

Was not expecting that.

Had to start as have not been soling much lately and race is almost at homewaters after all. Registered into race 5 minutes before start and quick look did show me the way to first wp. DC's almost all the way there with little safety margin and back on helm just before WP. After rounding Smo around #6 while local Speedwagon leading.

Then comes hard part, archipelago ahead looks total mess and brains try to find easy and short way through it. Brellis was doing some turn not knowing where to go and dropped behind Smo. Smo almost went more western route but then decided to take this on the fly. WR went more east for little longer route, was it overtake attempt or misjudgement who knows. Later Justmer followed there and dropped behind Smo. Speedwagon continued faster than VMG when we came to free water but that cost him longer way and dropped. Smo was almost going to sail couple degrees lower than VMG as the speed difference would have been so minimal but then changed to VMG to cover. We were speculating about that with fellow racer, local sassy who came second :)

Final straight to finish line was more like VMC but doing that my experimental way turning little here and there and see were predictor jumps. Five gybes, pretty easy sailing would it have been IRL, in archipelago you might need that much tacks in 100 meter long narrow passage.

That was great fun and our our yacht club ice free so soon some spring renovations while still at cottage for a moment enjoying sudden 20cm snow drop LOL.

Thank you for fellow racers and congrats to Jakob.

