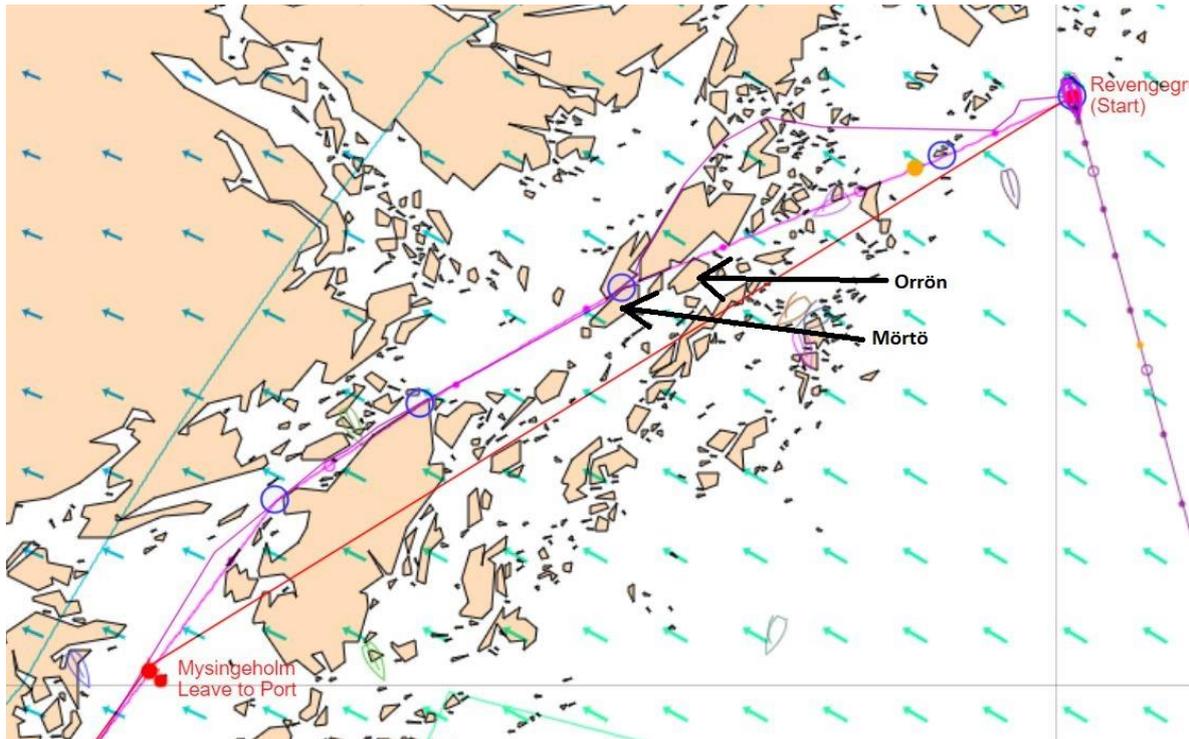


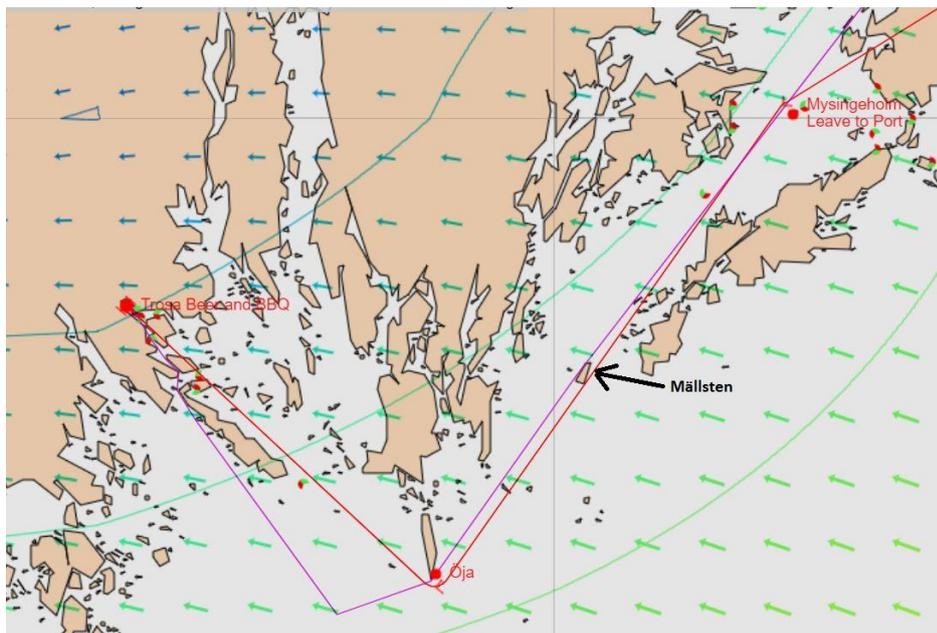
# Race Report Mistlis BBQ Race 2023

This race is really something special to me because it is in my home waters. Directly from the start at Revengegrundet you have to decide a number of times which way to go. I did my homework by calculating three different routes manually. A huge effort that was time consuming but it did pay off.

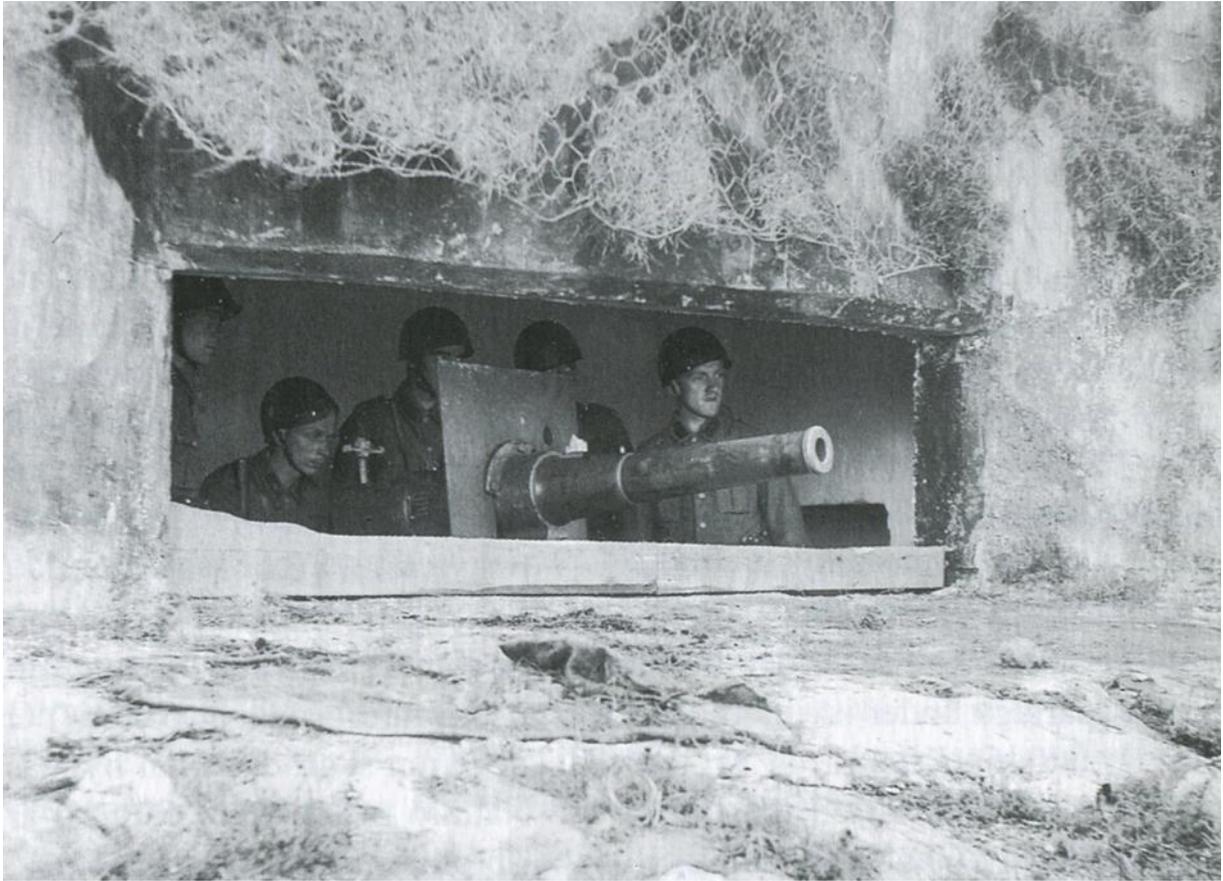
But of course I didn't follow the plan, when approaching the islands I went south of Orrön and Mörtö. I realized that the north route was too risky to take, the danger of BBQ-ing was obvious. The two U.S. sailors hulse4 and brellis went the way the pic shows, and they were in the lead early on.



After passing the big island of Ornö which is between Mörtö and waypoint Mysingeholm, it was straight ahead to Öja. But one decision was still to make, go west or east of the island of Mällsten?



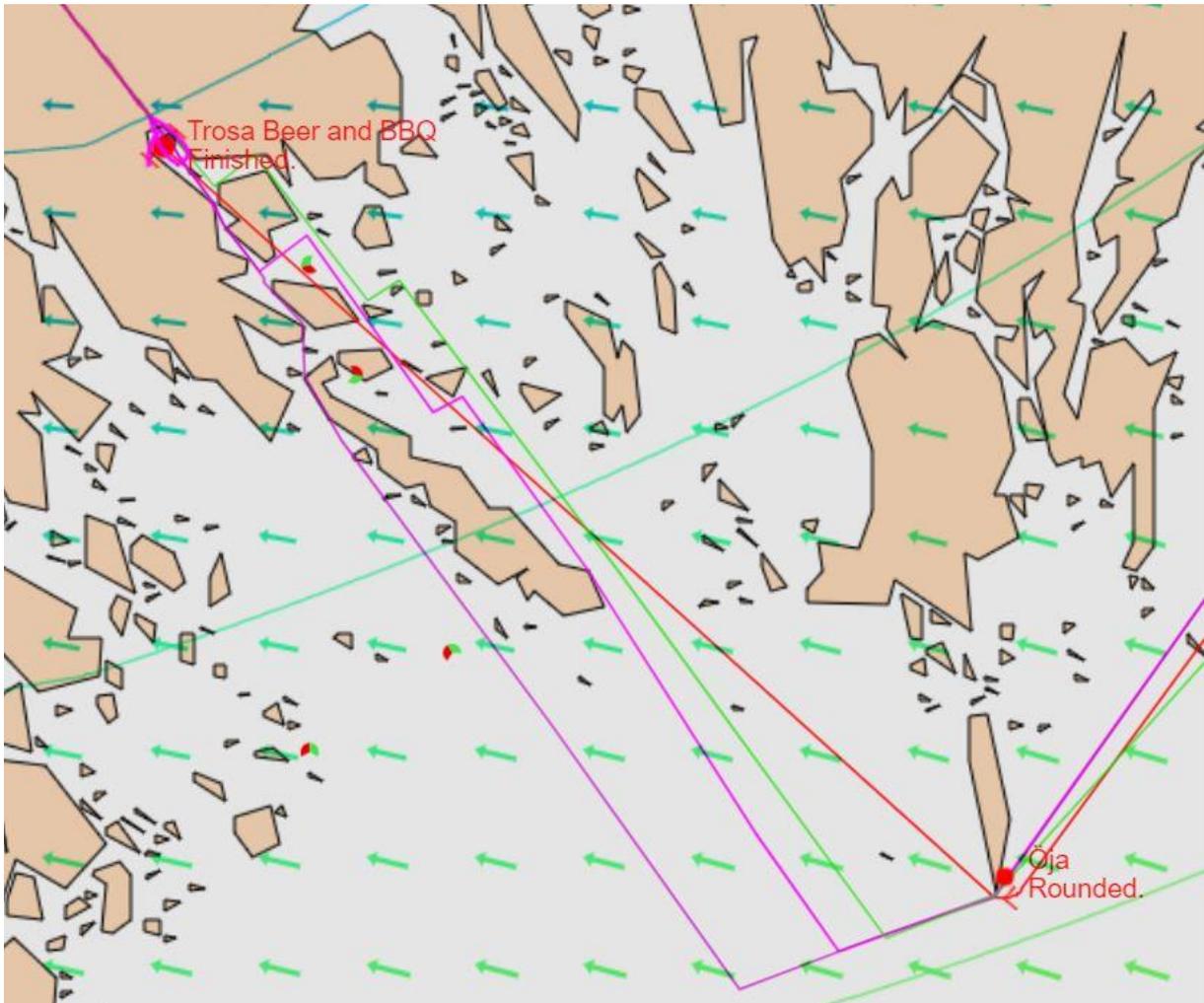
The military is situated at Mällsten since year 1936 therefore it is strictly prohibited to visit. I did my military service there. Mällsten has always been known as "barbwire Hawaii" because the whole island is surrounded of barb wire.



Approaching the island of Öja - below - immediately the next decision came up, going south in stronger winds or gybing towards weaker winds? I did as swedes do - I took a middle way....



The thing to consider is not to gybe too many times among the islands ahead of Trosa. There are a lot of islands here as well to BBQ at. If you translate Trosa into English it is the word panties!



The south route is both the winner Vida\_Maldita's route and second place Pit8008's route. The green route is number four smo's route.

My original plan was to go even more north of all the islands then I did, but I changed my mind and gybed just four times. Going the most north way should be six gybes and that would cost too much performance.

Sitting in front of the computer in 4 hours and 22 minutes it was really worth it. Consider I have been sailing in these waters a lot and it is a beautiful archipelago, I enjoyed it, and the Seacart 30 is a fast boat.

Thank you SOL Team for yet another great race!

Cheers

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