



Mistli's Birthday BBQ Race 2025- Race Report by KaSToR

What a joy to return to this race after my first participation last year, which left me with unforgettable memories. I promised myself I would try to achieve a similar result.

Unfortunately, as I was busy with another race, I must admit that I didn't analyse the characteristics of this year's boat sufficiently. So I ran some routing simulations without taking these characteristics into account, decided to take a more direct but less windy inland route, and when I reached the Mysingeholm buoy, I realised that the race was lost.

I was left behind by Mirek and Rafa and their brilliant spinnaker manoeuvre. Well done to them...

Another very poor choice in taking the west of Mällsten and Viksten, and I found myself around 10th place when rounding Öja.

I headed straight for the finish line, rounding the southern tip of the island, and at that moment I regretted not having come up with a daring manoeuvre like atlet, heading north via the east of the island, which would have given an angle that would have allowed me to sail under spinnaker towards the finish line.

Too late, and almost impossible to stay at an angle below the BVMG.

So, no more hesitation, 'droit devant' as the "cowboys fringuants" would say, heading straight for the finish line.

And then, surprise, as I go along, I notice the bad choices made by the others, and find myself 'stealing' a well-deserved third place.

Well done to Mirek, well done to Sadlersailing...

And see you next year, with the hope that I can do better in terms of navigation.

A nod to Mistli, this fast race seems to be a must, long may it continue!

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