



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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High temperatures and a low breeze –the first Sunday at the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

The first race for the 35 dragons started off with a so called "BFD" (which means that they are banned from the race because of a head start) for 5 boats. This penalty system is known as "black flag" and is being used by the race committee if the previous starts had to be interrupted several times because of disciplinary mistakes of the sailors. While there were 6 knots in the beginning, there was now only a low breeze.

"There wasn't anything we could have done out there" said Anke Anderssohn, who was present on board of the starting boat. The team of the yachtclub Rostock, which top athlete Malte Philipp is also part of, has put themselves ahead after the first race of the International German Championship.

The Laser Europe Cup did start yesterday despite all the wind problems, but the conditions were far from ideal. Shifting winds made it very hard to come to definite decisions. This situation was the cause for many protests. Therefore it was not possible to get definite results before today's press deadline.

Alltogether there will be 19 different boat classes fighting for medals until the 13th of July, two of which present themselves for the first time in the best sailing area of Germany. Seascape 18 is one of them and can be used for lazy sailing with the family just as well as for sportive regatta-sailing. Somebody who also had a long journey is the shipyard owner himself. He came all the way from Slovenia and is representing one of 4 nationalities in his boats class. "I'm very pleased with the response to this first important regatta in Germany", said Jochen Denkena, the chairman of the 5.50m long keel boat class. Another novelty at the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE are the X-99. They have started the German Open today, which is their first of two races. Christian Schönrock from Rostock and his team managed to put themselves ahead of the 14 participating yachts, in a race that is also called German Open.

The cutters have braved the fairly week winds this weekend and even completed 6 races. "Resi" from Teterow was able to defend her title from last year. At the 2 Up & Down races 32 yachts competed against each other. For several of them this regatta was only a warm-up for the long-distance regatta hanseboot Rund Bornholm, which will start tomorrow midday. In the class ORC A/B, "IMMAC ONE4ALL" from Kiel was able to repeat its victory from the Warnemünde Cup. Thoralf Wigger and his team from Rostock won in the class ORC C with their boat "Nemo". The "XerXes" from Wustrow won in the class Yardstick 1. The Berlin crew of "Queeny" was once again able to celebrate a victory at the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE in the class Yardstick 2. Two races later Peggy and Torsten Bahr are still ahead in the class Flying Dutchman.

First results of the Beach-Lacrosse-Tournament at the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

A premier in Warnemünde and every other German beach: The Beach-Lacrosse-Tournament. On occasion of the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE the Lacrosse-Club Rostock (RoLaX) hosts the first ever Beach-Lacrosse-Tournament in Germany: "Lax at the Beach". The Canadian national sport is usually played in a protective gear and with helmets, guarding the player against hits and body checks by the opponent.





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For this Beach-Tournament the classic Lacrosse-rules had been altered for the 5 men and 6 women teams. Both teams played on one goal on a field that is a little smaller than normal for 20 minutes (10 minutes each half-time).

The hometown boys RoLaX made it to the men`s finale but were not able to beat the higher ranked Dresden Braves. They lost the finale 5:6. "Lacrosse is a tough sport but as soon as the game is over, we are all a big community", Stefan Koch (who is a player himself but also the coach of the female Lacrosse team in Rostock) emphasizes a special feature of his sport. The female team made it to the semi-final but lost their game in an equally scarce match against the GaLAXy Defenders from Göttingen 5:6. The Münster Mohawks can now celebrate after their very scarce victory in their final match, which even had to go to overtime. While the third and second best teams got messages in a bottle filled with sand, the Mohawks got a trophy. Stefanie Auer is delighted about "A very successful premiere". Many of the teams already announced that they will be coming back next year.

The 20th Beachhandball-Tournament is used to inaugurate the "Sport & Beach Arena"

It cannot be safely said, if Mike Knobloch, who grew up in Rostock and Warnemünde, used to build drip castles on the beach. However it is an image that involuntarily comes to mind as soon as the white pagodas close to the water come into view. Though what you see is actually the "Sport & Beach Arena" including a "Center Court", which has become a surprising attraction for many visitors. Mike Knobloch, who is working for the Hanse Sail Office, is responsible for the onshore logistics and also for the sports program. In cooperation with many different partners from the free economy a new meeting place for gastronomical, cultural and sportive activities in a new quality has been created.

As a consequence the Beachhandball players were able to have their 20th tournament right here. Highlights of the tournament were the finals on the "Center-Court", which have been equipped with a spectator bench. Eckhard Pedde and Volker Schnepel, both pioneers of this handball tournament, watched and supported the beginning of this popular tournament and are happy with the attendance and the new conditions. The handball games in the ankle-deep sand demands a lot of stamina and commitment from the participants and referees. The burning sun from above made participants and spectators realize that it actually is the middle of summer.

Technically and conditionally the team "Rostocker Beach Club" was once again the most convincing female team, winning the title for the third year in a row. The team "Pädagogik... und Tschüss" reached the second and "HSV 1965 Marienberg" third place. On the men`s site, team "Winterhalter" (HSG Neudorf Döbeln) won the tournament, followed by the teams "Ostseebelle" and "Strandschleicher" (HBV Jena). Naturally the medal ceremony in the attractive "Strandburg" also had a new quality to it.

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Lacrosse_Martin Schuster-2930: Co-organisier Stefanie Auer (jerseynumber: 20) with her RoLaX-Team at the German premier of Beach-Lacrosse in Warnemünde





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© Pepe Hartmann-4446: The first time as a guest in Rostock, the Seascope 18 DSC_0162: after 2012 und 2013 once again (even in the new arena) belongs to the winning team: Nicole Beyer from "Rostock Beach Club"

© Pepe Hartmann-4430: The "IMMAC ONE4ALL" from Kiel won the Regatta 2 Up & Down – just like at the Warnemünde Cup

© Pepe Hartmann-4302: Warnemünder sailing talent Hannah Anderssohn is one of the most popular in the Laser Radial field

preview (selection) of onshore program for Monday, 7th of July

3pm-5pm "The Jukeboys", stage in front of the lighthouse

7pm-21.30pm Salsa-Band "Mi Solar"

preview (selection) of offshore program for Monday, 7th of July

11am races: Laser Standard, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, German Open Seascope 18, Flying Dutchman, IDM Dragon, IDM H-Boats, GO X-99

1pm start: hanseboot Rund Bornholm

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