

## Finland Sweden Archipelago Raid 2016

This race was a great challenge, no doubt about it. I was off these days the race lasted, probably a must for anyone to complete the race.

My strategy for the race was that I should not pay too much attention to have optimal TWA and also avoid too many bbqs and that went well until one minute after start when bbq #1 occurred..

Also during the race to look at the next leg to make a strategy how to sail it, calculate TWA angles and avoid bbq.

From the Start to Dragedet it was a tacking game, I just tried to avoid bbq-ing and planned my course a few NMs ahead.

From Dragedet to Söderby, Agnö and further South to Ornö we had downwind most of the time. Smo, kenza, me, and Henrys were in a small group.

The next leg from Ornö up North to Stora Vanskär I sailed nearly straight to the stronger wind, then nearly North up to Vanskär. That was the only leg I used qtVlm to assist sassy63.

From Vanskär, Kallskär and Yttre Hamnskär it was a nice leg at sea to the Finnish archipelago. I had a well deserved nap at that leg, I tried to nap when it was legs more than 2 hours.

Arriving to Korsö and to Jungfrun the tacking game began again, and I continued my strategy not to look too much at TWA and I pinched a lot to avoid too much performance loss.

All the way from Kallskär in Sweden to Sottunga S in Finland I had kenza chasing me, always 0.2 to 0.4 NM:s behind.

From Jungfrun to Överö it was time for a nap. At Sottunga S my brain hadn't woke up, and I made my first mistake.. Misread the course – was confused where I should sail and made two extra gybes. That was where I lost the lead to kenza. But, it was a nice downwind leg to Ådö and then into the Finnish gravel further to Hullberga and Enklinge.

From Enklinge to Jurmo nap again. At Holma I had my bbq #2, then to Korpo and Kökar it was just to avoid bbq-ing again.

Passing Sottunga N and Askö it was a straight leg at Ålands Sea to Sweden. Nap.

At Rödlöga my eyelids were heavy as two containers full of steel but I had the Finish in sight so I stayed awake to cross the line.

Cruising in my homewaters is always nice but a bit demanding.

Hats off for kenza, well deserved win!

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