

## Jakob's Birthday – 2016

There is a bigish island lying off the Stockholm mainland coast called Runmarö. A few of us decided to sail hot to get to the North of it, gybe and then sail on a run tightening to a reach down the open water West of it to the turn for Jakob's mooring at Stora Lökholmen. There was me and nacrr, and roadrunner, Franci, Jawz and Mouthansar. A small but exclusive company. Would we be proven wise?

By the time we got to the NW corner of Runmarö, nacrr and I had a small lead on Franci and roadrunner who in turn had a slight lead on Jawz and Mouthansar, but all of us were ranking in the 50s, and to be honest, it wasn't looking very promising. Nevertheless, half way down the track to Lökholmen, nacrr and I had gone wrested the lead from kipper1258 and javakeda, the leaders of the main group that had stayed E of Runmarö.

Things by then had already turned into a dogfight with nacrr, and were set to remain so all the way to the finish. As always, on SOL as in IRL, the guy who made the least mistakes would be the winner. In the end, that was nacrr. Well done that man.

This is what happened.

1. At the NW tip of Runmarö, I stayed slightly too hot on the short run to the gybe point, but to kindly compensate nacrr gybed a fraction too late.
2. On the run down to Lökholmen, nacrr sailed a bit freer initially to keep W of the rocks and islets off Uvön, whilst I kept E of them. nacrr's solution was better.
3. Gybing at Lökholmen, I (again, btw) timed it better, to regain 0.01nm.
4. On the run into Stockholm fjörd, nacrr (still closely trailed by Franci) again sailed deeper involving more rock-hopping than my hotter (again) pursued-by-javakeda course through the more northerly open water. Honours even at best, I'd say.
5. But at the death, gybing for the line, after negotiating the Fällström narrows, for a third time my manoeuvre was that bit more timely than nacrr's, but to no avail.

I just checked the elapsed times; one sever jump in it.

nacrr: 18:29:55 ————

bonknhoot: 18:30:12 ————

Masterful, nacrr, and happy birthday, Jakob!

