## Jakob's Birthday BBQ race 2018.

## SOTP race win #12.

I'm a big fan of the birthday races and often finish well, 2nd win of Jakob's for me.

A steady breeze beam on to St Lokholmen so I decided to take the shortest route through the islands which payed off.

After the rounding of St Lokholmen the breeze was reducing and head on, my favourite direction.

Careful tacking through the Islands to the finish, trying to make as few tacks as possible. Its kind of scary being up front with so many big names surrounding you. One small mistake can cost the race.

I felt a bit like a rabbit in a pack of wolfs dodging my way safely through occasionally getting my heals snapped at, quite often my heart rate rising :)

It was an incredibly close race, myself, robert1, rumskib & bonknhoot trading places several times on the beat to the line.

I could see at the finish I was going to get a podium finish although my placing was 4th, just what position would it be ?

After the server updated the positions Sadler jumped to 1st by just 1 second, in boat lengths about a fender in front of rumskib, with robert1 4 seconds behind.

A tense race, very enjoyable close racing as always in the Birthday races.

Well done all finishers & Happy Birthday Jakob.

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