

SOLDA GLIDE WAX RECOMMENDATION FOR: Lakes of the North Winterstart

The Lakes of the North Winterstart race is an 8km skate race near Gaylord, MI.

The NOAA forecast is:

Tonight: Snow. The snow could be heavy at times. Low around 26. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of around 6 inches.

Friday: Snow showers with widespread blowing snow. High near 29. Blustery, with a north wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow showers before 1am. Cloudy, with a low around 19. Blustery, with a northwest wind 20 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Cloudy, with a high near 28. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Start time is 11:00 AM. So at the start it looks like it will be around 24F. Humidity will be about 80 -90%. Mostly cloudy. Wind about 18 - 20 from NW. This could produce windblown conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I would pick a pair of skis with medium to softer flex and a fine grind.

BASE: Harden the bases with a mix of Solda UF7 and Performance Green mixed 50/50. If you have Solda S30 cold powder it is a great base over this. Scrape it while it is still and warm then apply the paraffin.

PARAFFIN: Solda F31 Pink. If it gets colder, I would mix the F31 Pink with F31 or F40 Violet.

TOP COAT: I would go with Solda HP04. Here is why: The snow is new, probably not falling during the race and it is windy. Sky cover will be mostly cloudy. The temps are right on the border between Solda Fluor 100 and HP04. I don't believe there will be much melting or transformation of the snow during the race. Therefore, HP04.

BUDGET WAX:

BASE: Solda UF7 and Performance Green mixed 50/50.

PARAFFIN: Solda F31 Pink.

Have a great race.

Bert