

JAKOB'S BIRTHDAY BBQ RACE 2024

At last, after many years of trying to finish this race without a BBQ, I made it thru the archipelago and snagged 3rd place behind Finnish Smo and Swedish sassy63! That's extra fun because on my mom's side I am 50% Swedish and 50% Finnish.

Sometimes a race like this is won by those who take an unlikely-looking route, sacrificing their standing in the early going, but jumping ahead at key moments. Today, it was all about staying on the Path of Least Resistance.

The Path of Least Resistance down to Lokholmen revealed itself pretty readily in planning the start to this race. For once I was confident in my path, not constantly checking to see what paths the Usual Suspects were taking today - and most importantly, not jumping from one path to another.

I had some distractions just after the turn, so I had a little course correction to make so I could get back on the Path of Least Resistance towards the finish line. Perhaps it was a bit lucky - I might have actually gained some speed with my course correction.

Made another adjustment in my zig-zag plan of DC's thru the last narrow channel - I decided at the last minute to zag a bit further west and leave me a longer shot north towards the finish line with one less zig-zag would've pushed push me north sooner.

I'm not sure how much that helped but it may have made the difference between podium and 10th in such a tightly packed field. Thanks again to SOL and especially to Jakob - Happy Birthday!

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