

If you haven't tried SOL's Sprint series you really should as it's a hoot (even with a 0300 start time in the USA). The SOL legend brainaid charted this great island course from SRC Member MustangMark and the wind gods favored us with 25 knots of breeze to keep things lively. The race was a pretty straight beat to Orth with Hirilonde (USA) pacing the fleet out of the gate and most of the "awake" crews made the quick turn North to Westermarkelsdorf. As the fleet edged South ybw_Trev gave the ol' X35-OD the whip and it remained neck and neck for the top 10 between updates until Trev made a perfectly timed move to harden up to optimum VMC around Staberdorf point.

The game was afoot for the last 6 mile beat to Fehmansund as Atlet, Ned_Arthur, RC and at least a dozen others split for better angle & breeze near shore while the lead pack held on to call the perfect Port layline. The lead changed hands to the shore crowd with NED_Arthur momentarily jumping up into the top spot until his concentration was distracted by all the noise coming from the chat room with talk of sub-zero temps, knee injuries and BartsBash fundraising.

In the end Trev called a perfect layline and Atlet's five tacks beat out all but one the single tack sailors for a close finish. The top 20 all finished with one minute of the leader so why not give the next SOL Sprint race a "go".