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## **hanseboot Rund Bornholm with 46 starters, IDJM of the Bic Techno & Bundesliga finals in stormy water**

In bright sunshine and decent wind the regattas off Warnemünde started with a slight delay because only the waning wind around lunchtime ensured equal starting conditions for all participants. And it was no different for the surfers of the Bic Techno 293. "Since up to 25 knots of wind speed were measured on our course today, only the six most experienced guys took part in the races. In general though we had super sailing days and the kids are simply exhausted now." with these words, race director Anja Müller sums up the International German Youth Championship (IDJM) of the Bic Techno. The brave surfers, who dared to go out on the Baltic Sea today, were all under 17 years old. Stephan Hecker from the Chiemsee was able to defend his title once again, after a total of five races. Thus the student has good preconditions for a top spot in the European Championship, which will be held in Latvia later this month. In the U15 score the twelve-year-old Felix Kupky from Berlin took the win.

The sailors in the boat class Streamline also finished their regatta today. With three first and one second place Adrian Mertens, Konstantin Gänge and Tilo Müller from Berlin came out as sovereign winners.

Since many Pirate sailors wanted to preserve their boats and energy for the upcoming IDM, only eight of the 23 crews actually sailed today. Hence Christopher Jantz and Christian Eckart from Finow / Brandenburg won unexpectedly. Under the same conditions and on the same course the strongly decimated Flying Junior class started their races. The "Flying Dutchmen" Bart van de Hondel and Jori Vermeij defended their first place. In the Seascape class Anne Krueger`s team from Greifswald is in the lead ahead of Wolfgang Gutacker`s team from Rostock, which is equal on points after the second day of sailing. Andreas Linke and Andreas Malcher lead the field of the Dyas class after two races on the first day of Regatta.

## **hanseboot Rund Bornholm with compact starting field**

"By Thursday, you should be back," weather expert Anett Mickoleit of the German Weather Service in Hamburg advised before the start of the offshore regatta hanseboot Rund Bornholm. During the meeting of the helmsmen she analyzed the weather forecasts and conditions in front of the sailors in the marina Hohe Düne. A murmur went through the gathered sailing community, as individual wind directions and weather forecasts are presented. Stormy 40 knots in gusts, showers and thunderstorms as well as a maximum wave of three meters are announced for the coming days. The weather is "changeable" Mickoleit scarcely commented. "From a lot of wind to a fanning breeze, there is something for everyone" race officer Uwe Wenzel jokes, adding: "tactically demanding." For sailor Tom Bernstein from the crew of the "Imagine",





the way of dealing with fanning breezes is the key to sporting success. "Close to the wind, we have a very good chance," predicts the native of Greifswald, who takes part in the regatta with his crew as training under full race conditions for the internationally well-known Fastnet Race in England.

Altogether 46 out of 63 originally registered boats started at 4pm. The reason for the comparatively rather compact starting field is the weather forecast. Many sailors have therefore decided to sign up for other boats and to stock up foreign crews.

The crew of the "BLAGODARNOST' 2" led by Sergey Pavlenko from Russia brings an international character to the race, in which Heiko Zimmermann, who is the project manager of the hanseboot, also takes part on board of the "Ujuijui".

Due to the relocation to Hohe Düne, the finish line was moved a little further south. The first returnees are expected back on Tuesday, on Thursday they should be back at the latest. One reason, besides the weather forecast, is that the award ceremony will be held at 5pm on the stage at the lighthouse.

### Sailing-Bundesliga-final with happy sailors at the seaside resort

During the second joint weekend of the ongoing season of the German Sailing-Bundesliga the 36 clubs of the two leagues had to show all their skills in Warnemünde (4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2015). The best all-rounders claimed victory at the end of a highly exciting weekend. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Bundesliga the "Norddeutsche Regatta Verein" from Hamburg, who is the current German Master, won and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bundesliga the "Bayerische Yacht Club" dominated the field. The "Deutsche Touring Yacht-Club" from Lake Starnberg remains the leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bundesliga, while the "Lindauer Segler-Club" takes the top position in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bundesliga. After all the waiting of the last few days today was once again one of these sailing days when everything is just right and in accordance with fantastic wind and weather conditions the athletes cannot wipe the smiles off their faces anymore.

The crew of the relegated "Bayerische Yacht Club" with helmsman Philipp Hibler, Andreas Plettner, Andreas Achterberg and Leopold Lindner impressively proved that they want to accomplish the direct resurgence to the top flight of German sailing this year at the Baltic Sea. With seven victories in nine races and two second places they almost have a clean slate. The local heroes of the "Akademischer Segelverein Warnemünde" placed sixth in their hometown and are in an excellent fifth place in the second Bundesliga. "We are not fundamentally disappointed and have pressed forward quite well every time" says Alexander Willsch. "We could have done better, but in the end the crew, which makes the fewest mistakes wins.

#### further temporary results at editorial deadline:

Boat class	current leader	country
Laser 4.7 female	Kateryna Gumenko	Ukraine
Laser 4.7 male	Grégoire Peverelli	Switzerland
Laser Radial female	Viktorija Andrulyte	Lithuania
Laser Radial male	Alexander Ebert	Germany (Berlin)
Laser Standard	Jakub Marciniak	Poland





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## preview (selection) of onshore program for Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of July

12am-1pm shanty choir „Luv un Lee“, NDR/OZ-Medienzelt  
7pm-9.30pm „Leticia & Los Cuban Boys“, stage at the lighthouse  
8pm-10.30pm live music with „Kama Gitarra“, NDR/OZ-Medienzelt

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11am races: Europa Cup Laser, Dyas, Seascape

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