



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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Too hot!

The weather forecast of the German Meteorological Service on Saturday morning sounded promising - for a day at the beach. The only unusual notice was a heat warning for temperatures up to 32 degrees Celsius. All starts of the sailors were initially postponed until midday because only then a slight sea breeze sat in. "Tomorrow we virtually have to catch up in all classes, what we have not accomplished today, but it was really nice out on the water today" said principal race officer Robert Niemczewski. However, prior to the Regattas the usual onshore procedure processed took place.

13th "Nieger Ümgang" and traditional draught beer tapping

Inge Regenthal, Hansi Richert and Astrid Voß of the "Warnemünde Verein e.V." are well-known and important voluntary workers in the seaside resort, who think and work professionally. Even if something unexpected comes up, they keep a level head. Due to a traffic jam on the way to Warnemünde several participants of the "13th Nieger Ümgang" did not make it on time for the beginning of the special procession.

Inge Regenthal after the procession through Warnemünde: "In the end it was no problem, everybody lined up during the hour-long march, which was two kilometres long, 500 meters longer than in previous years."

Hansi Richert and Astrid Voß also seemed pleased, for one thing because all participants coped well with the heat and for another thing the procession and the following appearance on the stage in front the lighthouse is a nice reward for the weeks of preparation.

Approximately 60 clubs, choirs, historical figures and businessmen shape this opening of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. Special "eye-catcher" were two old, bright red Fire Trucks from the Danish Lolland. The ultimate coronation of the opening ceremony was the tapping of a beer keg with "Rostocker Pils" by the Mayor of the hanseatic city, Roland Methling, in the presence of Wilfried Ott, a representative of the traditional hanseatic brewery.

Before the visitors were able to enjoy the free beer, an unexpected premiere took place in front of the stage. The young acrobats of "SV Warnemünde e.V." showed their impressive artistic skills, the youngest athletes are ten years old.

The younger generation eventually also played a role in the short speech of Roland Methling, who emphasized the importance of the sailing festival as an





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important platform for young talents in reference to the Olympic Games 2020, 2024 and 2028.

Eight teams with curious home-made projects performed a big show

The Winner of the 28th edition of the spectacular carnival on the water, namely the washtub race, was the tub with the number 8 "Meda Viking".

The Pablo Neruda crew from Rostock competed in a head-to-head match with the "Poppbären" from Berlin in the disciplines "show", "speed" and "skillfulness". At the final game "duck fishing" they collected 203 ducks and eventually prevailed well-deserved with 35 points. The rest of the field was closely spaced with the "Poppären" (29 points), the team "Merseburger Elfer" (29), which came to the venue with their tub "Corax" on the water way, the "Harz Happies" (25), the children tub "mini Rittersport" (29), which was also from Merseburg and the tub from Leipzig "Drushka Lipsia" (22).

The 7th and 8th place went to the tubs of the hosts of the event: "Kieler Sprotte" and "Yellow Submarine".

Lutz Scheibe, who has been the organizer of the washtub race for many years now, appeared satisfied, even though the number of spectators lagged behind previous years because of the "hot beach weather".

Carlo von Tiedemann, who gathered cinematic impressions for the show "Sportclub" on NDR (regional TV-channel) on 25th of July, was warmly welcomed by the organizers and the 2,000 spectators. The experienced presenter was thrilled by the diverse spectacle and summed up his impressions concisely during the award ceremony: "A huge spectacle is presented here!"

German Sailing Bundesliga set their coloured sails for the first time of Warnemünde

"Feels like 80 degrees Celsius in the OB van" (original sound of the live stream), which made the live broadcast difficult for the presenters, Joachim Hellmich and Matthias Bohn from Rostock. The Westphalia-born Hellmich, who is the project manager of the Sailing Bundesliga, is impressed by the crowds of people on the beach in Warnemünde and by the close proximity of the race courses to the spectators. "Due to the hot conditions, Warnemünde has not yet been able to show its qualities as one of the best sailing areas in the world" Hellmich said after the first races of the 36 clubs with very little wind. These were held on two coastal courses divided into First and Second Bundesliga, with six teams per league. To be able to distinguish the boats as a spectator, they are marked with coloured sails, the boats of the second sailing Bundesliga are decorated with a colourful numbers on the bow.

The appropriate knowledge skills and tactical finesse were vividly delivered by the sailing expert Matthias Bohn from Rostock during the live presentation.

"The comments are very good," confirmed the experienced sailing tourist





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Lutz Kramer, who crossed his fingers for his "Berliner Seglervereinigung 1903" and also watched the team through binoculars. Next to him stood Andrea Brandt, equipped for the beach with a parasol and binoculars, who rooted for her husband on the boat of the "Yachtclub Stelasund". "Oh my god, they finished last" she called across the spectators stand. "We hope it will get better," said Brandt, who impresses with her ample sailors knowledge. "Pay-off is at the end." Planned is a maximum of 45 races, each will exist of three races with six boats respectively, in both classes.

Technology on strike due to the heat

After 3 flights the sailing team "Wappen von Bremen" (6 points) leads the high-class starting field with former Olympic and World Champions. They took the front rank, ahead of the current German Champion "Norddeutscher Regatta Verein" from Hamburg, which were equal on points, and the "Kieler Yacht-Club" (7 points).

In the second Bundesliga the "Entdecker- und Seefahrerfördervereinigung" from Hamburg are currently leading the field. The home team "Akademischer Segelverein Warnemünde" finished the first day in 8th place.

Next to the spectator stands on the beach the sailing interested audience followed the live stream in the shaded tent. The stream broke briefly, when the technique paid the price for the heat. In the lounge the sailors of the "Düsseldorfer Yachtclub" took a break in between the races and swooned over the fact that the Sailing Bundesliga is part of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE for the first time this year. "It`s cool that it is so big and very well organized", says Julius Schrader, who belongs to the youngest team of the elite league. Due to this constellation the sailors come in contact with other athletes and the whole sailing community in contrast to other Bundesliga sailing days. A bonus which is not only appreciated by the sailors from Düsseldorf.

Warnemünde Cup celebrates first winners

At today`s regattas of the Warnemünde Cup the first winners already stood on the podium. In group ORC 1 the "Imagine" was victorious under skipper Holger Streckenbach. This team is from Greifswald, just like the winners of group ORC 2, the "Sporthotel" by Karl Dehler. In group ORC 3 Thoralf Wigger`s team "Nemo" from Rostock prevailed. Furthermore, the Stralsund crew of Lennart Burke with the ship "Laika" triumphed in the Yardstick 1 score.

The Berlin team of Uta Ihlenburg on the "Galicia" is glad about their victory in the Yardstick 2 group.

The Laser Europa Cup is well-staffed this year. 268 sailors found their way to the Baltic Sea in the three different Laser classes.

The Laser Radial make up the biggest starter field with 141 starters, furthermore they also have the sailor with the longest journey among their participants, a





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young lady from New Zealand. 23 out of 27 attendant nations bustle among the Laser athletes. In the Olympic Boats class Laser Standard the Polish sailor Tadeusz Kubiak is in slight advance by one point.

The French Pernelle Michon is in the lead after one race in the female Laser Radial class while Alexander Ebert from Berlin leads the field in the male Laser Radial class.

Julia Büsselberg, another participant from Berlin is in the lead of the female Laser 4.7. The male starter field is led by the Swiss Joshua Schopfer.

further temporary results at editorial deadline:

| Boat class | Current leader | Hometown |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Streamline | Adrian Mertens & Crew | Berlin |
| Kutter | Wandel & Crew | Schwerin |
| Farr 30 Class/Farr 30 | Tom Bernstein & Crew | Greifswald |
| Farr 30/X-99 | Christian Schönrock & Crew | Rostock |
| Bic Techno 293 | Stephan Hecker | Chiemsee |

preview (selection) of onshore program for Sunday, 5th of July

10am-5pm: 2nd Beach-Lacrosse-Tournament, Sport & Beach Arena

3-4pm: finale of the 21st Beachhandball days, Sport & Beach Arena

12am-5pm: casting for the fashion show "FashionWeek Warnemünde", Sport & Beach Arena

7.30-8pm: NDR 1 Radio MV concert with the Pop-department of the HMT

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10am: races: German Sailing-Bundesliga

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11am: races: Europa Cup Laser, IDJM Techno, Flying Junior, Ixylon, Dyas, Kutter

2pm: races: German Open Seascape

photos:

photo: WW_Warnemünde Cup author: Pepe Hartmann

caption: The Warnemünde Cup honors its Champions on the opening day and was well staffed with 29 Yachts

photo: WW_DSBL author: Pepe Hartmann

caption: beach of Warnemünde in the focus, the German Sailing Bundesliga

photo: WW_Washtub race author: Klaus-Dieter Block

caption: „Meda Viking“ was the name of the Rostock Champion tub

photo: WW_Opening: author: Klaus-Dieter Block





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caption: Teenage acrobatics at the official opening ceremony of the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHÉ

photo: WW_Presentation author: Martin Schuster

caption: Literally sitting in a sauna while commenting: Joachim Hellmich (I.) and Matthias Bohn

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