

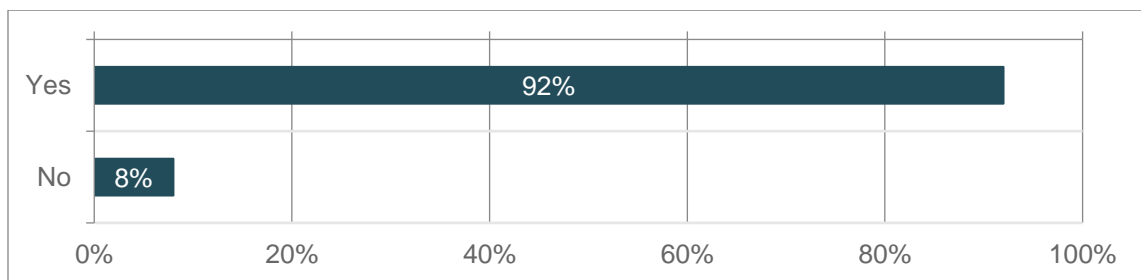
QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 14 (3-7.4.2024)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 429

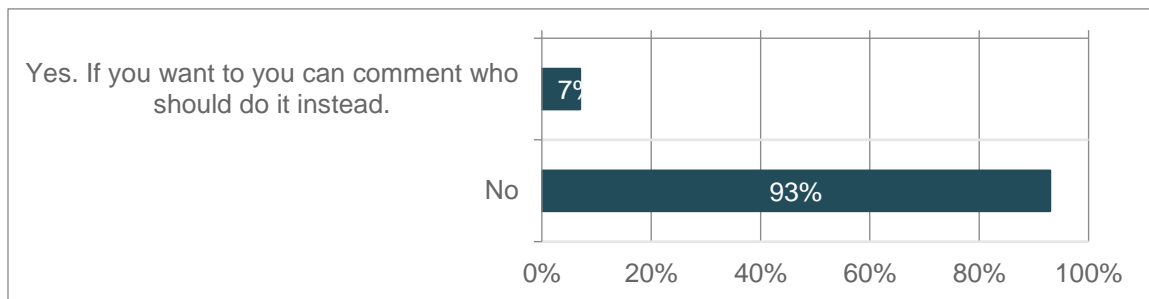
The margin of error is 5 % and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

THE TOWN'S BERTHS

In the Question of the Week the residents were asked: *"The town of Jakobstad is renting out berths in Gamla hamn, Korsgrundsviken, Korsgrundet, Skeppstorget, Östanpå, Killingholmen, and Alholmen. The duration of the season is from 1 May to 31 October. Do you think that renting out berths is one of the town's tasks?"*

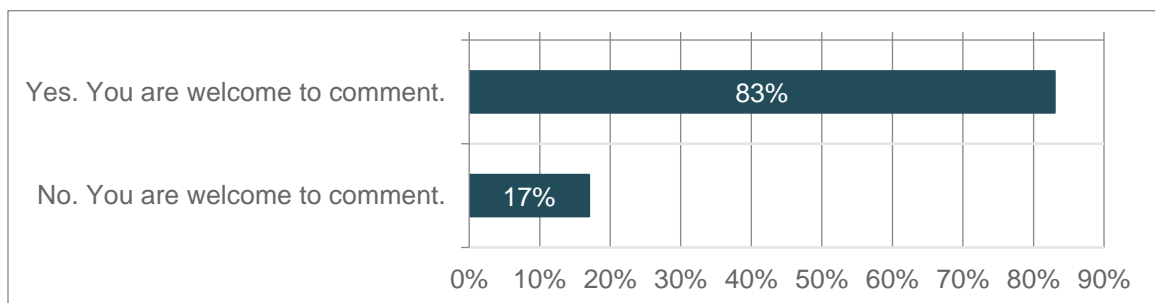


"Should the town quit the rental business?"



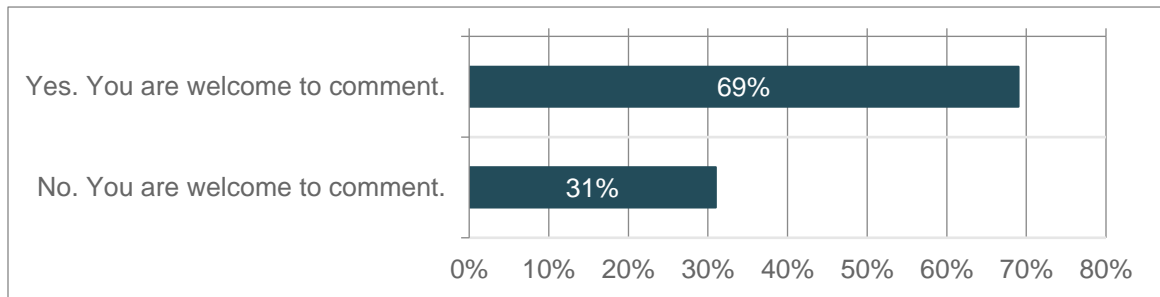
A total of 93 per cent thinks that the town should continue renting out berths.

"The price for berths in Jakobstad varies from 185 euro to 318 euro. Is the current pricing reasonable?"



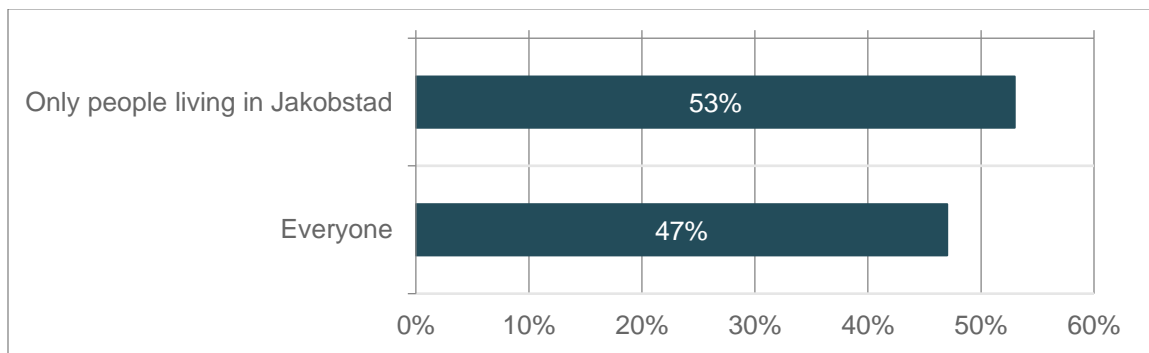
83 per cent thinks that the current pricing is reasonable. The prices of the berths are currently index adjusted every second year.

“Should the small boat docks be open to the public? It is prohibited to swim, but should one be allowed to sunbathe, fish, enjoy the nature, and have a picknick on the docks?”

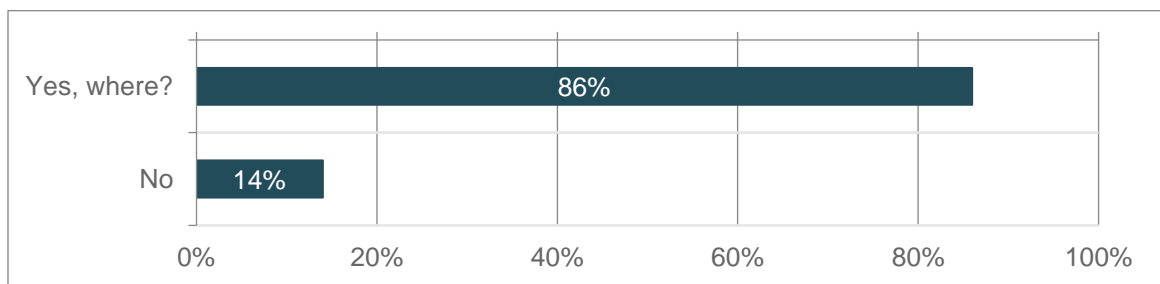


Most of the respondents, 69 per cent, think that the small boat docks should be open to the public. Among other things, they comment that those spending time on the docks need to have common sense and respect those having their boat by the docks and leaving the boats alone. The 31 per cent who said no are commenting that the small boat docks should only be for those having a boat there and that there is mischief, vandalism, and littering and that people are sitting in other peoples’ boats and that the entrance to the docks is blocked by bikes.

“Who should be allowed to rent the town’s berths?”

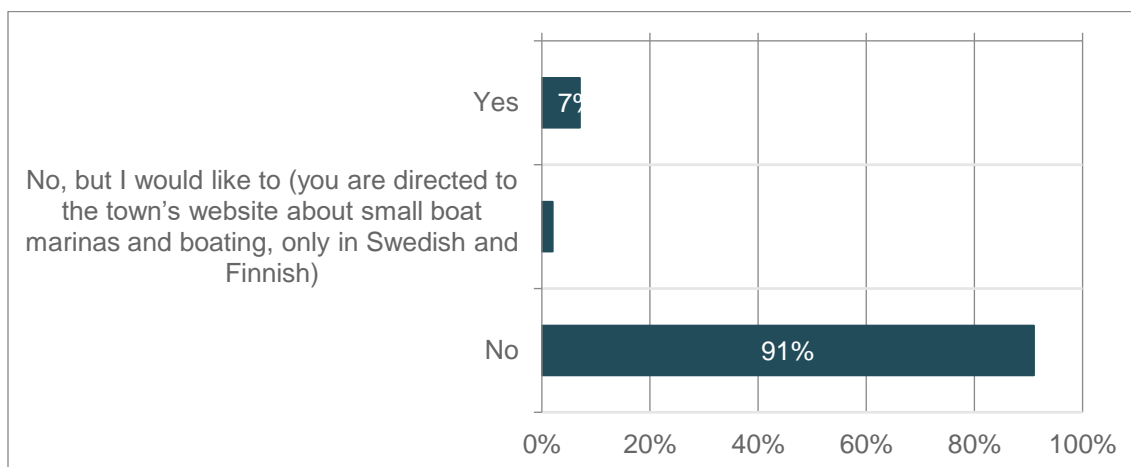


“Should the town be able to provide guest mooring?”

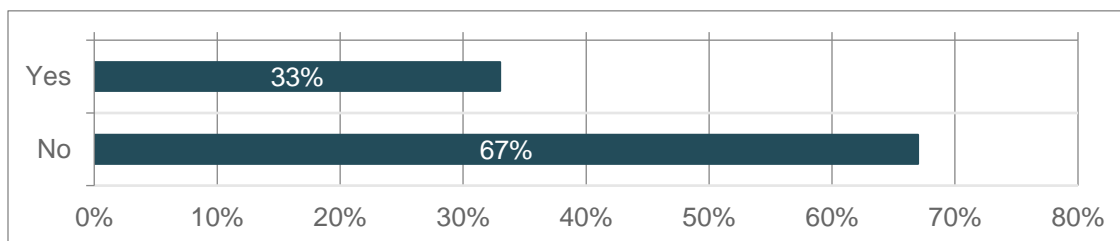


86 per cent is of the opinion that the town should provide guest mooring. Most of the respondents suggest the old harbour or Korsgrundet. Many are also suggesting Pavis, but the town doesn’t have any berths there. Fäboda, Dreilicks brygga, Björnholmen, and Östanpå are mentioned as well.

“Do you rent one of the town’s berths?”



Only 29 of the respondents (7 per cent) are renting one of the town’s berths. These respondents got this follow-up question: ***“The town has limited resources to clear away reeds and thicket in the small boat marinas. Could you consider doing that at your berth during a talko day (talko = voluntary work together with other people)?”***



Just over a third of those renting berths from the town are willing to participate in a talko day to clear away reeds and thicket.

NEXT STEP

As the first step, benches and rubbish bins are bought to the small boat marina in the old harbour. After that similar improvements can be made in other places within the available means.

Regarding guest mooring the town will review the question with Visit Pietarsaari-Jakobstad. The guest mooring can perhaps be placed south of the diving tower and close to Fäboda kaffestuga.

The interest in a talko event among those renting the town’s berths is not particularly big and it can therefore be a challenge to carry out. Those who have expressed interest can, however, be contacted.

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