

Sailing in swedish archipelago is almost like sailing home waters. Not very often Seacarts are there so to use it as a boat for archipelago race is very funny. Would maybe prefer 8mR though, which I sailed IRL last summer in archipelago :)

Smo was thinking starting northwest for maybe slightly better angle later but changed mind for less tacks and more wind outside route. Sailing VMG and was speculating if one extra tack north would shorten track, did see some top boats tacking and decided to go too. Later before first mark did notice people who not tacking behind.

I had planned quite early entry into archipelago before mark but postponed watching what others do and finally went to my original late entry as it was possible to go without tack by little pinching ( one degree higher than VMG) and some degrees lower than max VMG .. so around sweet spot for that polar. Rumskib and kenza tacked earlier, rum had to sail lower and kenza needed extra tack. After first waypoint I had BBQ and thought that race was ruined but noticed could keep position. After second waypoint measured there was shift and towards finish wind decreasing giving higher VMG so tacked early, many boats including bonkhoot tacked later.

After last waypoint it was just to not make errors and choose fastest way .. at that point did notice some rise in blood pressure and little stress chased by top solers .. luckily survived to finish and nice party at Mistli's!

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