



## BNS Wax Recommendation

### North American Vasa Festival of Races

2/9/13-2/10/13

#### Event Information-

[www.vasa.org](http://www.vasa.org)

#### Weather-

(from noaa.gov point forecast)

**THURSDAY NIGHT:** 3-4 inches of new snow, low around 20.

**FRIDAY:** clouds early, then sun. high near 25.

**FRIDAY NIGHT:** low around 6. Partly Cloudy.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly sunny. Temps 9-20 during race event.

#### Recommendation:

**Base Layer:** SkiGo LF Graphite

**Race Paraffin:** SkiGo LF Green with C380 powder mixed together

**Fluoro Powder:** SkiGo 105

**Topcoat:** SkiGo 105 Block or SkiGo C22 if glazing

**Structure:** fine/medium (Finite 000-G to “dumb down” structure)

**NIS Binding:** Always important to test binding position, but in general the soft track expected, move binding 1-2 clicks behind balance point.

**Kick:** SkiGo HF Violet (covered by Swix VR40 for speed)

#### Test Discussion-

Thursday morning feel test was conducted with fresh snow and 20 degree air. The plan was to see what was trending, knowing more snow is coming and slightly colder temps. For Paraffins; SkiGoLFGreen/C380 was clear winner over Holmenkol Matrix Blue, and Swix HF 6. This was a surprise since air temp would call for “blue” waxes. But snow is dry and crystals are sharp so the colder harder wax prevailed. In the topcoat test SkiGo 105 was a close winner over Holmenkol Mid, SkiGo 110, Toko Jetstream Blue, and FC7. 105 has a broad range and is good in cold. Fluoro skis felt better than paraffin skis as well. Putting on 105 powder will help with durability for the long race. Good Luck!

#### CONCLUSIONARY NOTES –

Choose a soft ski with fine/cold grind if possible. Building up ski with a few cold layers will help with durability. For Sundays Grand Traverse Classic Race good to stay cold on the glide wax, but slightly warmer as Saturday night and Sundays weather is slightly warmer. Holmenkol Matrix Blue is a trusted glide wax for these conditions. And SkiGo HF Violet has been great for this range as well.

**note:** BNS imports Holmenkol and SkiGo waxes, and also sells waxes from Swix, Toko, Rode, Solda, Rex, Guru, Innovax, Magnar and others. We search for the fastest waxes for our customers and our testing is professional, objective and transparent. We make our best effort to test what we think is the best from each brand. However, given that we are testing more options from Holmenkol and SkiGo, there is a bias toward those brands. With this full disclosure, you can assess the legitimacy of our testing yourself. Visit [Swix](http://Swix) and [Toko](http://Toko) for their official recommendations. If you have any questions please contact us.

