

Hello SOLers!

Thanks to Jepsom I have had an epic race passing two of the places where I have lived, and also my present home. Born in Norrtälje on the Swedish east coast some 25 miles SW of Åland island, and raised in the "so called" Stockholm archipelago, we the natives call it Roslagens archipelago we raced through my play grounds back in the early years.

We also experienced the narrow waters around Sweden, passing lanes were few. The name of the waters we passed are also many, from Bottenviken at the start to Skagerak at the finish. According to the narrow waters the fleet stayed close to each other almost all the way.

But there were three options on the way; beginning with the start, some went west, almost WNW and some went S. Second option came at the Roslagen archipelago, going safe "outside" into the Baltic sea or dare passing all small islands where I spent so many summers. Jepsom and Rhino went outside, my decision therefore was "into the mess"! Those hours at night made some places coming down to Svenska högarna way point. At that point wind was about to veer to west and some decided to tack west to follow the Swedish coast line, but I just couldn't see the point in that choice. So, keep up the speed and coming south "as soon as possible" was the aim. Our group, the eastern gang, had our bench mark in rumskib going to the west of Gotland island. Also number 1 was hard on our heels. Tazumaki went west after going east of Gotland, but didn't find any advantage. Rumskib was surprisingly close at Bornholm rounding, very well sailed after the WXs given.

At Bornholm my alarm clock didn't work, I was on TWA and just avoided BBQ. That was close! Sorry to say rafa made an error at Falsterbo reef and BBQ'd. Now I just had to follow the leaders to the finish. "Just follow", how hard can it be? Well, rafa made his best to stress me coming out hungry (!) after the BBQ! After Öresund we sailed up north into the Kattegatt, where I now live. Just east of Nidingen light house at N 57,3 E 11,9. On Wednesday I had a day in the woods with my school class with bad connexion, nerves start to shiver. But, I think the battle for first was the "race within the race" where PetrM really tried elbetico to the limit. I have suffered before from PetrM going low and "outside" finding angels no one else could find. Back at school I was still ahead of rafa, and elbetico had finished first. I would have loved to follow that battle at the computer!

/clash (brother of TheHorn)

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