

SOLDA: GREAT BEAR CHASE

Date: Sat, Mar 9, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM

Where: Calumet, MI

What: The Great Bear Chase is a great cross country ski event in a land of great amounts of snow. Traditionally, the Swedetwon trails are in great condition, and racers also enjoy a pasty lunch, prizes and some time to talk over the day.

The Great Bear Chase includes a 14K freestyle race, 26-km classic and freestyle races, and 50-km classic and freestyle races. All five events use the new stadium area and there are no road crossings.

Current NOAA Forecast:

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph after midnight.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 36. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: A chance of snow before 1pm, then snow likely, possibly mixed with rain. Cloudy, with a high near 35. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Looks like air temp at start time will be around 30F (-1C)

Skis: I would pick a pair with some tip splay and a medium grind. If it starts to snow, an aggressive grind can slow the skis. shortish contact zones would be good.

Solda Glide Wax:

Base: Solda FC27 ironed, scraped and brushed. You can use can use HC28 and then crayon a layer of Fluor Plus Dice. Then add a layer of Solda UF7, scrape and brush.

Paraffin: Solda F40 Yellow Special if the snow is fairly clean. F40 Carbon Yellow if the snow is old and dirty.

Top Coat: Solda fluor 100. If the snow is really melting, cover with Powerjet 5. If the snow is around -2 C and not raining or snowing, go with Powerjet 1

Kick wax: Tricky. Zero skis could be the best option. I would get out my klister skis, have a klister binder on and wait. It could be a good time for a klister cushion covered with a hard wax. Think Start Black Magic.