



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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### **Warnemünde with severe extremes**

"The Laser went out at 9am today and then stood around for four hours on the Baltic Sea. I honestly felt bad for them. I wish they could have had less wind than yesterday, but more wind than today", says principal race director Robert Niemczewski. He hopes that Warnemünde will still be able to welcome most of the participants again next year. The Dyas and Seascope classes were able to finish several races despite the light breeze since there was slightly more wind on the eastern courses. The participants of the hanseboot Rund Bornholm Regatta were likewise affected by the lack of wind. After yesterday`s start and a decent speed at night, they had to "park" south of the Danish island throughout the day. Five participants already quit before the editorial deadline. "Everything is okay, nothing dramatic", confirmed race director Uwe Wenzel.

The "Glashäger" was in the lead and the first arrivals are expected back late on Tuesday night or early on Wednesday. The majority will be back onshore in the course of Wednesday and hopefully will not be affected too much by the predicted strong winds.

### **Laser Europe Cup finished**

Due to yesterday`s cancellation of the races, the rankings in the Laser Europe Cup did not change. The Ukrainian Kateryna Gumenko clearly wins in the Laser 4.7 category, scoring four points ahead of Julia Büsselberg. However, the girl from Berlin wins in the U16 rating. At the boys` competition, Nico Naujock, member of the junior national team, was able to finish in second place in the U16 rating. In the overall ranking of the Laser 4.7 the Swiss Gregoire Peverelli took the lead.

In the female Olympic boat category Laser Radial, gold and silver went to France. It was already the second triumph at the Europe Cup this year for Pernelle Michon after her victory in France. The best German sailor was Lisa Fasselt. In the U17 rating, local hero Hannah Anderssohn from the "Warnemünder Segel-Club" was able to push into the top position this year and win with a 23 point lead.

Briton Jon Emmett is at the top of the men`s competition podium, and is closely followed by Philipp Loewe from Berlin, who took first place in the U21 evaluation. The demanding Laser Standard category was dominated by Jakub Marciniak from Poland, who won ahead of his teammate Tadeusz Kubiak. The prize, called the Trophy of the Mayor, was presented by Senator Dr. Chris Müller. Mecklenburg`s Olympic prospect Max Wilken ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the overall score, securing his spot for the bronze medal in the U19 rating. Johann Kohlhoff from Kiel was the winner in this category. Partly due to the many U-ratings, the ceremony of the Laser category took over an hour. Robert Niemczewski gave thanks for everyone`s patience at the largest category of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE.





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The Seascope category 18 finished one race today and has therefore mastered a total of three races at their German Open. While the Greifswald crew with helmswoman Anne Krüger was just barely in the lead yesterday, they prevailed over the sailors from Rostock today and won the gold medal. After six races in the Dyas category, Thomas Eckardt from Berlin and Jan-Peter Hein from Ratzeburg are in the lead.

## Athletic interim result

From an athletic point of view, a total of 728 participants on 433 boats and surfboards within twelve boat classes finished 106 races with a mix of light breezes and stormy conditions. Among the athletes from 27 nations, the sailors from Great Britain and France (21 participants each), Poland (20) and Lithuania (18) have the strongest representation. Laser sailor Susannah Pyatt from New Zealand travelled the furthest distance from her home country to Warnemünde. Another 99 races are scheduled in eleven boat classes for the remainder of the 18<sup>th</sup> WARNEMÜNDER WOCH. Starting Friday, the kite surfers will join the sailors on the Baltic Sea and complete the starting field with up to twelve teams of three, two men and one woman per team. They will compete against each other until Sunday in the Team Challenge for the Kitesurf Trophy in the "Slalom", "Big Air" and "Best Trick" events.

## preview (selection) of onshore program for Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> of July

3pm skim contest „King of Skim“, Sport & Beach Arena  
7.45-9.45pm „Anne Bonny & Friends“, stage at the lighthouse  
8-9pm summer`s night evening with music of „Die Guten“, NDR/OZ-Medienzelt

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11am races: Dyas

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