaven if the kayakers had gotten to go
Vote ID : 457	The pulling in the canoe leg.
Vote ID : 458	The connection with my team of friends.
Vote ID : 459	The running leg--awesome run!
Vote ID : 460	The actual race is fantastic!!!!. I have participated for nine years now and plan to attend agin. there was only one situatio about. Delails below.

Vote ID : 462	The energy at the canoe launch-everyone was so excited!
Vote ID : 463	Finishing my section of the race.
Vote ID : 464	The new T shirts
Vote ID : 465	Community involvement and fantastic coordination. Also new android App.
Vote ID : 466	Just being a part of a great race was amazing!
Vote ID : 467	Camaraderie between racers on my team and others. Good fun atmosphere.
Vote ID : 469	canoe
Vote ID : 470	the racing
Vote ID : 473	the course. traffic also seemed better managed coming off the mountain.
Vote ID : 474	the weather
Vote ID : 475	When I stopped running! Seriously, it was reuniting with all my teammates at the end, watching our kayak racer come across the finish line. Great party at the end!
Vote ID : 476	spending time with my friends.
Vote ID : 477	being a part of the canoe leg and canoeing the river, seeing the transitions from road bike to canoe, and the finish line.
Vote ID : 478	The last 50 feet of my leg.
Vote ID : 479	Doing the road bike portion of the race.
Vote ID : 480	Loved the fun nature of the whole event and the energy of participants
Vote ID : 481	The race was well organized.
Vote ID : 482	Talking with fellow participants who shared enthusiasm and a sense of community.
Vote ID : 483	The annual celebration of the amazing landscape that we are lucky enough to live in here in Whatcom County.
Vote ID : 485	Going 40 mph down Mt Baker Highway.
Vote ID : 486	Team camaraderie.
Vote ID : 487	Being part of this awesome community event
Vote ID : 489	Trying a new to me leg of the race! Canoeing rocks.
Vote ID : 490	The racing.
Vote ID : 491	Watching the kayakers finish at the downtown park.
Vote ID : 492	the great onsite staff - and volunteers along the side of the race. The folks with the water guns on the run leg - awesome!
Vote ID : 493	The Finish!
Vote ID : 494	The race itself.

Vote ID : 495	racing, the excitement and attitude
Vote ID : 496	seemed to get off the mountain a bit earlier this year
Vote ID : 497	Racing
Vote ID : 498	Competing with all sorts of athletes, world class to local neighbor
Vote ID : 499	Racing
Vote ID : 500	Finishing my canoe leg.
Vote ID : 501	1)winning 2)people/equipment watching
Vote ID : 502	The hecticness of the race itself.
Vote ID : 504	Being part of a team
Vote ID : 505	The canoe leg finish line!
Vote ID : 507	Getting to know other volunteers and seeing parts of the countryside I have never seen before.
Vote ID : 508	Sunshine on the mountain!
Vote ID : 509	Everything
Vote ID : 510	Organizing the team and doing the kayak leg.
Vote ID : 511	Everything - seriously!!! We have done this race for 8 years and I continue to be amazed at how well it is executed. I plan events for a non-profit in Seattle and know how challenging logistics are, but in a race of this size - it is overwhelming. You all are the BEST OF THE BEST!
Vote ID : 512	The rescue personel getting the wet kayakers out of my way
Vote ID : 514	The t-shirts looked great. I like the synthetic material.
Vote ID : 515	Team spirit and comraderie
Vote ID : 516	The fabulous energy of all the people who come together for this grand event. Personally, I only wish teams would be limited to being strictly local or direct friends or family members - that is, no hiring professional athletes. What a greater accomplishment to win the event as a fully amateur team, eh?
Vote ID : 518	Racing and interacting with all the familiar faces.
Vote ID : 519	The excitement of everyone involved and watching the hand-offs between the different legs.
Vote ID : 520	Waiting for my MB racer to come in even though it was too late for me to race.
Vote ID : 521	Racing
Vote ID : 523	It was fun to be a part of a team
Vote ID : 525	comeraderie

Vote ID : 526	The RB leg this year was amazing. Please keep this course for next year!	
Vote ID : 527	Hearing the roar of the crowd at Marine Park as I paddled "all out" to the finish.	
Vote ID : 528	Being on a Green Team!	
Vote ID : 530	Our team connectedness - and just being a part of something so huge!	
Vote ID : 532	Finishing!	
Vote ID : 533	Kayak leg.	
Vote ID : 534	well run event - great people in it.	
Vote ID : 535	Not flipping the canoe.	
Vote ID : 537	Hanging out and seeing everyone take off on their legs!	
Vote ID : 538	watching racers transition, at Mt Baker, at Everson and at Hovander.	
Vote ID : 539	Meeting our team goal for overall placing in the race.	
Vote ID : 540	Our team BBQ.	
Vote ID : 541	Overall community participation.	
Vote ID : 542	seemed very well organized	
Vote ID : 543	Being a part of a race that has 4000 contenders.	
Vote ID : 544	The 100th anniversary course was purdy cool!	
Vote ID : 545	Very well organized, fantastic weather, so many people!	
Vote ID : 546	The race!!	
Vote ID : 548	The beginning	
Vote ID : 551	It is always the enter package	
Vote ID : 552	All of the encouragement from the volunteers!	
Vote ID : 553	Knowing that my son was competing for the first time!	
Vote ID : 554	racing	
Vote ID : 555	Racing my leg in the canoe.	
Vote ID : 556	The camaraderie	
4) Rate the volunteers and event organizers in terms of friendliness and helpfulness.		
5-Excellent	224	64.00%
4-Good	86	24.57%
3-Average	24	6.86%
2-Not Impressed	3	0.86%
1-Needs Work	1	0.29%
5) What are your thoughts on the timing system used this year?		

Vote ID : 206	Well, I think the timing system was as good as could be expected, although because our x-country skier was pretty slow I got to start my DH leg with a new chip but I didn't get a time....I don't know what happened, as our runner swiped the chip in front of the timer at the beginning of her leg and it "beeped"
Vote ID : 207	Much improved over last year. Having to combine a timing chip with a relay race the wrist band style seems the way to go.
Vote ID : 208	Timing was good, I liked how you could see the responses immediately
Vote ID : 209	It was better than those humongous things from last year.
Vote ID : 212	Chips are way better than lanyards.
Vote ID : 213	Did not work well for the mtb leg. Wait 4 hrs the a "mass start race"?
Vote ID : 214	meh. it worked.
Vote ID : 215	Timing system worked well i thought, better than the bulky neck thing of last year.
Vote ID : 216	Didn't get to use it
Vote ID : 217	better than the neck ones
Vote ID : 218	No complaints
Vote ID : 219	look around for another company, their customer service on-site could use improvement
Vote ID : 220	Seemed to work well
Vote ID : 221	Fine
Vote ID : 222	Seemed great.
Vote ID : 223	Good
Vote ID : 226	great
Vote ID : 227	The system was fine for our team, easy to use. One critique may be to redesign the system so the racers don't have to bend down as the cross over.
Vote ID : 228	Timing system worked very well - only problem was the strap was too loose for my wrist, so I had to hold it the whole time, which really was no big deal. Far better than the system we had last year.
Vote ID : 229	As a runner, having to bend down to have the timing chip register on the mats was cumbersome at the beginning and quite difficult at the end. If there's not a way to be able to just run through the mat, I think having the sensors on a table where we swipe the chips is much more preferable (as was done in 2007 or 2008?)

Vote ID : 230	No issues.
Vote ID : 231	Didn't like that you had to drop down to the ground to engage the timer. Is there a way of putting it at waist level? Also, the velcro strip was awkward. I ended up putting it in my pocket.
Vote ID : 232	I thought it worked great this year. Also, the texts and apps worked very well. Each year this part of the race has improved making information much more available.
Vote ID : 233	Seemed ok. It seemed a little weird that you had to remember to hold the chip low when crossing a line - not always easy to remember in the heat of the moment.
Vote ID : 234	Ok but didn't work at my transition I even stopped and ran it across the mat on the ground.
Vote ID : 236	ok
Vote ID : 237	Better than last year.
Vote ID : 238	Seemed to work fine
Vote ID : 239	worked good
Vote ID : 240	good timing system. you need to switch to a lanyard instead of the wristband.
Vote ID : 241	Fantastic, they're easy to store and don't impede motion.
Vote ID : 242	It's OK
Vote ID : 243	Meh, it works.
Vote ID : 244	I preferred the chip on the wrist band, rather than the lanyard used in 2010.
Vote ID : 245	good
Vote ID : 246	Worked great. The iPhone app is amazing.
Vote ID : 247	Worked great.
Vote ID : 249	It was fine for our needs.
Vote ID : 252	It was better than the ones we used last year.
Vote ID : 253	Liked the "band" style timing chips much better.
Vote ID : 254	Seemed fine
Vote ID : 255	Seemed to work just fine.
Vote ID : 256	Worked great.
Vote ID : 258	It worked.
Vote ID : 259	it would be nice if the tired finishing racer didn't have to remember to swipe the chip below their knees, e.g. a runner in regular stride would cause the chip to swipe rather than having to break stride and put the chip below their knees.
Vote ID : 260	the sensor should be a little higher
Vote ID : 263	Much better than last year. Thank you.

Vote ID : 264	I got the texts an hour late each time and then they just stopped coming after the 3rd leg
Vote ID : 265	Great!
Vote ID : 266	Seemed to work well, from my limited perspective. I like that it's a velcro attachment.
Vote ID : 270	I was very impressed with the timing. it was quick, and sent via text very promptly.
Vote ID : 271	Worked well
Vote ID : 272	Thought it worked fine.
Vote ID : 275	Great!
Vote ID : 276	I think it worked well. The wristbands are easy to use.
Vote ID : 277	Good
Vote ID : 278	It worked for our team.
Vote ID : 279	good idea
Vote ID : 280	It worked fine.
Vote ID : 282	Great
Vote ID : 283	much better than last year
Vote ID : 284	It was even better than the ****ge chip teams used last year (2010). The Ski to Sea results App was a great deal for a lot of users who have updated cell phones (iPhone and Android).
Vote ID : 285	Good , better than the lanyard
Vote ID : 286	It seemed to work fine for our team.
Vote ID : 287	n/a
Vote ID : 288	Wristband tricky to put on when running and trying to mount your bike. Liked the around the neck timer better.
Vote ID : 289	Worked fine
Vote ID : 290	The timing system was good!
Vote ID : 291	no problems
Vote ID : 292	fine
Vote ID : 293	Bracelet was cumbersome to put on and take off
Vote ID : 294	I thought it worked well and was easier than the bib used last year.
Vote ID : 295	better than the chips that went around the neck
Vote ID : 296	worked fine - better than last year !
Vote ID : 297	Didn't get to experience

Vote ID : 298	Really great. The real-time availability via phone apps was a huge improvement. Can't do much better. The only thing that might improve it would be to use the new disposable timing chips. I saw those used in the Bloomsday race in Spokane, which had 50,000 people. That way, each leg of the ski to sea could have their own timing chip that starts and ends their leg (i.e. two scan mats at each transition, one "in" and one "out". That would give transition times too, and no leg would be penalized for a ***** transition communication (as commonly happens in the road bike, when he/she has no control over scanning the chip at either of the transitions [runner scans] [canoer scans]).
Vote ID : 299	I liked last year better.
Vote ID : 301	Fine.
Vote ID : 302	Did not get to handle it since my kayak leg was cancelled.
Vote ID : 303	Better than last year.
Vote ID : 304	I preferred last years on the neck cord. It was less noticable when riding
Vote ID : 305	It's well done and worked properly to my knowledge.
Vote ID : 306	fine
Vote ID : 307	Being a first time racer i thought that it work well even though many people on my team didn't put it on our wrist like it was intended. In many cases it went into a pocket.
Vote ID : 308	not *****. I'd suggest a digital display that the runners could look at as the downhill skiers come in. The microphone wasn't very loud. Some sort of digital display up high would work
Vote ID : 310	Personally I liked the way the 2010 race was timed with that laminated card thing but this year's system was fine. If it's at all possible I would recommend using much smaller velcro straps. That timer was flopping around the whole time and I was worried it would fall off.
Vote ID : 311	the timing chips are easy to cary but it was nice in 2010 to not have to carry them at knee height for the exchange
Vote ID : 313	Great
Vote ID : 314	no complaints. appreciated the rapid speed of knowing results.

Vote ID : 316	very messed up. We used 3 chips and at first one of our legs was timed at 10 minutes. Another leg had no time at all, so we were disqualified. Luckily, we had it fixed for us, so we were no longer disqualified.
Vote ID : 317	The chip system is good, however there are more convenient chip systems available. I recently ran a marathon (Boston) where the chip is in the bib. Less likely to be lost.
Vote ID : 318	No frame of reference from past races; Velcro was a pain to transfer between racers.
Vote ID : 319	Worked fine! I liked it better than the 2010 system
Vote ID : 320	It was too long...Making the distances longer was not a good fit for those of us that are not at an elite pace.
Vote ID : 321	Timing systems were great
Vote ID : 322	Better than last
Vote ID : 323	No opinion. I did not get to use it.
Vote ID : 324	The wrist band was big so I just put it in my pocket.
Vote ID : 325	Timing system seemed to work well although i dont understand why you dictate who swipes the chip. It was also difficult to know how low to bend to swipe th chip for the cross country. There werent any markers anywhere i could see.
Vote ID : 326	Good
Vote ID : 327	Amazing!
Vote ID : 330	Had not really thought about it, so that must mean it was good. Liked the smaller wristband rather than the large card last year.
Vote ID : 331	A little hard for runners, who generally don't have pockets. Most of my teammates just put it in a pocket and that seemed easy.
Vote ID : 332	i thought it worked well
Vote ID : 333	It was my first year, so I thought it was fine.
Vote ID : 334	I thought it worked well when racers were crossing casually (early) I'm not sure how it worked when it got busy.
Vote ID : 335	Great
Vote ID : 336	Good
Vote ID : 338	I prefer wrist bands to the neck straps that were used last year.
Vote ID : 339	Great!
Vote ID : 340	works great
Vote ID : 341	No problems this year

Vote ID : 342	It seemed to work well...the best we have had by a long shot.
Vote ID : 343	The band isn't idiot proof.
Vote ID : 344	awesome, text updates were very helpful!
Vote ID : 345	worked good for me.
Vote ID : 346	Timing system seemed to work well.
Vote ID : 347	worked well
Vote ID : 348	It was fine
Vote ID : 349	worked well
Vote ID : 350	fine, but could do without the monkey
Vote ID : 351	Worked well
Vote ID : 352	Worked out great for our guys. We had a Nordic skier who struggled. The fact we would still start the individual legs was wonderful as we had travelled a long way to be there!
Vote ID : 353	Needs to not stop at 5 pm, if you know the race is longer then extend the time maximums
Vote ID : 354	not applicable
Vote ID : 355	what are fail safe measures in case of power disruption, data corruption etc..? the database (both online and iPhone app) were slow to refresh and/or corrupted with non-sensical race results displayed. You have technical challenges!!!
Vote ID : 357	it worked good
Vote ID : 358	it worked well. we did not get our mountain biker clocked in even though he finished, but that happens.
Vote ID : 359	didn't get a chance to use it.
Vote ID : 360	Good
Vote ID : 361	The timing seemed to work very well. More computer at the finish area to check results would be great or a large jumbo tron with results slowing rolling through for each leg. maybe with announcer stating what is next for results so people know when to watch for what they are looking for.
Vote ID : 362	Good
Vote ID : 363	Seemed fine, worked for our team with no problems.
Vote ID : 365	adequate
Vote ID : 366	better than last year's
Vote ID : 367	Difficult to get the velcro strap fastened. Need three hands
Vote ID : 368	Seemed to work well.
Vote ID : 370	Seemed to work great.

Vote ID : 371	VERY GOOD
Vote ID : 372	worked for me
Vote ID : 374	Seemed to work great
Vote ID : 375	It works pretty well...
Vote ID : 377	Hated the velcro wrist straps!
Vote ID : 378	I liked it it was improved from previous years.
Vote ID : 379	Have no opinion! It works....yes!
Vote ID : 380	Totally fine.
Vote ID : 381	Great.
Vote ID : 383	Good
Vote ID : 385	Pretty good. This business of having to swipe it down low still seems a bit clunky.
Vote ID : 386	Don't have opinion
Vote ID : 387	Good, but our canoe leg didn't register a time.
Vote ID : 388	Great!
Vote ID : 390	I liked the wrist band a lot better than the neck lanyard from 2010
Vote ID : 391	better
Vote ID : 392	N/A
Vote ID : 393	It worked well
Vote ID : 394	Like it. Really liked the app that some of my teammates had for live updates.
Vote ID : 395	I loved it. I used the app on my droid phone and really appreciated it. I thought it was odd however that the racers had to bend down to scan the chips. This seem pretty inconvenient for exhausted racers.
Vote ID : 396	Thought it was great. The live updates via apps were awesome for keeping track of where our team was and helping racers get prepped to take off.
Vote ID : 397	Seemed find.
Vote ID : 399	Grabbing timer from teammate and trying to wrap it around wrist/ankle while running canoe to launch was difficult. I bit down on one end for @10 minutes as we frantically paddled and worried about it falling off during the canoe race.
Vote ID : 400	it was fine. I am the kayak leg and prefer the lanyard to the wrist band, but it really wasn't too big of deal. The text updates combined with the results app really make it fun and easy to follow what is going on.
Vote ID : 401	timing band worked fine. was always stuffed in a pocket not used as wrist band.

Vote ID : 403	I thought it was off. They waited too long to send the kayakers out. If its a day like that they should have sent us all off to make our times while our mt bikers finished. I trained all year for my first ski to sea kayak leg, bought a boat and all the equipment and it was canceled 25 min before im about to drop in. :(
Vote ID : 404	Seemed appropriate and effective. Only downfall was not being able to get splits/texts at the road bike staging site.
Vote ID : 406	okay. The fact that you have to fumble with the wrist strap while you are running was a bit annoying, but the system appears to work well otherwise.
Vote ID : 407	If you're referring to the timing chip, I think it was great.
Vote ID : 409	Worked very well.
Vote ID : 412	Seemed to work just fine!
Vote ID : 413	Great, cool to use the iphone App and stay up to date on the race
Vote ID : 414	Timing system worked out fine.
Vote ID : 415	better than necklace
Vote ID : 416	Easy to transfer, appeared reliable.
Vote ID : 417	I think timing chips are the way to go.
Vote ID : 418	Ok
Vote ID : 419	Needs work
Vote ID : 420	Worked for me. Loved getting the text messages and the results in the Droid App so quickly.
Vote ID : 422	Didn't experience any problems.
Vote ID : 423	Seemed to work fine.
Vote ID : 424	I thought the timing system worked great. The only suggestion is that the chips be on a band that is easier to put on. Trying to put that on while moving into your leg is not easy so I just put it in my pocket, which did work fine.
Vote ID : 425	Seemed to work great. It would be great if the text messaging would also show ranking overall and in our division but it was a huge plus to have.
Vote ID : 426	Worked ok but would be better to have one that catches no matter where the chip is or multiple chips for each racer so we could wear it on our ankle and not have to pass off

Vote ID : 427	Trying to get the velcro on while running to the Pro Boat was a distraction. During the river paddle part of the velcro strap was flapping around on my wrist and i was concerned i would rip it of while making changes.
Vote ID : 428	fine
Vote ID : 431	The system was good but the timers were so worn. Get newer ones for next time.
Vote ID : 433	Loved having a wristband again. Loved having the android app with real time data.
Vote ID : 435	worked really well
Vote ID : 436	Good
Vote ID : 437	Very easy. Although we had one racer who didn't understand that she could wear the bracelet, - so she carried it for the whole running leg.
Vote ID : 438	It was okay.
Vote ID : 439	Seemed fine.
Vote ID : 440	I thought it was good, although when I swiped my chip at the beginning of my leg it beeped but it did not record.
Vote ID : 442	Other than the fact that I got so excited to finally start the mountain bike section that I forgot to swipe low and had to do it twice, it worked out just fine. I noticed that most people put it in rear shirt pockets or vests; the only one who wore it was the runner, but I think it worked fine.
Vote ID : 443	The best timing system we have had since its inception into this race.
Vote ID : 444	Not knowing anything of the past systems, this wrist band seemed to work out pretty well.
Vote ID : 445	Seems to work well. Seems like most team members did not use the wrist-band option.
Vote ID : 447	Chips on wrist band much better than last year's card on lanyard.
Vote ID : 448	Seemed to work fine to me.
Vote ID : 449	the velcro band was leaps and bounds better than the lanyard timing chip from last year. Great improvement. Although, the "monkey swipe" at the timing mats was kind of awkward (as a runner, I got to do it twice).
Vote ID : 450	I didn't have an issue but I saw many people having to pass the checkpoint multiple times to get a reading

Vote ID : 451	Better but the strap was sloop long hard to put on while running to my start
Vote ID : 452	fine- ours worked this year, so I have no complaints.
Vote ID : 454	Uhh you have to be very careful. I know i did better on my leg of the race.... maybe it was my own error but overall pretty good.
Vote ID : 455	The text messages were slow in getting to you...
Vote ID : 456	really liked the texts they sent out when racers finished. kinda weird having to drag the chip for it to register. would have been nice to just run through
Vote ID : 457	Great!
Vote ID : 458	It worked fine.
Vote ID : 459	Works adequately.
Vote ID : 460	I think we used it before. I had no issues and neither did the rest of the team.
Vote ID : 461	This was my first year.
Vote ID : 462	good.
Vote ID : 463	Seemed to work well.
Vote ID : 464	Great
Vote ID : 465	great
Vote ID : 466	The chip timing system is good. The wrist bands are coming apart though and could be replaced.
Vote ID : 467	It seemed fine. The text messages for when your racer crossed the line did not work, did not work last year either...Would be nice to have better communication between race legs. Maybe an online video camera system at each finish line so that last the people later in the race can feel like they are a part of the race all day.
Vote ID : 471	I thought the timing system worked very well, no glitches for our team, and heard no complaints from others. HOWEVER, I would LOVE to see a breakdown in the results for individual competitors based on age and gender. I remember this being provided a few years back, and VERY MUCH appreciated it! As I get older, I can't compete with all the young studs, so it is a HUGE incentive for training to see where I stack up against my peers.
Vote ID : 473	seemed to work well.
Vote ID : 474	worked fine
Vote ID : 475	I liked the bracelets better than the long corded timing pieces

Vote ID : 476	worked fine.
Vote ID : 477	worked well for me, have never done the race before, a bit silly that we have to hold it by our ankles
Vote ID : 478	It seemed to function correctly.
Vote ID : 479	It seemed to work for us
Vote ID : 480	Seemed fine
Vote ID : 481	NA
Vote ID : 482	Great!
Vote ID : 483	It was fine.
Vote ID : 485	I was the road biker, so I didn't have to swipe the chip, but there weren't any complaints from my team members.
Vote ID : 486	Great. Had some trouble getting the velcro attached around wrist by myself.
Vote ID : 487	Worked great for our team
Vote ID : 489	HAve more chips on hand. In case of an event issue like the one at the delay of the kayak leg It Could have been run if enough chips had been available.
Vote ID : 490	I
Vote ID : 491	Excellent timing system. I would prefer to hang timing chip around my neck rather than attach to wrist. I carried the chip in my front pocket because it was quicker than trying to velcro to my wrist.
Vote ID : 492	Worked great - think the downhill person should be able to swipe their time and not rely on the runner to do so as we saw a few downhillers waiting on their missing runner and losing time in the process for their event.
Vote ID : 493	I did not like the wrist bands. They were hard to get on for the downhill skiers. I liked the neck chain ones that were used last year.
Vote ID : 494	We are never contenders so its not that big an issue - but we always wonder how the final results can differ from what is first posted-- if everything is automated.
Vote ID : 495	good
Vote ID : 496	liked the arm bands much better than the neck thing last year
Vote ID : 497	Accurate with instant results... can't go wrong with that! (:
Vote ID : 498	Fine, worked for us. Not complicated
Vote ID : 499	It worked well

Vote ID : 500	liked the wrist band. No way to tell if you registered as you crossed the mat. would be great to hear a beep.
Vote ID : 501	good
Vote ID : 502	Fine
Vote ID : 503	I did not get to use it, as I did the kayak leg of the race, and it was called off before I could race.
Vote ID : 504	Average
Vote ID : 505	Some chips didn't give accurate times or took a long time to update teams/legs.
Vote ID : 506	Like the wristband and quick leg updates.
Vote ID : 507	N/A
Vote ID : 508	Worked great.
Vote ID : 509	I thought it was great.
Vote ID : 510	Worked great. The wrist bands were a little tricky to get on tight when you are running or cycling, but the idea works well.
Vote ID : 511	loved it!
Vote ID : 512	I like the neckless rather than the wrist band. you need to have the sensors higher so we dont have to crawl over them to read it!
Vote ID : 513	tits!
Vote ID : 514	It seemed to work well and the text messages actually arrived within a useful amount of time this year.
Vote ID : 515	Seemed pretty good although the wrist strap was awkward and difficult to put on in the transition
Vote ID : 516	Great. No cause for change.
Vote ID : 517	It didn't work very well. Plenty of racers were missing their split times for their legs because of "missed" swipes at the start/finish of each leg.
Vote ID : 518	Excellent. No problems.
Vote ID : 519	I like the timing chip method but thought it was kind of wierd that the clock was so low so that racers had to lean down to trigger it.
Vote ID : 520	Fine
Vote ID : 521	Velcro wrist bands were kind of hard to get on in a hurry
Vote ID : 523	I had a difficult time seeing and hearing the downhill ski number being announced and lost a few minutes for my team by not knowing he was there waiting for me.
Vote ID : 525	worked well
Vote ID : 526	Dialed

Vote ID : 528	Worked well.
Vote ID : 529	fine
Vote ID : 530	As the road biker, I didn't have to actually scan it on either end. However, it did seem like there was a lot of chance for the timing chip to not scan correctly since you had to bend so low. That would be the only area that I think needs improvement.
Vote ID : 532	If there are miles added to the race, I think the time allowed for the bikers to get to the kayakers should be lengthened as well!
Vote ID : 533	Very seamless.
Vote ID : 534	Great,
Vote ID : 535	The teamed liked the wrist band far better that the chip around he neck.
Vote ID : 536	Overall, I was impressed with the timing system. It seems to have been accurate with very few missed splits across the field. The near-real-time updates via the smartphone apps were amazing! I wonder whether a different chip system could be used in the future that doesn't require racers to bend over to swipe the chip, particularly after running down Mt. Baker!
Vote ID : 537	Timing was fine
Vote ID : 538	great
Vote ID : 539	Worked well. Seemed to be better than recent years past.
Vote ID : 540	It worked.
Vote ID : 541	Liked it.
Vote ID : 542	seemed to work well, similar to other race events
Vote ID : 543	Seemed to work great.
Vote ID : 544	Much smoother than last year
Vote ID : 545	I am not sure what was done before but everything seemed to work well.
Vote ID : 546	Worked fine for me.
Vote ID : 548	Seemed to work well. It was hard to find my partner to hand off the timing device but that's part of the chaos of a huge event like this.

Vote ID : 549	Considering that our skier broke a binding at the very beginning and did not complete the course, AND that we informed a race official (chair), AND that we informed a timing official who told us our team would be DNF but we could still compete in individual legs and assigned us a new chip, I was surprised to learn that we took second in our division (and it's still showing second). The timing company could do a much better job.
Vote ID : 551	It seemed to work, I knew of no problems, I say keep it
Vote ID : 552	timing was not *****, you have to make sure that the chip crosses across the path correctly or it takes forever to see race time online.
Vote ID : 553	Fine
Vote ID : 554	Better than before; would prefer not to have to take some action at the finish line, ie dip down, it's distracting and seems it could to lead to big problems if someone forgets. Out of 500x7=3500 timing events, that seems likely.
Vote ID : 555	seemed to work awesome.
Vote ID : 556	Worked well
6) Was there any area of the race in which you were disappointed?	
Vote ID : 206	See above (I didn't get a time for my DH leg) Team #105 Also, Unfortunate that our kayakers didn't get the chance to start. But considering the conditions it was understandable and couldn't be helped. Safety first.
Vote ID : 207	1.The parking lot at the DOT station (across from Silver Fir campground) cars were not allowed to leave until after almost all the cars came off the mtn. In our case a wait of close to 2 hrs. Makes it hard to get down to pick up the rd bikers on time. In yrs. past they released the lot when there were not any runners in sight on the road. If they needed to wait until all runners finished they could have at least let us merge with traffic coming down the mtn. 2.Mile markers were mismarked on running course. 1/2 mile off at beginning and then a 1/2 mi. added around 6 miles. 3.Teams in rec.open that should have been in open.Well Hung Jury has had a questionable boat 2 yrs in a row(down river boat).

Vote ID : 211	Perhaps, ***** judgement to use the long course. Not a race under those conditions, rather, a survival contest....
Vote ID : 213	The mass start after waiting 4 hrs to ride the mtb.
Vote ID : 214	traffic management. getting out of Hovander sucked. I know it is more volunteers but if there could be traffic monitors for the mass exodus it would be really helpful! getting around Fairhaven sucked.
Vote ID : 215	The kayaker was very disappointed, (I was a kayaker last year). It's a very frustrating leg for the not faster teams because you might not even get to hand off, and this year (as well as last year) the course is progressively getting choppier as the day goes on. It was frustrating to watch untrained/unexperienced people on boats that obviously shouldn't have been on that rough of water. When our kayaker was in a super safe boat and has tons of ocean/big river experience and didn't get to go. Possibly making the kayak time cut off even earlier so there would be more time/less choppy weather for the kayaking.
Vote ID : 216	The race should have been started an hour earlier to accommodate the longer distances. 100 miles was a good idea that was managed *****ly
Vote ID : 218	No
Vote ID : 219	the kayak leg being cancelled
Vote ID : 220	it was tough to tell who was in our division. Usually we check the bib color and numerical sequence.
Vote ID : 221	Bummed that my leg was cut, 3 minutes before my biker arrived. It was the right call, but I was bummed!
Vote ID : 222	Please clarify the end of the Kayak leg. (Is the race over at 5:30? or 7:00?)
Vote ID : 223	Traffic control coming down the mountain. The cars in the run/bike transition lot were left there sitting until all the traffic finished coming down the mountain. There should have been periodic stops to let 10-20 vehicles out of the lot at a time.
Vote ID : 225	I think the organizers didn't appreciate what adding 15 miles to the race would do to the kayak start. Even tho our rookie team managed to finish in the top half of the pack, our kayaker didn't launch until 4:15 and shortly after that kayak leg was called.

Vote ID : 226	no kayak but understand the reasons
Vote ID : 227	I raced the mtn bike leg, the cross country sections were "OK" but overall the track fell short of representing what Bellingham has to offer regarding mtn biking.
Vote ID : 228	The parking! Because of the way cars were parked at the top of the mountain, no one could leave until most racers had finished. As a runner, I liked that I didn't have to contend with cars. But the late runners, and the mid to late pack cyclists had to deal with ALL of the cars, instead of just a few at a time. Those parked at the run/bike exchange then had to wait even longer. Perhaps opening up the lower ski lodge parking area and running a short shuttle would help to alleviate the crowds at the top. Also, the race MUST start earlier if it's to be this long!! Most of us know the wind/chop on the bay often picks up as the day progresses, so although this chop was significant, it shouldn't have been surprising. To have that many competitors miss the kayak leg is just really really sad.
Vote ID : 229	I was hoping to be able to watch some of my teammates transitions after doing the running leg. But none of the vehicles at the Shuksan DOT station parking lot were let go until SIGNIFICANTLY LATER than in past years. It was quite frustrating because in years past I was able to watch the handoff from both the road biker to canoe and canoe to mt. biker (my team has been in the top 30 each year). Normally we were released a few cars at a time as was deemed safe, but not this year. On top of that, I had a wedding to attend Sunday afternoon south of Seattle that I was getting increasingly worried I would miss because we had to wait until the last runner passed?!?! before we could be allowed to leave.
Vote ID : 230	The professional photographer's prices were simply outrageous. \$50 for a digital image?? That was extremely disappointing. The event meetings were useless -- I sat through three (cross-country, downhill and run). I was extremely annoyed that I couldn't get down the mountain until the runners finished.

Vote ID : 231	I like that you extended the mountain bike leg, but both the teams we are close with had serious crashes near the end of the leg. One required stitches while the other had serious road burn.
Vote ID : 232	There was one place in the Mountain Bike leg were a number of competitors crashed resulting in some injuries. Also, the race finishing later in the day was a little disappointing. I think it will be difficult to get all of the kayaks out on the water with the longer times.
Vote ID : 233	The Mt baker sections seemed disorganized - we had no idea where the pre-race meetings were to be held. During the the x-country ski-downhill transition, the announcements of which numbers were coming in was done by someone holding a radio up to a bullhorn, which was garbled and impossible to hear when not pointed directly at you. Also, the gentleman holding the bullhorn was the only volunteer making an attempt to keep the eager downhillers from encroaching on the x-country finishing chute. He seemed overworked. There were other volunteers in vests around, but they were doing absolutely nothing. I think this transitions needs a board with numbers, its own PA, and effective volunteers.
Vote ID : 234	Eliminate the tracks by the cold storage. Patchy asphalt and rr tracks sould be seen as a hazard, not an obstical. Injuies will be avoided and racers happier.
Vote ID : 236	cancellation of the kayak leg
Vote ID : 237	I was the kayaker and didn't get to start.
Vote ID : 238	Kayak leg was cancelled, no fault of anyone.
Vote ID : 239	In the past it was easier to determine who was in your division by the color of the bib numbers It was really hard to determine who was in your division this year because all the bibs looked a like and the numbers were all mixed up.
Vote ID : 241	It sounds like there was a bit of a logjam for kayakers. Extra miles were added earlier so kayak start times were pushed back, unfortunately the 6 pm release time was the same as previous years. I think the release times might need to be adjusted if the race is going to stay at 100 miles.

Vote ID : 242	Too many teams and too long of a course. By the time the racers reached the kayak leg, they were really spread out. Also, did we really need a beer garden at the finish line? It made the park way too crowded.
Vote ID : 243	Bathrooms. No sanitary wash or anything!
Vote ID : 244	I would like to see mile markers on the river canoe leg - at the moment it is impossible to know where you are and how long left to go
Vote ID : 245	Race seemed too long this year and many kayaks didn't make it in the water. Also, we did not get off the mountain in a timely manner this year, but we have in the past. Unclear on why there was a delay.
Vote ID : 246	What the hell is up with the "100 year anniversary". A race was held 100 years ago that has no connection, and virtually no similarities to Ski to Sea, yet you continue to attempt to make a connection for marketing purposes. By lengthening the race to 100 miles, many paddlers were cheated out of their race. I can see the lengthening of the road bike, it makes sense (as long as you start the race earlier), but the mountain bike leg was a waste. I love the ski to sea, but this aspect is lame.
Vote ID : 247	No
Vote ID : 248	I see no reason to get all the canoe people to Everson by 9:30. I think 10 would be early enough. In our case, we didn't get on the water until 12:30, more than three hours after we got to Everson.
Vote ID : 249	The wind and waves were pretty extreme by mid-afternoon. From what I could tell, conditions had worsened through the afternoon
Vote ID : 253	It was a bummer that the kayak leg was cancelled.
Vote ID : 254	The race packet didn't have any directions to the start sites for the legs, so we had to scramble around with limited cell phone service to figure out where to go. Caused a lot of stress and headaches. The page of directions for each leg should include directions to the start of that leg.
Vote ID : 255	No, aside from my personal performance...
Vote ID : 256	No, flowed well.
Vote ID : 258	No
Vote ID : 260	the mass start of first leg,

Vote ID : 261	I was a kayaker, therefore, 1) Once course is closed, do not allow any subsequent teams to depart 2) Make certain sound system reaches participants waiting with their boats on grassy knoll
Vote ID : 262	The parking crew at hovander left early. People were leaving hovander via the boat launch (which was a one way, single lane road for bike safety) and causing traffic problems for people using the boat launch. The boat launch is used by the public and by Search & Rescue and is a bit busy at that time.
Vote ID : 263	Up in the Mt Baker parking lot the sound system was arranged so that the speakers blasted the numbers of the skiers coming in up towards the mountain and not down towards the runners. It was a little hard to hear if you were a runner standing in the crowd waiting for your skier. The area for exchange between xc skier and downhill skier was slightly steeper than in the past which caused a lot of xc skiers to fall down as they were trying to locate their partner, take off the bracelet and slow down. This place needs to be flatter to help the xc skier with their timely stop.
Vote ID : 264	Kayak leg was cancelled. Good call, but really frustrating. And if you lengthen the race you need to move the cut times till later. There were about 150 teams at 430 that were all going to have to leave at 5:00? I don't think that was going to work out too well. And I had to hitchhike to get my car because I planned on paddling there.
Vote ID : 265	I am always disappointed that there is not a way to do the run any other way then down the Mt. Baker Highway.
Vote ID : 266	I was on the canoe leg, so I only know about that. No disappointments to report.
Vote ID : 268	There were not enough bathrooms. And the beer garden line was always very long.
Vote ID : 270	no.
Vote ID : 271	Our kayak leg was unable to race
Vote ID : 272	No.

Vote ID : 273	My husband was participating in the kayak leg. He was one of the 250 who did not get to finish the race. It was disappointing that he had to sit there for 6 hours (11am - 5pm)and did not get to finish. I understand the safety issue, but it would be nice to have different divisions for the professional racers and amature/for fun racers so the amateurs don't have to wait around all day.
Vote ID : 274	not calling out all of the numbers at the bike/canoe exchange
Vote ID : 275	The kayak conditions! (Not your fault of course...) A lot of volunteers we spoke to were not told much about what they should know, ie. giving directions etc.
Vote ID : 276	Of course it was sad that the kayak leg had to be truncated, but I'm so glad it was -- it got hairy out there!
Vote ID : 277	Finish: space to crowded DH booth, tables towards the beach.
Vote ID : 278	NA
Vote ID : 279	Cross country.. Nordic event next year should start at ground level (not up against the hill) Also the ending should be at even terrain.. (compare Olympics) Extend to 10Km 6.5 miles.
Vote ID : 280	No. The paddling portions are excellent.
Vote ID : 282	The railroad section of the Mtn Bike leg was a bit obnoxious and dangerous!
Vote ID : 283	that they kayak leg wasn't called off sooner
Vote ID : 284	None.
Vote ID : 286	Only on the lack of mile markers for racers.
Vote ID : 287	cancelling of part of the kayak race, even though I understood the safety reasons behind it.
Vote ID : 288	Train tracks at the end of the MTB course were unnecessary punishment
Vote ID : 289	Mt bike course could be improved
Vote ID : 290	Being a runner, I would like to be able to listen to music during the 8-mile run. I understand why headphones are banned for the other legs as not being able to hear could be dangerous. However, the run is very safe and I don't understand how listening to music would add any danger whatsoever.

Vote ID : 291	one of the rescue boats during the canoe leg went flying up the river, nearly knocking a dozen boats over in the process. kind of scary, although i understand they were probably on their way to help some folks out so it's ok.
Vote ID : 292	never received any time text messages.
Vote ID : 293	The wind in the kayak race!
Vote ID : 294	My team's number wasn't announced as I finished my leg of the canoe race, so my mountain biker wasn't anywhere to be found.
Vote ID : 295	the finish results. I understand the need to stop the kayakers from continuing due to safety issues, however because we were able to get into the water, our results were horribly affected especially considering those who didn't make it in were able to keep their same placement at the end of the mountain bike.
Vote ID : 296	Race should have started earlier to allow for extra distance; potential disaster if over 200 kayaks had to be launched at Squalicum simultaneously at 5pm.
Vote ID : 297	Very disappointed that the kayak leg was called off. It was the right choice for many people, but personally disappointed. Wish there was a way to have an alternative...

Vote ID : 298	<p>Cancelling of the Kayak half way through was a bummer. I understand that we can't control the weather and safety comes first. However, canceling or shortening the canoe and kayak seems to be happening more frequently in past years due to weather. S2S should take a preventative approach by changing the course. It is a lot of training, money, and time getting fit and organising equipment to have it be canceled last minute. Consider Canoe and/or Kayak in Lake Whatcom. Consider 5 mile run from bloedel through downtown bellingham (down railroad to sb trail to boulevard park). Followed by a 1 1/4 mile bay swim along the board walk shore to Marine Park (Much safer than sea kayak to swim along the shore next to the board walk). How cool would that be for spectators and showing off Bellingham? I know it takes a lot of planning to think about changing the course, but I think it is about time to bite the bullet and do it. Hypothetical Course Below 1. XCski (4 Mile) the same 2. DH ski (4 Mile?) the same 3. DH MTB course or other event? to the DOT 4. Road Bike (44 or 40 Mile depend on route) from DOT</p>
Vote ID : 299	<p>The teams with professional athletes take away some of the fun.</p>
Vote ID : 301	<p>I rode the mountain bike. The route was not marked clearly. I turned on Slater and rode approx 3 miles the wrong way. I most likely added 20-25min to my time. I expected to finish top 40. I was very frustrated. There was a police officer at the intersection who didn't lead well. There was another point where someone had laid a branch down to indicate a left turn.</p>
Vote ID : 302	<p>I was disappointed that the kayaking leg was starting later this year due to the race being extended. Typically later in the day the water conditions will worsen.</p>
Vote ID : 303	<p>Nope.</p>
Vote ID : 304	<p>I think the clock out time for the kayak should have been extended since the coarse was longer and the Mt bike section added a bit more technical riding.</p>

Vote ID : 305	I feel the route of the xc racer is dangerous as they cross the alpine skiers path 4 times during their race. The alpine skiers course should be separated better as it was a few years ago when snow levels were low.
Vote ID : 306	the mountain bike leg was a bit much through the muddy grass, I saw a lot of people walking and many teams did not get their paddler in the water because of the extra time on the bike.
Vote ID : 307	n/a
Vote ID : 308	no kayak race
Vote ID : 310	The running leg. Would you please find a way to bring the run off the mountain. It's not fun to watch people come crashing down the mountain beating their bodies into a pulp. A normal running course would make the race light years better and it would be much more enjoyable to those who run, especially the older athletes.
Vote ID : 311	seemed liked the slower teams have a harder time finishing the 100 miles of the race in the allotted time
Vote ID : 313	I don't like the railroad tracks for the Mount Bike.
Vote ID : 314	The race bibs. Prefer the different colors for race divisions. it is easier to spot your teammates with the colored bibs. It was also hard to read the numbers. They weren't bold enough.
Vote ID : 316	no
Vote ID : 317	Food area at the end of the run leg was very *****. Very little food, three volunteers, warm water to drink. My time was around 45 minutes so I was not the last runner in. It would be good to improve this area of the race.
Vote ID : 318	Making downhill skiers run uphill makes no sense. Having a mountain bike course nowhere near a mountain (and on paved roads!) makes no sense. Start with the downhill ski, transition to cross-country, then to mountain bike, then to road bike, then to canoe, then to runner, then to kayaker.
Vote ID : 319	My team was not called for runner to road cyclist. That lost us 2-3 minutes. It really ***** to loss time when it's not your fault. My time for cycling would have gone from top 90 to to 50 if I lost 3 minutes. ***** way to get my race going!
Vote ID : 320	the length...of course our kayak leg was Sad.

Vote ID : 321	This race ha a lot of amateur riders for the cycling portion who didnt seem as prepared as some of the professional athletes. There really should of been one or two watering stations on the route so riders could refill water. I felt this was a safety issue.
Vote ID : 323	The way in which the cancellation of the kayak leg was handled was disappointing. The kayakers were not updated as to the status and if an official announcement was made at the event, no one around heard it and no reason for the cancellation was given. There was a definite lack of communication between the race staff and participants at Zuanich Park.
Vote ID : 325	I didnt like the mass 500 person start for cross country. I think you should start people in waves because that first hill is that much harder when the majority of the people are trying to go up and turn to the right. It was chaotic!
Vote ID : 326	Mt. Bike leg was too long.
Vote ID : 327	The Canoe-Bike transition. There wasn't nearly enough room to watch the canoes come in :(
Vote ID : 329	Beer garden was very close to the finish chute, so there was a lot of congestion there.
Vote ID : 330	I was not as fast as I had wanted to be. Other than that, no.
Vote ID : 331	I don't know if I'll do the run again because of fear of getting sick after the run. There is no good shelter if there is rain, and it is at least an hour wait until my teammates can pick me up. I've been lucky the past two years, but if I ever got rained on it would be miserable.
Vote ID : 332	I had to meet the canoeists at the mountain bike leg after racing in the road bike leg. I wish there was a tent or something to sit under with snacks or water with the sun being so hot and after just racing, but trying to still work the shuttle.
Vote ID : 333	No
Vote ID : 334	None
Vote ID : 335	Kayak leg getting cut off.
Vote ID : 336	No
Vote ID : 337	It was too ***** our team couldn't cross the finish line.
Vote ID : 338	Not getting to kayak.
Vote ID : 339	Waiting to drive down Mt. Baker was sort of a pain.

Vote ID : 340	Food and hydration options at road bike start went way down this year ... 3 hours is a very long time for coffee and a burrito, but maybe no vendors are interested... The text messaging is a waste. Change to e-mail or dump it all together. It's useless.
Vote ID : 341	Canceling kayak. Making legs too long and losing time
Vote ID : 342	The mtn. bike course was not marked well...some racers actually went off the course, possibly more courtesy flags.
Vote ID : 343	There should always be more metal music playing.
Vote ID : 344	Just that the Kayak leg was cancelled.
Vote ID : 345	the extra miles added this year made the race take to long. the kayak leg being cancelled with no notice to racers was really disappointing. it would have been nice to get a couple updates first so we knew it was coming.
Vote ID : 347	As the canoers came into the beach to handoff to the bikes, there were people waving in the canoers. I realize they wanted to make sure they didn't cruise past the takeout, but they caused a lot of confusion, as they were waving people in too soon. Some of the canoes hit the sandbar or flipped, and lost time. I would recommend clearly marking the beach even more for the canoers to know where to head toward.
Vote ID : 348	No
Vote ID : 349	Yes. Passed by a rescue boat, going fast on the river, that was not heading to a rescue which created a wake that was not necessary. The increased distance takes the recreational teams longer to complete and thus the wind became a greater problem for the late finishers. Return the race to the former distances.
Vote ID : 350	bring back colored numbers so you can ID racers in your division
Vote ID : 351	Kayak event was cancelled due to high winds. would have been nice to have an alternative course available.
Vote ID : 352	It would be good if the Mnt. Baker equipment shop could be opened up. I saw another team have to quit the race due to a broken binding...easily solved if resources were out there to fix.
Vote ID : 353	That the end area/ vendors closed down so early

Vote ID : 354	I was one of the kayakers that waited for six hours and then wasn't able to race due to winds
Vote ID : 355	Overall ratio of volunteers:racers was noticeably low. i did road bike leg and there were simply not very many volunteers monitoring/supporting the race course. i would have hated to have been truly in need of help!!!
Vote ID : 356	cancelling the kayak leg, but know you had to
Vote ID : 357	hate the rail road ties
Vote ID : 358	It ws a bummer that the kayaker could not go on the water. But it's better to be safe than sorry.
Vote ID : 359	The last leg of the race when it was canceled.
Vote ID : 360	The speakers for the canoe leg of the race need to be prepared and not speak from memory. They also need to use the microphone and repeat questions so people in the back can hear.
Vote ID : 361	It would be great to be able to paddle to warm up before the race.
Vote ID : 362	Not being able to watch other racers much
Vote ID : 363	None
Vote ID : 364	I was dissapointed that my brother, who flew in from Dallas to Kayak on our team, did not get to his leg of the race. I wish a safer alternate route could have been established rather than just cancelling the leg all together.
Vote ID : 365	post-leg logistics for transport and racer pickup.
Vote ID : 366	Photography quality and quantity (multiple photo locations per leg) seemed to be lacking this year as compared with previous years.
Vote ID : 367	No
Vote ID : 368	Would you consider doing a staggered start so it's not such a mad rush for the first event?
Vote ID : 370	Kayaking leg cancelled - understandable and in the best interest of safety. Perhaps have some kind of a back up plan in the future if the water gets rough? Mountain bikers were confused at the hand off frantically looking for their partner to hand the chip too. Better communication if it has been cancelled.
Vote ID : 371	NOPE, ONLY WISH THE LEG I DID WAS EASIER HAHAHA..
Vote ID : 372	my performance
Vote ID : 374	nope

Vote ID : 375	I mean, our Mt. Biker wasn't at the finish line of the canoe leg because our number never got called, that was pretty frustrating.
Vote ID : 377	The kayak course should have been run on the "short course". There was clearly enough wind at Noon to make that call early. All weather reports indicated that wind was most likely going to build throughout the afternoon.
Vote ID : 380	Big time! The decision to cancel the kayak was very *****. I understand that safety is a primary concern, but conditions were no worse after the cancellation then before. It seemed like an arbitrary decision, and that it resulted from the race being lengthened overall, without regard for the fact that it would push the kayak leg later. The kayaker on our team was very experienced and had been training extensively. This was quite a crushing blow. The safety issues mostly arise from people who have no business kayaking on the open ocean (inexperienced) and from boats that are not meant to be used in those conditions. I just found it hard to believe that it was okay to do the full (long) kayak course at 4 and not okay at 4:30 -- if conditions were that dodgy, why not switch to the short course much earlier. This was our teams 8th year doing the race and for the first time ever, it was not a wonderful experience.
Vote ID : 381	I was extremely disappointed that the race distance was extended but this wasn't really taken into account for getting the majority of people to finish the race. Based on the results you posted it looked like over 200 teams did not get to do the kayak leg. It seems weather is always a problem later in the day and the leg could have been adjusted in advance anticipating this problem. Given the extra distance organizers should have known the race was going to take longer and go later into the day.
Vote ID : 383	nope
Vote ID : 384	Too many cars. Some mass transportation system should be worked out to transport racers and equipment up the mountain.
Vote ID : 385	No, I thought it was pretty darn good.

Vote ID : 386	Need better information on where to park and see given events. Otherwise, we just go to the Finish Line. Need to find ways to increase seeing events.
Vote ID : 387	Nope
Vote ID : 388	Traffic coming down from Mt. Baker is always a hassle, that's why I hang out up at the Mt.
Vote ID : 389	On the mountain bike course at Squaticum Park, the markers were a little confusing for the riders. While we were there, we helped to point the way, but one or two volunteers there might have
Vote ID : 390	Waiting at the kayak leg was long since our team was a few hours behind the lead, but at least I got to go in the water!
Vote ID : 391	no
Vote ID : 392	N/A
Vote ID : 393	Yes. The transition between the downhill skier and the runner was so chaotic. Also, it was difficult to hear the team numbers being called off for the first part of the race.
Vote ID : 394	The text updates of the results were not very good. Some were really late others didn't come in at all. The app was great though
Vote ID : 395	the traffic leaving the canoe to mt. bike hand-off was abysmal.
Vote ID : 396	Nope.
Vote ID : 397	Yeah, the "mandatory kayak meeting" at noon was totally unneeded - the fellow just read the brochure i already had out loud, basically, and I was out in the park for four hours before needing to
Vote ID : 399	It was a lot of fun! I'd recommend markers for the canoe racers - we really had no idea how far we'd gone, what our time was (place a big clock somewhere) or how many miles we had left - difficult to pace oneself.
Vote ID : 400	no
Vote ID : 403	I really wanted to be able to do my leg of the race. I had trained a lot for it and screen printed my teams shirt. I made the whole team and then I didnt even get to race. I also know those waves would have been no problem for me.
Vote ID : 404	Inability to get splits at the road bike staging.
Vote ID : 406	I feel the race went too long for the slower teams, due to the extended course.

Vote ID : 407	The team meetings early in the morning (XCounry / Downhill) were pretty disorganized and turned out to be just restatements of the information that was in the packet. For the runners, it would have been good to talk about the early-release scenario: some runners who waited for their downhill team members didn't get to run.
Vote ID : 409	Parking is always a challenge. I noticed the extra teams this year.
Vote ID : 413	It was hard to find which radio station broadcasted the race
Vote ID : 414	The Mtn Bike course was good in parts but the parts where we snaked around a field were too muddy and so slow it wasn't very much fun.
Vote ID : 415	no
Vote ID : 416	Nope
Vote ID : 417	Not clear where certain briefings were going to be held, e.g., no signage to indicate that "this" is where to be.
Vote ID : 418	I was disappointed with the fact that almost half of the kayak racers were unable to start their leg of the race. Afternoon wind/surf conditions on the bay are fairly predictable so the distance added to earlier legs of the course combined with an unaltered start time for the race made it immediately less likely that non-competitive teams would be able to physically finish the race. Who cares if 500 teams are signed up when 240 teams aren't even allowed start the last leg of the race?
Vote ID : 419	Kayak leg That annual Fairhaven mess
Vote ID : 420	Just that the kayak leg had to be cancelled and we did not have time to enjoy a beer in the beer garden (it closed before we got there).
Vote ID : 422	6th time, still alot of fun
Vote ID : 423	Nothing that the race organizers could have avoided...kayak leg cancelled. Totally understand that measures were taken to ensure the safety of the competitors.
Vote ID : 424	NO

Vote ID : 425	It was disappointing to not be able to finish the race due to ***** weather. Nothing we could do about that though and appreciated Mel making the tough call. It was also comforting to know that there was a contingency plan for the canoe leg in case the river was running too high.
Vote ID : 426	Kayak cancellation but that's the darn weather. Would have been nice if the just treated the mt bike leg like thee finish and kept announcing incoming racers. It was pretty anti climactic after all that work all day it just ended with no chance to celebrate
Vote ID : 428	The cross-country bike leg was a bit disappointing for my team mate
Vote ID : 430	I have not been a racer before in ski to sea so I don't have a frame of reference, but it seemed somewhat chaotic at several of the different handoff points between legs. The meetings started late, the information wasn't that informative, at least up at the mountain, relative to what was made available in the rules before the race - ultimately I'm not sure that I got anything new I needed to know. The meeting times seemed to be based on the fastest of teams and thus ended up making several of our leg racers sit for up to 4-5 hrs waiting since the legs took so long and we did not have a fast team to begin with. Not sure if that's a function of increasing the number of teams and length of legs, but it really created stress and anxiousness for several teammates. So many teams I'm sure stay in contact via texting or calls now that they can synchronize pretty well - it might make sense to have several meetings available per leg especially the later ones so people have the choice to align timing better. If they make a mistake it and come too late it only hurts their team.
Vote ID : 431	The lack of volunteers on the courses in case of emergency.
Vote ID : 432	SckAWZ ckzhdsdycig, [url=http://bzycoqyxefm.com/]bzycoqyxefm[/url] [link=http://biuvsfhnjeg.com/]biuvsfhnjeg[/link], http://vfhqbmchfkt.com/

Vote ID : 433	The longer length just flat doesn't work given the time to race. Even if the Kayak leg hadn't had to be canceled, only half the teams would have finished by the cutoff.
Vote ID : 435	kayak cancelled
Vote ID : 437	I would have liked to be able to see our own team during more of the race. I raced the XC ski leg, which left me on the mountain and unable to catch the run, bike or canoe leg. Perhaps the race organizers could do a better job of recommending good spots to catch the legs of a team in action. e.g. - A great place to cheer on your canoers is _____. Here are directions. - A great place to get a view of the mountain bike is ____ Here's how to get there. That would at least give a team an idea of how and where they could support their teammates.
Vote ID : 438	None
Vote ID : 439	I heard the bike..run transition was not great. Bikers had no water. They had to be up there early and warm up. We had to park about a mile away and only had terri water bottles for the race. Not having water for racers was a big mistake!
Vote ID : 440	At the runners leg it was hard to hear the numbers being announced. The signage especially to the waterfronts were a little hard to find when dropping off the canoes and kayaks.
Vote ID : 441	Organization of the mountain bike leg.
Vote ID : 442	I do wish the mountain bike section was actually in the mountains, seated in a different part of the race, but I really did enjoy the urban course, even though the off-road part was only about half the ride. It was still challenging - especially the muddy grass sections, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.
Vote ID : 443	The text messaging is still slightly delayed but it has gotten much better from past few years.
Vote ID : 444	As a runner, it was impossible to hear the numbers being called out as the downhill participants were heading to the transition. Also, when I finished my leg, there was a lot of congestion trying to make the hand off to the road bike leg. It seemed like there were a lot of bikers just hanging out in front because they had nothing else to do.

Vote ID : 445	No. But I only saw the canoe start/stop and kayak start/stop.
Vote ID : 448	There was some confusion at the handoff site between the cross country skier and the downhill skier. It was difficult to hear the numbers being called out and because it was still early in the race there was a large amount of people in a small space. This made it difficult for me to spot my cross country skier and led to a longer time on my leg. If that site were remedied, it would be more enjoyable.
Vote ID : 449	The SMS updates were not great. Never got one for a couple of the legs, and got multiple for one leg. They were also slower than real time.
Vote ID : 450	kayak - it was canceled.
Vote ID : 451	Would have liked a picture further back of the "downhill skiers" like there is if the mass of x-country folks. The slow start and narrow bend in trail after first hill for x-country really impacts all teams that aren't in the first couple rows due to the massive bottleneck.
Vote ID : 452	(for X-C, a few of the bottoms of hills were bottle necks for the throng of people...)
Vote ID : 453	too ***** that a course could not be completed for second year in a row
Vote ID : 454	Some of the people that volunteered in the race seemed a bit not to friendly at times, and that we still had to go even if our partner had not yet crossed his part of the leg yet. I feel like we had just left him out there to dry.
Vote ID : 455	The fact they cancelled the kayaking leg because of the weather. Our team didn't get to do that leg.
Vote ID : 456	nope!
Vote ID : 457	The road bike officiating.
Vote ID : 458	After the kayak leg was canceled (about 5 min before our mt. bike finished) we never got any information about how the time for that leg would be calculated. Actually, there wasn't any kind of follow up. That would have been nice. Still would. Also, if you cancel the last leg, remind the racers to turn in their timing chip early. But we were glad that we didn't have to do that leg with the wind and waves. Good decision, would just like better communication.

Vote ID : 459	Letting cars out of the run/road bike area...it takes forever, but I can't find any better way to do it.
Vote ID : 460	the after the event judging of the Road Cyclist's equipment. I feel the rules are nebulous but what was worse is that the judging of the equipment was laid out as if the rules were for a higher level event. Instead of a warning to accomodate the concern about our compliance I feel we were judged excessively based on the rather lax ruling guidelines.
Vote ID : 461	The lack of refreshment stations along the race legs. Also, with the amount of people, providing items other than water would be greatly appreciate and participants should at least get gatorade or something during each leg or afterwards. I know it may be difficult especially during the canoe or kayak leg but other legs would be easy to do.
Vote ID : 462	Of course, the kayak leg was disappointing, but everything else was awesome! Also, THANK YOU for keeping the safety of kayakers and all races a priority!
Vote ID : 463	Not being able to finish the kayak portion of the race.
Vote ID : 464	Mt. Bike. Apparently too long. Spoiled it for many kayakers
Vote ID : 465	no, although the longer race could have made it so that many teams would have been sent at 5 from the kayak leg. Perhaps the race cou;d start earlier on time cutoff for kayak start extended
Vote ID : 466	I was also the team captain and was really disappointed that my
Vote ID : 467	When the kayak leg was cancelled it seemed like the whole race stopped. The announcers stopped telling people who was crossing the finish line for the mountain bikers. They started breaking down and packing up. This was very disappointing especially since that was now the final finish line for many teams. It made us feel unimportant. I suggest making a concerted effort to make every team feel like a winner, not just the elite racers.

Vote ID : 471	It was disappointing to be held up on the mountain for so long this year, in years past they started letting cars down around 9:30 allowing us to connect with and assist our team "down the road". But if this was due to a safety concern for the runners/bikers, I guess I can't complain. One other pet peeve was the pre-race insistence that all teams "MUST" use ONE vehicle to get all four members of the mountain crew up to Baker. This requires the road biker to sit in what could very well be cold, wet conditions unsheltered for up to 5 hours just to satisfy someones "green" initiative. We have always used one vehicle for both skiers and runner with the road biker driving up separately and then the runner taking his vehicle back down. Has always worked very well for us.
Vote ID : 472	The kayak leg. Even though I did canoeing i felt ***** that our kayak leg didn't get out on the water. They had been practicing for 3 months and if our team was ten minutes earlier we would have made it out to sea. I was part of Troop 20's team,the troop that helps pulls out the kayaks at the end of the race, and after I finished i went to help the rest of my troop. We finished earlier because their where less teams that came to the finish, but we felt ***** that almost 200 teams didn't get to see things to the end.
Vote ID : 474	the kayak (sad but I understand due to safety)
Vote ID : 475	Nope
Vote ID : 476	wish there was food for other legs of the race besides running. and the "mandatory" meetings were useless. there was no info given at the meeting that was not already on the website or included in our race materials.
Vote ID : 477	the website should not instruct people to have air bags for their canoes as there is no need on the river, luckily we did not have one, also the C2 boats clearly had an advantage over river boats
Vote ID : 478	Our kayaker didn't get to race. :(
Vote ID : 479	No

Vote ID : 480	I participated in the cross country leg and felt all was fine but thought the woman who was the PA announcer at the start and finish areas of cross country, ski, and running portion used an unwelcoming tone and style of speech. It is minor but is sounded like she was "nagging" us and not saying things with a positive style....something to keep in mind.
Vote ID : 481	Unable to race
Vote ID : 482	I think the cutoff needs to be extended for the kayak sendoff, especially since there are 500 teams. We found that there were more teams that joined that were in the lower end of the competitive spectrum.
Vote ID : 483	YES. Lengthening the race to 100 miles, to honor the over-hyped "100th anniversary," was bound to result in more teams not receiving the handoff from their mountain bikers before their kayakers were sent across the bay, or not finishing in time, because of the increased length of the race. Mother Nature helped you avoid a public relations nightmare, by forcing you to cancel the kayak leg halfway through. Many more people would have been pissed off at race organizers if they had been required to leave en mass from Zuanich prior to their mountain bikers arriving and you would have been blasted in the media.
Vote ID : 485	Lack of food at the road bike finish.
Vote ID : 486	The race was too long pushing the finish out for 1/2 the teams past 6PM. The wind picks up in the late afternoon making it rough on the kayak leg. I was one of the last boats out before the leg was closed. I made it across without help, but felt ***** for the teams left safely behind. I wish they could have paddled much sooner. The beer garden closed too soon for the final racers to enjoy.
Vote ID : 487	No
Vote ID : 489	YES!!! NO reason a qualified (and aren't they all aware of the requirements?)kayaker should not have been allowed to race. the seas were NOT excessive and the wind was dying down. ***** ***** decision to cancel the KAYAK LEG.

Vote ID : 491	Always difficult to get off the mountain. This year was suppose to be different, however I was delayed by traffic existing the lower parking lot.
Vote ID : 492	I was only disappointed in the narrowness of the exchange between downhill/runner. It was fairly dangerous with ski's/boards and a small area of people exchanging. Think if the gates were widened it could have been safer. Also - disappointed that folks were stealing equipment at the lodge. Not event staff fault, but perhaps some brainstorming to help mitigate theft.
Vote ID : 493	I think it is a little unfair to have the alpine skiers competing with the snow boarders. I think the snow boarders have an advantage because of the light boards and comfortable boots.
Vote ID : 494	Still no mile markers on the river. Would be nice on the bridges-- especially for people who are not familiar with the river. As we pass boats, LOL, racers always ask, "How much further??"
Vote ID : 495	kayak, as soon as they announced the kayak was cancelled all the volunteers left and the mtn bikers had no clue what was going on or how to finish or where thier team members were. ***** professionalism on the officials part as far as safety and information for a conclusion.
Vote ID : 496	I was the XC skier but went to Zuanich park to watch the last transition. Very disappointed in how the cancellation was handled (especially in the newspaper - oh wait it wasn't even in the newspaper until later). I think the weather was a convenient excuse for ***** planning. Given the addition of miles (which was planned), the race was going to take much longer (did you all think about that?). I completely agree that safety is CRITICAL however why 200 and why not 180 kayakers to let go? I think an apology for lack of planning on the additional time for the rec folks would be nice. Each year I feel this race leaning toward favoring the elite athletes and that would be sad if it becomes a reality. Are the corporate teams paying the event money other than their race entry? Are the teams who hire racers paying the event?
Vote ID : 497	Nope.

Vote ID : 498	Ski hill did not seem very organized, but I figured it out
Vote ID : 499	The road bike and runner should be reversed so that people who like to run but don't want to kill their knees and toenails can do it. The downhill aspect reduces the participant possibilities to crazy people or the totally naive (who will do it once!)
Vote ID : 500	No water at the finish line for canoeing.
Vote ID : 501	I wish the downhill ski was a little longer. Mtn bike was a little too long.
Vote ID : 503	Not being able to kayak, due to dangerous conditions.
Vote ID : 504	Traffic control down the mountain is *****
Vote ID : 505	Kayak being canceled. Darn wind!
Vote ID : 507	Organization and execution of mt. bike course marking.
Vote ID : 508	Nope.
Vote ID : 509	Well the weather on the bay. I know that it was out of your control, and the safety of the racers had to come first, but I missed being able to watch my team ding the bell.
Vote ID : 510	No
Vote ID : 511	nope
Vote ID : 512	more rescue personel is a must on the kayak leg
Vote ID : 514	The cancelling of the kayak leg, after more than half the participants had already started, was like saying, if you don't finish in the top 50% we don't care about you.
Vote ID : 515	It was too ***** that the kayaker really wasn't with the team except for at the very end....if we could figure out how to have him/her join the team for more of the day it would help make that person feel more included
Vote ID : 516	Yes. Please see below.
Vote ID : 517	I did the mountain bike leg and I felt that the course was very *****ly marked. There should not be any question in a racer's mind as to which direction they will be turning at the next intersection. Simple signs or volunteers stationed before these corners could solve the problem.
Vote ID : 518	Maybe for the folks who did not get to paddle the kayak leg due to weather conditions.

Vote ID : 519	I was really surprised that there were not water stations nor was there food for the racers at the end of their legs. Especially the bike (42 miles), canoe (17ish mi) and mtn bike (20 mi). Those were long and difficult distances and while water was nice it would have been nice to have some snack waiting.
Vote ID : 520	THIS IS A BIG ONE. 1. The race directors clearly dodged a bullet when they cancelled the kayak leg. They were not prepared to release as many boats that were left had the small craft warning not stopped the race. 2. Very disappointed over the decision to stop calling Mountain Bike racer numbers. MOST kayakers and friends of the Mt Bike racers hung around to see their team come in. The Mt Biker racers deserved the same treatment as the earlier racers. Maybe more so since their teams couldn't finish. 200 disappointed teams, shame on you.
Vote ID : 521	Cancellation of kayak. Lack of explanation of times given to teams that weren't able to complete final leg. Not impressed with t-shirts. Race extended but cutoff time not extended for final leg. If kayak hadn't been cancelled, probably close to half teams wouldn't have made the cutoff.
Vote ID : 523	I was very sad the our kayak couldn't race.
Vote ID : 525	mountain bike took too long
Vote ID : 526	Yes, The DH section is too short and is really more of a uphill race hike. This leg needs revision. All of the other legs are a full blown skill driven race within it self. The DH leg is the only one to include very little disciplinary skill.
Vote ID : 528	I think that the green teams should be allowed to ride their bikes down the mountain before the cars are released (from the ski area). We then can get off of the race course before the cars are released and it would be safer for all of us. Thanks
Vote ID : 529	no
Vote ID : 530	We were bummed that our kayaker didn't get to go, but we understood how difficult the water was.

Vote ID : 531	The cross-country to downhill handoff was pretty chaotic. It was a very narrow alley and slightly downhill so the cross country folks were pretty out of control and crashing into each other, etc. I saw 2 broken poles, and 3 people get injured.
Vote ID : 532	The mountain bike leg was really tough.
Vote ID : 533	I was one of the last kayaks allowed in the water and by the last two buoys, there weren't any race volunteers remaining on the water.
Vote ID : 534	The run - it continues to be a matter of abusing some runner willing to risk injury to be part of STS. That is very fixable so i don't understand why this race year after year forces participants into a risk injury/don't race choice.
Vote ID : 535	Nine Porta-Pottys for 1000 canoeist, plus their friends and families, and 500 arriving road bikers was lacking to say the least.
Vote ID : 536	I knew this going in, but the point-to-point nature of the race makes it not the most spectator-friendly event. That said, I was actually pleasantly surprised that I was able to see as many of the other legs as I did.
Vote ID : 537	The race was too long- I liked the idea of 100 miles, but everythign was started too late and it made for a really long day
Vote ID : 538	should have factored in longer race, regarding cutoff time for kayakers. Lengthening race should have either started earlier (difficult) or pushed back cutoff time for kayakers to start, as well as awards time, to a time when more teams would have finished.
Vote ID : 539	Hard to find water at the end of XC and DH legs. Water should be readily available at the finish of each leg.
Vote ID : 540	Cancelation of the kayak leg. Understandable though.
Vote ID : 541	Not being able to launch our kayak. But I do support the decision that was made by race organizers.
Vote ID : 543	No

Vote ID : 545	Our cross country skier had a hard time with the start. Has there ever been a start with the downhill.. or is that more dangerous? Our team was fine but a lot of teams seemed disappointed with the number of kayaks that couldn't race.
Vote ID : 546	Nope.
Vote ID : 548	The X-C skiing (my leg) course was quick, icy and crowded and made for a lot of tough navigation.
Vote ID : 549	No cookies (cookie lady) at the end of the run. Cars released from the mountain almost an hour later than announced (again!). Mis-called numbers at the canoe-mtb leg. No food for racers at the finish
Vote ID : 550	The race lasted too long. The last mountain biker arrived at the hand off area at Zonich Park after 7 pm. That was really late. It was hard to finish taking down the course at Zonich with so many bikers still coming in so late.
Vote ID : 551	The mtb course was un kept and could have been done different
Vote ID : 552	I wish they would have let teams go sooner so we could all end up at the finish line around the same time. when you arrive so late, you don't get to enjoy the finish line festivities.
Vote ID : 553	The mountain bike course designers need to ride the route after 500 riders have been through it. The muddy grass is just no fun at all. Very disappointed that the kayak leg was cancelled for the people who were still waiting - understand it though. I think that because the race was longer, it should have started a little earlier so that more kayakers could have raced before the wind came up (of course it dies down again later).
Vote ID : 554	That the kayak portion was called halfway through

Vote ID : 555	Well, I heard that the length of the course was extended to make it closer to 100 miles. Doing this made the race go on longer any by the time our kayak paddler got to race it was getting too late & when they had some problems with some in experienced people flipping over because of rough conditions, they cancelled it for the rest of the kayaks. Our kayak-er had dropped his car at the finish line and waited all day to race, only to be cut off because of a few inexperienced paddlers & the fact that it was so late in the day. He said at this point he thought he might take his number off (so they couldn't stop him)and paddle over anyway to get back to his car but decided he better not.
Vote ID : 556	I wish the sea kayaking leg had been shortened earlier in the race, rather than cancelled altogether
7) What are your thoughts on the new Road Bike Course that went up Silver Lake Road?	
Vote ID : 206	Didn't hear any comments regarding the hill.
Vote ID : 207	Our biker enjoyed it. As a team we liked having the total distance equal 100 miles.
Vote ID : 208	Didn't do that leg
Vote ID : 209	Sweet. Keep it.
Vote ID : 214	I didn't road bike, but adding length to the road and mtb course essentially made it so it took people another hour to get to fairhaven. Part of ski-to-sea is the fun at the end. we felt cheated! go back to the old length!
Vote ID : 215	none
Vote ID : 216	N/A
Vote ID : 217	I didn't ride it, but it looked beautiful
Vote ID : 218	N/A
Vote ID : 219	much better course
Vote ID : 220	I'm not on that leg
Vote ID : 222	I didn't race it, but everybody I've talked to liked it.
Vote ID : 223	N/a
Vote ID : 226	no thoughts.....
Vote ID : 227	na
Vote ID : 228	Beautiful loop - have ridden that loop before, and it's gorgeous. Also like that cyclists don't have to stay on the highway for so long - allowing them to get away from all the cars.
Vote ID : 229	It further increases the strategic importance of having a good road biker.
Vote ID : 230	Not applicable to me.

Vote ID : 231	I heard nothing but good things
Vote ID : 232	From what I heard all the road bike racers loved it.
Vote ID : 233	Too long! You should be shortening the course to make it easier for the amateurs finish earlier, not lengthening it.
Vote ID : 234	Liked it.
Vote ID : 238	Great change
Vote ID : 239	n/a
Vote ID : 240	our racer thought it was an awesome addition.
Vote ID : 241	I was definitely not expecting it to be a slow climb for as long as it was. Killed my legs but it was fantastic. Looking forward to attacking that leg more aggressively next year!
Vote ID : 243	Beautiful, wonderful, good.
Vote ID : 244	N/a
Vote ID : 246	I heard this was nice, as long as you start the race earlier.
Vote ID : 249	N/A
Vote ID : 252	I rode the course. It's a great ride, but it's too long for most people.
Vote ID : 253	n/a
Vote ID : 255	Loved it!
Vote ID : 256	Did not ride it.
Vote ID : 258	no opinion
Vote ID : 260	my brother smoked it! (first in family div)
Vote ID : 261	Only have heard "good" comments from other participants
Vote ID : 264	none
Vote ID : 265	N/A
Vote ID : 266	I heard it was a good course, and apart from the extend wait time downstream because of the extra length, I think you should keep it.
Vote ID : 270	good?
Vote ID : 271	Think it was a good change.
Vote ID : 272	Seemed like a good idea.
Vote ID : 274	na
Vote ID : 275	No idea, didn't do the bike...
Vote ID : 277	Likely good, I bikes it in the past
Vote ID : 278	I raced in the raod bike leg and enjoyed it.
Vote ID : 280	NA
Vote ID : 282	Didn't do the road bike leg so I can't comment.
Vote ID : 284	N/A
Vote ID : 286	N/A
Vote ID : 287	n/a

Vote ID : 289	loved it
Vote ID : 290	The road biker on my team liked the extra mileage!
Vote ID : 291	my husband (who did the road bike leg) said it was great!
Vote ID : 293	Did not ride the route
Vote ID : 295	I really enjoyed it. That should be the new course
Vote ID : 296	great
Vote ID : 298	Much more beautiful, less traffic, and more technical. All around better.
Vote ID : 302	NA
Vote ID : 303	Didn't do that leg, but our biker enjoyed the course.
Vote ID : 304	Love it...Keep it from now on
Vote ID : 305	I didn't hear any feedback from the racers involved.
Vote ID : 307	It was a lot of fun! nice rolling hills and crazy people on the side of the road cheering you on with Confederate flags. good stuff.
Vote ID : 308	sounded ok
Vote ID : 310	My part of the race was the road bike and I liked the course. I prefer the old course slightly because the road quality is higher but the scenery on the new course was beautiful. If you could have somehow cut down on the crazy amount of wind there was, that would be appreciated.
Vote ID : 311	I LOVED IT!!! the rollers made it more interesting
Vote ID : 313	I hear positive things about the course change
Vote ID : 314	I ran this year but have done the road bike several years. My least favorite part of the old ride was Kendall road so I think I would prefer the new course.
Vote ID : 315	cool! although i didnt ride it, it sounds like a super idea.
Vote ID : 316	My brother did that leg and he said he enjoyed the ride.
Vote ID : 317	I'd like to ride it next year.
Vote ID : 318	No frame of reference.
Vote ID : 319	Love it! Keep it for next year! One thing to suggest is to have people turn off their cell phones. There will be an extra charge for roaming w/ Canada cell service.
Vote ID : 320	she ROCKED it!
Vote ID : 321	No opinion. I thought the course was fine.
Vote ID : 322	Road quality had us concerned about flats.
Vote ID : 325	I have no idea, i didnt do the road bike leg.
Vote ID : 327	Didn't get a chance to check it out.

Vote ID : 330	Again, I liked it. It makes a more challenging race. I would definitely keep it if possible.
Vote ID : 331	N/A
Vote ID : 332	i thought it was amazing! keep it for next year!
Vote ID : 333	N/A
Vote ID : 334	I did the kayak leg.
Vote ID : 335	Beautiful
Vote ID : 336	Our road biker said he would attend next year
Vote ID : 337	It sounded a bit contrived, but ok.
Vote ID : 338	N/A
Vote ID : 339	Heard good things, didn't ride it myself.
Vote ID : 340	Fantastic
Vote ID : 341	Ok. Probably ok for traafic
Vote ID : 343	I have no thoughts.
Vote ID : 344	??
Vote ID : 345	none
Vote ID : 349	A beautiful ride but the extra distance caused our team to get a 20 minute later start on the canoe than usual.
Vote ID : 350	na
Vote ID : 351	Not part of my leg
Vote ID : 352	Looked great
Vote ID : 353	Didn't do it
Vote ID : 355	my first time ride, so have nothing to compare to. Silver Lake Road, however, was nice ride and away from higher traffic areas.
Vote ID : 356	there are many rec riders who may need a shorter course...return it back to the way it was
Vote ID : 358	I am not familiar with the road bike course.
Vote ID : 359	good coarse
Vote ID : 361	Great
Vote ID : 362	Hard
Vote ID : 363	I liked it a lot - though I had never done that leg before.
Vote ID : 366	na
Vote ID : 367	N/A
Vote ID : 368	I had a great time on the road course, but since it's my first time I had nothing to compare it to.
Vote ID : 370	Did not explore, have no experience from the past.
Vote ID : 371	HEARD IT WAS A VERY NICE AREA TO BIKE
Vote ID : 372	first time for me but exceptional course
Vote ID : 374	I was a canoeist and did not see the road bike course
Vote ID : 379	No opinion!

Vote ID : 380	Don't know anything about it.
Vote ID : 383	nice!
Vote ID : 385	My son did it and he was neutral about it.
Vote ID : 386	No Opinion
Vote ID : 387	I didn't ride it and didn't see it.
Vote ID : 388	na
Vote ID : 390	NA
Vote ID : 391	no personal experience but many riders I spoke with liked it
Vote ID : 392	N/A
Vote ID : 393	n/a
Vote ID : 394	I liked it more than the previous course. I thought it was tougher though.
Vote ID : 395	Loved it. Scenic, rolling, perfect.
Vote ID : 396	Didn't ride that section so no input.
Vote ID : 399	NA
Vote ID : 400	I heard from a few riders (including ours) that some of the markings were not as good as they could have been, particularly the turn to the park for the handoff (our biker missed the turn and went over the bridge).
Vote ID : 403	My Road Biker liked it a lot. He enjoyed the up downs up the course. He would do it again next year he said in a heartbeat.
Vote ID : 404	First time on it, so nothing to compare to, but I liked it.
Vote ID : 406	n/a
Vote ID : 407	n/a
Vote ID : 413	n/a
Vote ID : 414	Didn't participate in this portion.
Vote ID : 415	better
Vote ID : 416	N/A
Vote ID : 417	n/a
Vote ID : 418	The course sounded fine but see answer to question 6
Vote ID : 419	Finally a bit more challenging
Vote ID : 420	It seemed like the racers liked it.
Vote ID : 422	n/a
Vote ID : 423	Our road biker loved it.
Vote ID : 424	I really am not familiar with the new route in comparison to the old.
Vote ID : 425	Our road biker said it was very bumpy.
Vote ID : 429	It Rocks!!
Vote ID : 431	n/a

Vote ID : 433	Didn't race that leg, but our teams cyclist and other friends all liked the leg.
Vote ID : 435	1st time riden...very good course
Vote ID : 436	They said it was long....
Vote ID : 437	N/A
Vote ID : 438	n/a
Vote ID : 442	I did not ride the road bike course and cannot comment.
Vote ID : 443	I understand doing this course to add mileage for 100 total miles but I had no problem with the past course and I am concerned about how much later it gets boat legs into the water with afternoon wind shifts.
Vote ID : 445	No info.
Vote ID : 447	Big improvement! Please continue in future years! (Rolling hills were more fun, more challenging, more interesting than long straight stretch of Kendall Road. Also less traffic & better safety on Silver Lk Rd; perhaps because vehicles going from the mountain to Everson drove via Kendall Rd.)
Vote ID : 448	I was not a biker but I heard it was nice.
Vote ID : 449	Sounds great to me - though, I wasn't the road biker.
Vote ID : 452	No comment from me- our biker really liked it.
Vote ID : 453	heard it was popular
Vote ID : 454	I think it was a good course and it kept things very interesting.
Vote ID : 456	i didn't experience them but i heard it was a rough bike ride...
Vote ID : 457	Very Nice.
Vote ID : 458	n/a
Vote ID : 459	Didn't do it, but my team's biker liked it.
Vote ID : 460	N/A I was the cross country skier.
Vote ID : 461	Our biker thought the bike course was challenging.
Vote ID : 462	None.
Vote ID : 463	Much better than previous years.
Vote ID : 464	Go back to the old course. No reason to lengthen the race. The race is for everyone and there should be a better chance for all to finish. I ride and run for fun and exercise. The road bike leg is more for the cigar smoker than the Let the "Lycra" crew.
Vote ID : 465	N/A

Vote ID : 466	I have nothing to compare it to. This was my first year doing the event. The course was fine and I only wish I would have ridden that part of the course in advance to be better prepared for the terrain.
Vote ID : 467	It seemed to go over very well.
Vote ID : 471	N/A --No experience here, I'm the downhiller.
Vote ID : 472	I did the canoe leg, but i heard that it wasn't *****.
Vote ID : 473	it's always been a local favorite.
Vote ID : 474	not sure
Vote ID : 475	Our road biker liked it a lot better, so we were happy with it too!
Vote ID : 476	n/a
Vote ID : 477	N/A
Vote ID : 478	N/A
Vote ID : 480	Folks said it was pretty.
Vote ID : 481	NA
Vote ID : 482	Our bicyclist said it was a nice ride.
Vote ID : 483	The road bike course was awesome, I hope that you keep the new loop in the race.
Vote ID : 485	This was my first year, so I can't compare it to the previous course. I really enjoyed having the road closed to vehicle traffic - it made for a peaceful ride.
Vote ID : 486	Nicer than Kendall Rd, but we still need to finish the race sooner. Where can we cut mileage to keep this route?
Vote ID : 487	Not my leg, so no comment
Vote ID : 489	Race time should have been extended for the mass start at the begining of the Kayak leg.
Vote ID : 492	no idea.
Vote ID : 493	This was not applicable to me.
Vote ID : 494	our racer liked
Vote ID : 495	was good
Vote ID : 496	I heard it was delightful (from several friends who raced the new course)!!!
Vote ID : 497	Did do this leg.
Vote ID : 498	Didn't ride
Vote ID : 500	n/a
Vote ID : 501	great reports.

Vote ID : 502	Frankly, it was too long. It turned from a "race" into "riding fast". I suspect the top 75 riders loved it, while the next 425 suffered. By replacing 7 highway miles with 10 rolling country miles on chip seal, it is much harder. Perhaps too hard.
Vote ID : 504	None
Vote ID : 505	I didn't ride bike.
Vote ID : 507	N/A
Vote ID : 508	Better for both the bikers and getting folks off the mountain safely, keep it!
Vote ID : 509	I was a road biker and I thought it was much harder. I liked that it was harder. I think that of all the changes made this one should stay.
Vote ID : 510	Heard it was safer than the prior years. Seems quiet long for recreational riders.
Vote ID : 511	have to ask our biker...
Vote ID : 513	rad!
Vote ID : 516	I heard positive feedback.
Vote ID : 517	Seems to be a welcomed change.
Vote ID : 518	Did not ride it, but everyone I spoke to who did, thought it was great and wants to keep it for the future.
Vote ID : 519	This was my first year and I did the Road Bike and I loved the challenge and scenery. I even saw a deer.
Vote ID : 520	The race was too long maybe this leg needs to be shortened.
Vote ID : 521	N/A
Vote ID : 525	old or new course are both fine
Vote ID : 526	More challenging than before! this leg was the leg i competed in. I LOVE THE COURSE!
Vote ID : 528	Our biker seemed to enjoy it.
Vote ID : 529	n/a
Vote ID : 530	I've never done the race before, so I didn't have a comparison. I enjoyed the route though, very scenic. However, there were several vehicles that either honked or almost pushed me off the road...it would be nice to have better traffic control if possible.
Vote ID : 532	N/A
Vote ID : 533	N/A
Vote ID : 537	n/a
Vote ID : 538	preferable to previous route, also getting people off of Mt Baker Highway earlier is better
Vote ID : 539	N/A - did not participate in this leg.

Vote ID : 540	Heard it was a nice ride.
Vote ID : 541	Seems like a positive change.
Vote ID : 542	NA
Vote ID : 543	Our road biker loved it, said it was awesome.
Vote ID : 544	It was beautiful, and grueling, but in a good way
Vote ID : 545	Our biker really enjoyed it. We have never done the race before so have no comparison.
Vote ID : 546	I loved it!
Vote ID : 548	Didn't ride it but heard it was good.
Vote ID : 551	What I heard it was a great addition
Vote ID : 552	NA
Vote ID : 553	I pre-rode it - excellent!
Vote ID : 554	not enough info to comment
Vote ID : 555	I heard that this was part of the reason the race took much longer.
Vote ID : 556	No comment - didn't do that leg
8) What are your thoughts on the Mountain Bike Course Loops (in the airport fields and along Marietta Road with the elevation gain of 128 feet)?	
Vote ID : 206	Both mountain bikers on our teams (105 and 114) thought the Mountain Bike leg was pretty lame because for the most part it wasn't on single track or terrain that someone would really want to bike on...biking through parking lots and fields isn't very enjoyable.
Vote ID : 207	Our MTBer said it was at times not well marked or set up. The pre-ride on Sat. he said was not ready for riders at the 1 pm start. This is a top 25 biker,so not a beginner.He didnt mind a little hill climb.
Vote ID : 208	I really liked that it made the course longer and more challenging. More off-road if at all possible
Vote ID : 213	I thoight they were well made & a nice addition.
Vote ID : 214	Good, but not at the expense of adding mileage, therefore time to the race. Adding length to the road and mtb course essentially made it so it took people another hour to get to fairhaven. Part of ski-to-sea is the fun at the end. we felt cheated! go back to the old length!
Vote ID : 215	none
Vote ID : 217	better than it has been
Vote ID : 218	N/A
Vote ID : 219	too long
Vote ID : 220	not my leg

Vote ID : 222	I didn't race it, but sounds like people liked it. If the event is to be shortened, the asphalt portions of the MTB should be the first to go.
Vote ID : 223	n/a
Vote ID : 226	i heard there was a lot of road biking and that was not so much fun
Vote ID : 227	This part of the course has good potential, but the grass should have been trimmed back. The overall track was challenging, but not as a mtn bike course. Too much pavement, need more dirt / single track.
Vote ID : 228	Heard great things about the new course, from an intense mountain biker, no less. Nice change to make the race 100 miles as well.
Vote ID : 229	N/A
Vote ID : 230	Not applicable to me.
Vote ID : 231	Need to address the complexity around the rail road tracks...
Vote ID : 232	I think it should be shortened slightly and the one area that crossed the train tracks where a number of riders crashed should be reworked. Otherwise, I heard from the riders that they liked the more technical aspect of the leg.
Vote ID : 233	Waaay too long.
Vote ID : 234	The rr tracks by the park are OK, challenging, but the rr tracks by the cold Storage are hazardous. Croosing tracks at that angle is a recipe for disaster.
Vote ID : 236	too long. ouch!
Vote ID : 237	Too long, the whole race is too long now.
Vote ID : 238	Great change
Vote ID : 239	n/a
Vote ID : 241	Not sure/Didn't ride it.
Vote ID : 243	NA
Vote ID : 244	N/a
Vote ID : 246	Everyone I spoke to thought this was unnecessary.
Vote ID : 247	Great improvement. I like to see more parts of this race that make it less helpful to have slick tires and aero bars. Personally, I think aero bars should not be allowed, as no right-minded mountain biker would actually hit the trails with them. Perhaps make it a component for the competitive teams only. Keep the railroad tracks; again, nice to have some areas where true mountain bikes can excel.
Vote ID : 249	N/A

Vote ID : 250	Bellingham is well known for great maintain biking, the hate to say it, the s2s course is lame.
Vote ID : 253	na/
Vote ID : 255	It sounds like it was confusing.
Vote ID : 256	Did not ride it but my guy said it was good. Tougher which is good.
Vote ID : 258	good course. I enjoyed it.
Vote ID : 260	my brother in law smoked it (first in family div.)
Vote ID : 261	Only have heard "good" comments from other participants
Vote ID : 264	none
Vote ID : 265	I know my mtn biker got lost so the course may have needed to be marked or staffed better
Vote ID : 266	Our mountain biker said it was "killer" but I think he meant it in a good way.
Vote ID : 270	maybe a bit repetitive? it would be more interesting to have variation in terrane.
Vote ID : 271	Heard it made the leg a lot harder.
Vote ID : 272	No opinion.
Vote ID : 274	na
Vote ID : 275	No idea, didn't do the bike...
Vote ID : 277	Getting harder, good
Vote ID : 278	NA
Vote ID : 280	NA
Vote ID : 282	They definitely added distance and were a nice change of pace. I enjoyed them.
Vote ID : 284	N/A
Vote ID : 286	Very difficult and unexpected for an amatuer biker, like myself. If I had to choose I would prefer the road hill section over the airport field section.
Vote ID : 287	n/a
Vote ID : 288	Alternated between road (too fast) and a muddy slog (too slow). I would love it if the course was moved to include more trail riding (ie. riding over galbraith)
Vote ID : 289	didn't like riding in the grass
Vote ID : 291	looked fun!
Vote ID : 293	No opinion
Vote ID : 295	n/a
Vote ID : 296	don't know; added a lot of time !
Vote ID : 298	Not very eventful. You can do better.
Vote ID : 299	Nasty, hard, but keep it.

Vote ID : 301	The tracks are miserable. The entry to them was particualary dangerous as well. There was an exposed piece of rebar that I hit very quickly. If I had hit it right, I could have easily pierced myself with it.
Vote ID : 302	NA
Vote ID : 304	I understand it was a good coarse...
Vote ID : 305	Sounds better than years past.
Vote ID : 306	see 6 above
Vote ID : 307	I didn't ride the course but my team mate wasn't impressed with it. too much soggy grass and he said the route made no sense, hated the loops. maybe a new route could be thought of?
Vote ID : 308	sounded ok, no complaints
Vote ID : 310	Our Mountain biker liked the course and he said it was very unique riding across parking lots and railroad tracks.
Vote ID : 311	seemed a bit sloppy
Vote ID : 313	I did the Mt Bike and I thought the addition was good. The elevation is a welcome challenge
Vote ID : 315	alright idea, but sounds like more problems can occur with looks involved.
Vote ID : 316	My daughter did that leg and she said she would never do that leg again. She did not like riding on the railroad tressels.
Vote ID : 317	N/A
Vote ID : 318	Stupid. The mud was unrideable in many sections. Try putting that section on the mountain next time. Why would anyone chart a mountain bike course on paved roads???
Vote ID : 320	harder but she was up for it.
Vote ID : 324	The muddy grass isn't any fun at all. Perhaps after practice rides on Saturday and then the 400 riders that went through before me the mud was just too thick to be rideable. The hill was fine.
Vote ID : 325	I dont know. I didnt do that leg
Vote ID : 326	If there is any way to work with the land owners to get real established trails that would be a huge improvement. Mud and grass was like biking in quick sand. Build some more loops at squalicum park.
Vote ID : 327	Heard it was a pretty weak course in terms of actually being a mtn bike course. A lot of muddy fields.

Vote ID : 330	Did not get a chance to talk to any mountain bikers.
Vote ID : 331	N/A
Vote ID : 333	N/A
Vote ID : 334	I did the kayak leg.
Vote ID : 335	too much road
Vote ID : 336	No sure
Vote ID : 338	N/A
Vote ID : 339	Good idea.
Vote ID : 340	no comment
Vote ID : 341	***** idea
Vote ID : 342	Same as 6...other than some areas not marked well it was a great course.
Vote ID : 343	see above.
Vote ID : 344	??
Vote ID : 345	none
Vote ID : 347	They were hard, but good.
Vote ID : 349	It is now a genuine mountain bike coarse but the longer distance took enough extra time that our kayak was not allowed to run because of rough water. Our mountain bike finished only a few minutes after the kayak leg was canceled.
Vote ID : 350	na
Vote ID : 351	The fields were *****, too mushy. For a later in the day racer the fields were *****, too much mud and much of it was not really enjoyable for riding.You could tell they were trying to make the course 100 miles, looing forward to next yea when it will be less loops and more point to point.
Vote ID : 352	Our racer enjoyed it
Vote ID : 353	Very difficult. Exhausting but fun
Vote ID : 356	too long
Vote ID : 357	I worry about them getting so wet that they are impossible to ride
Vote ID : 358	I am not familiar with the moutain bike course.
Vote ID : 361	Great
Vote ID : 363	The racer seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.
Vote ID : 364	Sounds like it was much more difficult than in previous years which is a good thing. I think that with all of the excellent bikers in our region this leg should be a real test.
Vote ID : 366	na
Vote ID : 367	N/A
Vote ID : 368	n/a
Vote ID : 370	Did not explore, have no experience from the past.

Vote ID : 371	I DIDN'T REALLY SEE WHERE THE TRAIL WAS, I DID THE 2ND LEG OF THE RACE
Vote ID : 374	our mt biker said it was the hardest thing he had ever done, so I think that is awesome.
Vote ID : 379	If its safe.....its ok! Yes??
Vote ID : 380	Extra loops on pavement just to add mileage were totally lame. Should've kept the mountain bike the same and then our kayaker could have participated.
Vote ID : 383	good!
Vote ID : 385	No comment, although our biker thought the railroad tracks were a bit much again since he doesn't have a suspension bike.
Vote ID : 387	I didn't ride it and didn't see it.
Vote ID : 388	Sounds like it's not much of a mt. bike, as people are using aero equipment, could it be made a bit more technical?
Vote ID : 389	Didn't see this part
Vote ID : 390	NA
Vote ID : 391	n/a
Vote ID : 392	N/A
Vote ID : 393	n/a
Vote ID : 394	Did not participate in that leg
Vote ID : 395	NA
Vote ID : 396	Didn't ride that either but heard that the course was very challenging and fun.
Vote ID : 399	NA
Vote ID : 400	Didn't hear much on that.
Vote ID : 401	the mountain bike course was disappointing. very much a mud bog through the fields. some kind of prep needs to be done to firm up the course.
Vote ID : 403	Our mt biker got lost for a few minutes w a few others. Other then that he said he liked it.
Vote ID : 404	N/A
Vote ID : 406	I heard it was way too long, but I did not do that leg.
Vote ID : 407	n/a
Vote ID : 413	n/a
Vote ID : 414	Marietta was a challenge but it was a fun ride down. The Airport fields were a little too muddy. So slow it wasn't much fun. q
Vote ID : 415	better more challenging

Vote ID : 416	Fields were very soft and blown out by the end of the race making riding very difficult (we were one of the last 50 teams). Elevation gain was a welcome challenge.
Vote ID : 417	n/a
Vote ID : 418	See answer to question 7
Vote ID : 419	Great for mudlarks.
Vote ID : 420	Too long and muddy; not technical enough.
Vote ID : 422	n/a
Vote ID : 423	Our mountain liked the course last year.
Vote ID : 424	Again, I am not familiar with either route to comment.
Vote ID : 431	I hear it was too muddy and people couldn't ride it: literally falling off of bikes due the lack of traction and mud thickness.
Vote ID : 433	The extra asphalt length is just silly. Needs to be removed. That being said, it helped my place as I had aero-bars on the MTB. The field loops were good, but the longer course can't be justified giving the problems it caused the race as a whole.
Vote ID : 435	not really a difficult course...more of a time trial.
Vote ID : 436	I heard alot of complaints about it not being a suitable mountain bike course...
Vote ID : 437	N/A
Vote ID : 438	Good.
Vote ID : 442	I liked having a climb, but it would have been nice if it was on dirt (but not a mud pit), rather than a road. I really enjoyed flying down the other side. The traffic police were fantastic through that section.
Vote ID : 443	All mountain bikers want is a mountain bike course that is really mountain bike so the road portions at some point need to go.
Vote ID : 445	You would have to ask Brian.
Vote ID : 448	Again, I was not a biker but I heard it was nice.
Vote ID : 449	From what I heard (again, I wasn't the MBT, so this is not first hand), it was a better, more technical MTB course.
Vote ID : 451	Heard from our biker it was hell
Vote ID : 452	It was tough- it added a gritty element that wasn't there before. (literally and figuratively)
Vote ID : 453	peolpe I know who do the "Mt. Bike Leg" still do not feel that it is the correct description, renam it cyclecross or Trail Bike Leg

Vote ID : 454	I think it should be more of a mountain terrain but less of a distance if you can. Maybe you should leave it as it is.
Vote ID : 456	heard it was beautiful
Vote ID : 457	Great
Vote ID : 458	Heard it was brutal.
Vote ID : 459	Didn't do it.
Vote ID : 462	Made it quite a bit longer timewise, but our biker liked it.
Vote ID : 464	Fine. Just make it short enough and not too technical) so regular old Jane or Joe can finish in a timely manner. I know there are complaints over the years--but it is not just a Mt. Bike race:
Vote ID : 465	good addition
Vote ID : 466	I did not do that part of the race.
Vote ID : 467	It is always a challenge to have the mountain bike course feel like mountain biking since more than half is on the road. It is as good as it gets though.
Vote ID : 471	Again, N/A
Vote ID : 472	I did the canoe leg, but I think shortening it back to what we had in the previous years would be best, especially for High School teams like mine where some guys don't ride 24/7. but when you think about it, the length that it is is long for an adult too, one that might not have gotten in a lot of practice.
Vote ID : 473	would be cool to throw a cyclocross option into the mix.
Vote ID : 474	not sure
Vote ID : 475	Probably not doable for safety reasons, but it would be awesome to have the run where the mt. bike leg is and have a more mountain bike style course
Vote ID : 476	n/a
Vote ID : 477	N/A
Vote ID : 478	From what I heard, the mountain bike leg could use more improvement.
Vote ID : 481	NA
Vote ID : 482	It was my first time riding the mtb course, and I thought it was a lot of fun, a good mix of terrain.

Vote ID : 483	The true off-road portions of the mountain bike course appear to be pretty good, but everyone thinks the fields and the parking lots are bullshit. If you can't design a true "mountain" biking course, then don't try to fake it with crap. Shorten the mountain bike course back to 12-14 miles and lose the bullshit.
Vote ID : 485	Both of the mountain bikers I know hated the course. They resented the loops and didn't see the point of the hill. Neither one of them is willing to ride it next year.
Vote ID : 486	Still need the leg on the mountain and the running on flat. Cut the mtn. bike leg shorter to finish the race sooner. Much better traffic control than 2010, but I wasn't in the middle of this leg in 2011, but didn't hear the complaints from last year.
Vote ID : 487	Not my let, so no comment
Vote ID : 489	Too long for our biker such a big game changer , the time of the race should have been extended!! Allowing for the extra length of the two bike legs and letting more kayakers start before the mass start. WHY WAS this NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT???
Vote ID : 492	no idea.
Vote ID : 493	This ws not applicable to me.
Vote ID : 494	our racer thought it was LONG and had a lot of concrete to be consider MOUNTAIN bike -- more of a crosstrain...
Vote ID : 495	heard it was hard on the mud and tracks.
Vote ID : 496	Did not hear much.
Vote ID : 497	I think you did a really good job with this. I've raced this leg many times and I know it's hard nailing down a course. A little something for everyone in there... hard but not too technical for beginner lever riders. Thumbs up.
Vote ID : 500	n/a
Vote ID : 501	dont know about the loops. Glad it is more technical now, but it was a little too long.
Vote ID : 502	No opinion
Vote ID : 504	None
Vote ID : 505	I didn't ride bike.
Vote ID : 507	Challenging.
Vote ID : 508	Probably better without.
Vote ID : 509	Umm my mountain biker seemed to like it.

Vote ID : 513	cool beans~
Vote ID : 515	This was my first year but the the hill was a nice challenge on an otherwise pretty flat course. I would keep it.
Vote ID : 516	No opinion.
Vote ID : 517	Most of the additions were added pavement. How about building some actual trails if you want to add more length?
Vote ID : 518	No thoughts.
Vote ID : 520	Obviously racers didn't realize what they were getting into. Maybe next year the word will get out better.
Vote ID : 521	The extra fields were fun. The road section that was added just slowed things down and is not what mt biking is about.
Vote ID : 523	I did not race this leg but heard it was very long and that it hurt to ride over railroad tracks.
Vote ID : 525	way too long. Had the kayak leg not been cancelled at 4:30, there would have been at least 150 teams that would have needed to be released at 5pm per the race rules. good luck with that!
Vote ID : 528	hard!
Vote ID : 529	n/a
Vote ID : 530	I didn't see it, so not sure.
Vote ID : 532	UGH!
Vote ID : 533	N/A
Vote ID : 534	Longer is better and it think my comment here relates to the running section comments above - you have an awesome event. Is it not time to reimagine this course? the runners should not be forced down a long paved downhill run and in one of the best Mt Bike towns in the world we have a contrived course with no actual trails.... This is an opportunity waiting to be seized.
Vote ID : 537	n/a
Vote ID : 538	better than previous!
Vote ID : 539	N/A - did not participate in this leg.
Vote ID : 540	Didn't hear anything.
Vote ID : 541	The trails need a lot of work if we would continue with this route.
Vote ID : 542	NA
Vote ID : 543	Our mtn biker did not have a good time, 2 flats only 1 extra tube.

Vote ID : 545	Our mountain biker said the course was good. Not difficult for our skill level.	
Vote ID : 546	I heard it was wierd. As an aside, seems to me like a mountain bike course in Whatcom County should be largely on single track in the woods.	
Vote ID : 548	Didn't ride it but heard it was fun.	
Vote ID : 551	It needed to be done different.The best option is for it to be up on the mountain, but at the minimum re routed in certain sections	
Vote ID : 552	Too long, it was fun and muddy, but it was really hard especially the end on the railroad tracks and mud hill to climb up.	
Vote ID : 553	The muddy grass is just no fun at all. Not in Hovander, not at the Airport. The wood ships in Ferndale are no fun.	
Vote ID : 554	not enough info to comment	
Vote ID : 556	No comment - didn't do that leg	
9) Did your team make any type of effort to drive less or recycle? (check as many that apply)		
Car Free Team Entry	9	2.57%
Tried to carpool to Race Legs	262	74.86%
Recycling is a way of life for me	235	67.14%
Recycled on Race Day	112	32.00%
No special effort	30	8.57%
10) What would improve the TEAM SITES used on the Ski to Sea website? (check as many that apply)		
Great as is	70	20.00%
Give better instructions and market the sites	53	15.14%
Make sure they are current	40	11.43%
Let other teams leave comments on them	27	7.71%
Were not aware of them	116	33.14%
11) How would you rate the Ski to Sea shuttle service that ran from Zuanich Point, through Downtown, WWU and Fairhaven?		
Great	12	3.43%
Good	28	8.00%
Not so Good	6	1.71%
Don't know – knew about it, didn't use it or know anyone who used it	186	53.14%
Don't know – didn't know about it	75	21.43%
12) The Ski to Sea Race went to a Tech Shirt this year instead of cotton. Please share your opinion by choosing one response below.		
Great shirt, keep the tech shirt	213	60.86%
Would rather have the traditional cotton shirt	35	10.00%

I would like to see both offered, tech for racers, cotton for spectators	35	10.00%
Does not matter to me	44	12.57%
13) If you attended the Saturday Night Block Party at Boundary Bay Brewery, what are your thoughts about it?		
Vote ID : 206	Didn't attend...that would have been WAY too dangerous since I had to get up at 3:30am Sunday morning...I'm sure it was a good time though!	
Vote ID : 208	It was a great idea! Maybe organize some of the schwag a little better; go out into the beer garden and hand out the pint glasses or even better, get a pint glass filled with beer w/ Ski to Sea number	
Vote ID : 212	Most attendees were not racers. Black shirt -- ok for men -- not one women I talked to liked them. Blue!!	
Vote ID : 213	Well done.	
Vote ID : 215	Didn't attend. Had logistical planning meeting at our home, people went to sleep early and some went out to Everson to be closer to the river.	
Vote ID : 216	Awesome	
Vote ID : 218	Boundary was awesome as always. We showed up a little early to avoid the crowds	
Vote ID : 219	expand it	
Vote ID : 220	NA	
Vote ID : 221	Fun. Crowded. Too much for kids	
Vote ID : 223	it was fine.	
Vote ID : 226	did not attend	
Vote ID : 227	Awesome. Bham needs more of this.	
Vote ID : 232	N/A	
Vote ID : 234	Nope	
Vote ID : 236	good party. Dig the glasses.	
Vote ID : 238	N/A	
Vote ID : 243	AWESOME!	
Vote ID : 244	N/a	
Vote ID : 249	I'm sad that I missed it. Maybe it would better to have a brewery event after the race so it doesn't impact pre-race preparations/nutrition.	
Vote ID : 253	Didn't attend but thanks for making this available.	
Vote ID : 255	Was great fun, but a little too loud for me.	
Vote ID : 261	did not attend	
Vote ID : 264	nope	
Vote ID : 266	didn't attend myself, but several friends did and they allowed as how it was a hoot.	

Vote ID : 270	I wish i had known about it! I would have come but I didn't know it was happening.
Vote ID : 271	Very fun...keep it going
Vote ID : 274	many of the teams have their team gathering this night would be better on Friday
Vote ID : 275	Great party, do it again!!
Vote ID : 277	Great
Vote ID : 278	NA
Vote ID : 279	Very nice
Vote ID : 280	NA
Vote ID : 282	Didn't attend.
Vote ID : 283	loved the free beer glasses and party
Vote ID : 284	N/A
Vote ID : 286	N/A
Vote ID : 287	n/a
Vote ID : 289	didn't attend
Vote ID : 291	n/a
Vote ID : 294	It seemed like it was just a party of lines, everybody was either in the cupcake line or glass line.
Vote ID : 296	zoo
Vote ID : 302	Lots of fun! Good music and entertainment. Loved the Irish Dancers!
Vote ID : 303	Did not attend.
Vote ID : 306	great event
Vote ID : 307	N/A
Vote ID : 308	didn't attend.
Vote ID : 311	fun
Vote ID : 316	didn't attend
Vote ID : 317	N/A
Vote ID : 318	GREAT TIME! Beer/food line took way too long; commemorative glass line was disorganized. Needed more space to sit and spread out.
Vote ID : 320	Fabulous!!!!
Vote ID : 323	I liked the glasses given out to racers before hand.
Vote ID : 324	Awesome, but pretty crowded.
Vote ID : 325	It was great!
Vote ID : 327	SO much fun. Free glasses were great.
Vote ID : 338	N/A
Vote ID : 342	Was a bit crowded and overwhelming for the night before the race...maybe Friday night would have been more enjoyable...a bit less on the mind.
Vote ID : 350	na
Vote ID : 351	Didn't attend
Vote ID : 353	Dna

Vote ID : 354	nice
Vote ID : 366	na
Vote ID : 368	It was a great way to meet other racers and was a meetup point for our team (which came from all over). The beer line was crazy long, though, so we just bought ours at the bar.
Vote ID : 370	Was very crowded - better positioning for lines in the future.
Vote ID : 371	DIDNT
Vote ID : 374	It was packed and everyone seemed to be having a good time.
Vote ID : 375	CRAZZZZZYYYYYYNNNNNEEEEESSSSSSSSSSSS
Vote ID : 379	Taste great less filling!
Vote ID : 381	Great
Vote ID : 383	No
Vote ID : 385	Didn't attend.
Vote ID : 388	fun
Vote ID : 390	NA
Vote ID : 392	Wasn't published enough so I didn't know about it. Would love to have gone to support Boundary and the race.
Vote ID : 394	Did not attend
Vote ID : 396	Chaos. Not that that is ***** but it was too much for me. Went back the next day and had a lot more fun.
Vote ID : 400	n/a
Vote ID : 403	I liked it a lot. I had a great time hanging out with my teammates on a nice day before the race.
Vote ID : 404	N/A
Vote ID : 407	n/a
Vote ID : 413	Fun
Vote ID : 414	na
Vote ID : 417	It was fun to have some time to see teams before the race - allows you to recognize certain folks out on the course.
Vote ID : 418	A fun way to kick off the race weekend. It seemed very well attended and I appreciated having the local band!
Vote ID : 419	More of the celebrations should happen downtown instead of Fairhaven. (Never enough parking in Fairhaven; neighborhoods turn into a frustrating mess.)
Vote ID : 421	Nope, didn't attend. Did last year and it was too much.

Vote ID : 422	disorganized/ overwhelmed
Vote ID : 431	Very fun. I liked the cupcake voting.
Vote ID : 435	fun...took some time for the volunteers to figure out how to give away glasses in a quick manner...thanks.
Vote ID : 436	Fun, Fun, Fun
Vote ID : 437	Crowded. Great opportunity to share in the excitement/community around the race - but the venue is small for sooo many people.
Vote ID : 439	Fun
Vote ID : 442	Great atmosphere, festive environment. We only stayed for dinner, not late into the night (wonder why?)but I think it was a good choice and easy to bike to from the events and to the hotel. Since we arrived just after the kayak finish, I would have LOVED to eat some small appatizer when we arrived. I think next year you should have a 'bring your number, get a snack' table for starving racers. I happily would have paid any ammount to eat anything (salty) while waiting for a table for dinner.
Vote ID : 443	Sounded like a great event but I had to work and put on a team dinner for racers.
Vote ID : 448	It was awesome! Tons of fun.
Vote ID : 449	Had a party at the house of my team captain instead. We used the time to work out logistics (the eighth leg of the race).
Vote ID : 451	Fun and yummy cupcake competition!
Vote ID : 452	n/a
Vote ID : 456	i was there briefly but it was packed and a little unorganized but very fun. maybe more festivities and activities and prizes!
Vote ID : 459	Good, but crowded.
Vote ID : 460	N/A
Vote ID : 461	Enjoyed the block party. But I would choose a different location because it was too congested.
Vote ID : 464	Did not attend
Vote ID : 465	N/A
Vote ID : 466	We had a great time with the party. Absolutely keep this event! The only trouble was that we did not stay late because we had to get up at 4 AM.

Vote ID : 467	It was a very festive atmosphere, enjoyed it very much. I suggest creating designated lines for free cups etc. The lines were chaos, nobody knew what they were in line for and many people were cutting, crowding, and pushing. This was only for a very short period of time at the beginning of the giveaways, but that portion could have been better organized.
Vote ID : 471	N/A
Vote ID : 475	Great block party! Good food, fairly quick service for the number of people there. Boundary Bay always makes a good party location!
Vote ID : 476	n/a
Vote ID : 477	N/A
Vote ID : 479	Crowded, no where to sit down, loud, which killed much chance of meeting and talking with other team members.
Vote ID : 481	na
Vote ID : 486	NA
Vote ID : 487	didn't attend
Vote ID : 491	Too difficult to attend a Saturday evening event for the runners, XC skiers, and DH skiers. Many of use awoke around 3 AM to carpool up to the mountain.
Vote ID : 492	well done.
Vote ID : 493	N.A.
Vote ID : 494	Late for early morning racers. But super festive & fun!
Vote ID : 497	Fun... had a good time.
Vote ID : 500	Great but very crowded.
Vote ID : 505	I didn't attend.
Vote ID : 507	Did not attend.
Vote ID : 508	Super fun.
Vote ID : 511	So much fun - great energy!!!!
Vote ID : 513	didn't go, but there should be a real block party in fairhaven till late into the night!!
Vote ID : 515	Didn't attend
Vote ID : 516	N/A
Vote ID : 520	Didn't attend but those on my team who did really liked it. They said just being around that many other like minded people was really cool.
Vote ID : 521	N/A
Vote ID : 529	n/a
Vote ID : 533	N/A

Vote ID : 538	I wanted to go, but couldn't. I tried to get the beer glass at 3 PM, as I couldn't get there, but was told to come back. then on race day, they all sold out fast. disappointing
Vote ID : 539	It was crowded. Liked the free beer glasses for racers. Luau theme was weird.
Vote ID : 540	N/A
Vote ID : 542	Closed to early!!!
Vote ID : 545	Did not attend. We were Canadian and didn't have a holiday the next day so had to get back home....
Vote ID : 551	NA
Vote ID : 552	NA
Vote ID : 554	did not attend
Vote ID : 555	Had a good time!
Vote ID : 556	Didn't attend