

## Big Island and Back

Excelsior Beach, Excelsior, MN Sunday, February 6 2 P.M. 10K, Classic and Skate races https://freshwater.org/biab/winter/

Forecast/Conditions: Overnight low of 7F rising to 12 at the start. Wind of 10 mph and mostly sunny. Wind-blown snow over a mix of transformed and fresh natural snow, all over ice.

Glidewax: Apply High Performance Blue Hot Wax, sprinkle on X-cold Powder, iron in together, scrape and brush. Spray on High Performance Blue Liquid Paraffin, let stand overnight, then polish with the Polishing Brush Liquid Paraffin. If you do not have LP spray, after scraping and brushing a layer of BP Blue Hot Wax, apply HP Blue Hot Wax, sprinkle on X-cold Powder, iron in together, scrape and brush. See TokoUS.com videos for instructions on applying X-Cold Powder with Blue Hot Wax.

Gripwax: Roughen base with 150 grit sandpaper, apply a thin layer of Nordic Klister Blue, let cool. Once cool, cork klister until smooth and cool again before covering with layers of Nordic GripWax Blue. See https://tokous.com/video-klister-application-cross-country/for instructions on applying klister.

**Structure:** A fine or universal structure covered by one pass with the Blue Structurite tool after scraping and brushing HP Hot Wax or before spraying HP LP will best suit these conditions.

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