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The day of the Cup holders

"Finally, a great day of sailing. To me it was the best one so far, because on the water everything went perfectly", main racing manager Robert Niemczewski from Berlin sums up this Friday. The third day in a row the wind blew strongly from northeast and all the boats studiously dipped into the Baltic waves. The biggest group of the five Jollyboat classes that freshly arrived today is the junior boats class of the 420er. Exactly 60 boats, 18 of which are from Mecklenburg Western Pomerania, took the opportunity to prepare for the world championship, taking place in Travemünde in 2 weeks. The junior world championship is also going to be held mid-August on the Baltic and the Spaniards José Manuel Ruiz and Fernando Davila Ponce de Leon are in the lead after 3 races. They recently took second place at the Kieler Woche. The best German sailors are Philipp Loewe and Sebastian Kirschbaum, the best sailors from Mecklenburg Western Pomerania are Ole Blumenthal and Heinrich Roder from Rostock.

The boat builder Thilo Keller from Berlin sailed in the field of 16 A-Cats on a model, he himself designed. It is this boat that has taken the lead, but Guido Schulte from Wismar is close on his heels. At the Goldcup of the X-99 there is a head-to-head race for victory between Martin Christiansen and Christian Soyka from Kiel. There is only one scoring point separating them. The last race day tomorrow is going to bring the decision.

"The 2.4mR sailed four races today and had to be quite brave" said Carsten Jansen, race director on this route. "Although four boats had to quit during the last race, everything went great and nobody got any damage."

Jürgen Freiheit managed to win this race. The top sailors and vice European champions Morten Bogacki and Lars Dehne from Düsseldorf won distinctively three times with the 505 boats.

In style with all the other favourites the first ranked of the Korsar boats are the same ones as last year: Axel Oberemm and Gerd Linnemann. The likeable pirate class is being dominated by the mixed team Svenja Thoroë and Karsten Bredt, just like last year. Peter Anders and Peter Bark from Güstrow followed them with 8 points.

Traditionally the Skippi-fleet of the Polish neighbour is strongly represented. During the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE the German fleet starts with eight ships, led by the class chairman Rainer Kremkow and therefore forms the strongest faction. The Europe Cup though is held by Michael Kaczmarek from Poland. On Friday, the first race day, last year`s European champion has already taken the lead after two runs.





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The light Skippis had huge problems with the rough conditions. The regatta field was also confronted by waves up to one meter height. Since the boats are rather build for off-wind courses, on-the wind courses create challenging conditions, that the Polish sailors most successfully dealt with.

At the Finn boats Ulli Kurfeld from Wismar was ranked second after 3 races, right before Sebastian Schmidt. The 27 OK Jollyboats are being led by Greg Wilcox from New Zealand. He has won the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE multiple times. Best German sailor is the vice champion of Germany, Martin von Zimmermann. The O-jollyboats have only completed one race due to energy issues. Jan Ten Hoeve increased his lead to three points. Overall there were 11 boat classes on the water.

Golden badge of honor for Gode Sevecke:

At the traditional reception of the mayor of the hanseatic city of Rostock the longtime jury-chairman of the Warnemünder Woche, Gode Sevecke was honoured with the badge of honour in gold by the sailor-association of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania.

The 72 year old citizen of Hamburg, who was a sailor himself for a long time, is a nationally and internationally recognized and capable referee and race director. The former Mathematics and Sports teacher has been heading the jury of the Warnemünder Woche since 1993, feels very comfortable here because of the familiar and heartfelt atmosphere and hopes to be able to keep on working in his honorary post as the head of the jury for a while longer.

1st AHOI beach kubb with celebrities at the beach

Next to Lacross, the scandinavian and tactically shaped parlour game Kubb at the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE is the second German premiere at the beach of Warnemünde. Event manager Klaus Riedel organizes the first big beach kubb-tournament "AHOI beach kubb", next to the Sport & Beach Arena.

On Saturday about 30 kubber will be throwing their throw sticks at 5 opposing wooden blocks, the so called kubbs, and the king which is positioned in the middle of the beach. "Do not lose" is how Riedel briefly explains the most-effective tactic.

A game amongst two teams which takes less than 20 minutes and finishes with a Sure Shot, a throw backwards through the legs. Next to experienced World- and European-champions, there is also the pretty well motivated VIP-team "Rostocker Kubbaner" with Marita Meier Koch, a world record holder in athletics, OSPA press officer Matthias Bohn, F.C. Hansa legend Hilmar Weilandt, Holger Bellgardt, head of the Hanse Sail office and Jörn Etzold, head of a sports-centered school.

For the team captain Bellgardt, "Just join in" which is an analogy to the motto of the Hanse Sail ("Just sail along") is the motto of their spontaneously initiated attendance at the kubb-tournament. The native and also favoured „Kubb'Ings" from Rostock as reigning and first non-Scandinavian world champion strive to





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also defend their title at the European championship in Berlin in the following week.

The winner of the competition in Warnemünde awaits a Scandlines ferry ride from Rostock to the kubb-country Sweden and an award-kubb in the shape of the lighthouse of Warnemünde, which has been carved out of a tree trunk by two artists from Wismar and was sponsored by the Swedish honorary counsel Axel Erdmann. The tournament starts on Saturday at 10am, on Sunday interested people can try to get a hang of this sport from 10am to 2 pm.

photos:

Pepe Hartmann (4), except for DSC_0008.Gode Sevecke: Klaus-Dieter Block

captions:

- © Pepe Hartmann-7451: The biggest field of jollyboats is made up of the 420er
 - © Pepe Hartmann-7033: Despite the waves sailing like they are on a rail, the A-cats
 - © Pepe Hartmann-7406: the fins demand a sensitive handling
 - © Pepe Hartmann-7178: reached their personal power limits, the occasionally disabled sailors of the 2.4mR
- DSC_0008. Gode Sevecke got the golden badge of honour from the sailing club Mecklenburg Western Pomerania

preview (selection) of onshore program for Saturday, 12th of July

- 8am-7pm 19th dragon boat festival, Alter Strom
- 10am-7pm 1st AHOI Beachkubb, Sport & Beach Arena
- starting 10.30am 16th Shanty meeting, stage in front of the lighthouse
- 7pm-midnight summer party with DJs Mario Kohlhagen & Jörg Mandel, stage in front of the lighthouse

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- 9am race: sea resort regatta of Mecklenburg
- starting 10.30am Kitesurf-Trophy
- 11am races: GC X-99, IDM O-Jollyboat, OK-Jollyboat, Finn, Korsar, Pirat, 420er, 505er, J/24, Skippi 650, A-Cat, 2.4mR

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