

Jakob's Birthday BBQ Race 2021

Jakob's Birthday race is always a huge challenge because there are so much options to cross the jungle of tiny isles to arrive to Lokholmen but only one takes you to the front.

This year the most straight option seemed the better as winds were of the same direction than route path, so play with vmg in downwind would be the key. That's why I decided to start heading SE before gybing five minutes after the start (as router said), which gave me a little better angle than the main group that had chosen same route as me, where all the top 5 finishers were. That was crucial from me, cos I got a tiny advantage that were enough to round Lokholmen first, and keep the first place even after a small mistake there, where I tacked a jump late. From there, guys chasing me were really close, so no more mistakes were allowed if I wanted to win, which I did, with an eye on calmxy and Brewman, who sometimes, depending on server jumps, appeared to be ahead of me. From the mark I did again the most straight line possible, which later would be shown as the best option, and finally got a victory with the podium guys so close that I had to wait for server some time before I could be sure I had won the race.

It is always special to race in the swedish archipelago, and celebrate the birthday of one of the SOL makers, so thanks Jakob, and a happy happy birthday

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