



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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Despite fog – awesome mood onshore

“There is quite a good sight – within this room”

“There is quite a good sight – within this room” is what the head of the racing committee, Uli Finckh, said in the conversation with the German Meteorological Service (DWD) at the briefing this morning. The weather forecast on the first competition day was already not the best: almost no wind and thick fog. This implied for all participants: prohibition of leaving the port and the postponement of the start. The next decision was taken at 11:00 a.m. and was again postponed to 2:00 p.m. and then it was definite: there will be none of the 39 races taking place on the first day of the 75th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. Uli Finckh mentions regretfully “the repeated cancellation of the Warnemünde-Cup”. Thankfully the predicted thunderstorm did not hit Warnemünde, although the humidity was the whole day at 90 %. The visibility on the ocean was 200 to 300 meters, and there were only three to five knots of wind. Pauline Schranck (16), a member of the Warnemünde Sailing Club (WSC), was a little bit disappointed: “Already before 9:00 a.m. was everything rigged up. But with that many postponements of the start the body loses the last bit of body tension and motivation”.

„Nieger Ümgang, beach handball tournament and wash-tub-race for the start of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE“

The first Saturday of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE offered a big range of on- and offshore activities with creative ideas and loads of fun. For instance the 11th Niede Ümgang with 2.500 participants, including historic characters from Rostock and Warnemünde, with Neptun, more than 30 clubs and numerous marketeers, accompanied with musical entertainment from the Shanty choir, a Jazz band from Magdeburg and a fanfare group from Neubrandenburg. The organizers from the Warnemünde Club, Inge Regenthal and Hansi Richert, are visibly relieved, when remembering the last year’s rainy event, that it was this time only foggy and never the less warm and dry. The two organizers conclude happily: “Our earnings for the long preparation phase are the many satisfied and happy visitors in the narrow streets”. The good atmosphere was additionally promoted when the anthem of Warnemünde from 1963 was played by the “Klaashahns” and additionally supported by a loud audience. The mayor of Rostock, Roland Methling, emphasized the great impact that the volunteers have on the successful organization of the event. He expressed his wishes to the 2.000 participants from 26 nations for a great sailing experience and a fair competition in the following days, “since the races are the core part of the sportive maritime event”. Although there has been a long lasting quarrel upon the inhabitants of Rostock and Warnemünde about the independence of the little fisherman’s village, the mood consistently continued to be at the peak when Methling concluded that Warnemünde belongs to Rostock and the other way around.





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The "Rostocker", the hanseatic beer of the local brewery, is the alcoholic beverage of the event. The director, Wilfried Ott, is happy about the successful event that they have been sponsoring during the past years. Traditionally the mayor taps the barrel immediately before the official opening of the event. The intention of Roland Methling to tap the barrel with 75 hits in order to symbolize the 75th anniversary of the event, was not realized due to the low quality of the hammer, which lost its head after the 23rd hit. He still made it and opened the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE punctually at 12:28 p.m.

The beach handball players were not that patient and started the 18th tournament at 11:00 a.m. Again people were happy about the relatively good weather. Volker Schnepel and Eckhard Pedde were organizing the sport event with the 24 men- and women-teams. The finals will take place on Sunday the 8th July 1:30 p.m. Although many teams registered with quite funny and awkward names the motivation to win the tournament remains high.

At the 25th wash-tub-race on the "Alter Strom", moderated by the owner of the local dance club "LT", starts with the motto: nomen est omen. Eight handmade tubs from Berlin, Merseburg, Osterwieck, and Rostock offered 5.000 visitors a creative carnival on the water, peppered with dexterity tasks and speed competitions, which was won by the "Poppbären" from Berlin closely followed by "Music-Battle" from Osterwieck. The overall winner of the wash-tub-race was the Rostock tub "Maori Waka-Rere-Rangi". The highlight was the participating couple that just became married before the race, Carsten Lindeke und Kerstin Mels.

The patron of the spectacle was the referee, Manfred Schliephake, disguised as Neptun, who already lives for more than 30 years in Rostock.

The first day of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE will be finalized calmly with the opening concert by musicians from the HMT Rostock, directed by Petru Munteanu.

Preview (selection) onshore program for tomorrow, the 8th July 2012

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. 18th beach handball days on six cords and beach club

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NDR 1 Radio MV Jazz time with the moderator Leif Tennemann & "Jive Sharks", Stage located close to the lighthouse

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. "Swing For Fun", NDR/OZ- Medienzelt

Preview (Selection) offshore program for tomorrow, the 8th July 2012

11:00 a.m. beginning of the offshore race "2 Up & Down" and additional regattas

4:00 p.m. Award ceremony (ZK 10 Kutter, 470er, 505er), hanseboot event area

6:00 p.m. Award ceremony "2 Up & Down", hanseboot event area

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Limited visibility of 200 to 300 meters prevents the start of the first races.





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The quality of hammers can be doubted now a days – the tapping of the barrel was still successful

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The fog at the beach withdrew just in time.

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