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A day of rest at WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

Wednesday the alternating weather continued, resulting in the cancellation of all regattas. The Entrepreneur`s-Regatta of the IHK, which was scheduled for today at the Sport & Beach Arena, was cancelled due to the strong and choppy winds up to 35 knots. Even the skim boarders could not throw their boards on the shallow water basin today because the lightweight boards gain momentum in the strong wind and cannot be controlled. The Dyas is the only class that was supposed to race today. Together with their race officer, they decided against sailing for the safety of the people and material. "On Sunday we had too little wind, Monday and Tuesday it was difficult to predict and today it is too much – but we had fun nevertheless and luck is always part of the equation when it comes to Sailing", Thomas Eckardt sums up the past few days. Along with his bowman Jan-Peter Hein, he is at the top of the podium after six races.

The only sailors on the water were the returnees of the hanseboot Rund Bornholm Regatta, which can be followed live on the internet. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday at 5pm on the stage at the lighthouse. Before the editorial deadline, 16 participants of the hanseboot Rund Bornholm had crossed the finish line and safely returned to Warnemünde harbour. Ten Yachts had quit at the time and entered other ports or used their engines. The "first ship home" was the "Glashäger", which crossed the finish line at 11:50 PM on Tuesday. Accordingly it was under way for 31 hours and 15 minutes. "If you're a sailor, you are glad about any boat that safely crosses the finish line. I empathize with every boat", Petra Müller says. She adds that some sailors arrived with only their headsail left because their mainsail was torn. Furthermore, in the case of the jury for example, sailing also takes place onshore behind the scenes.

Onshore sailing -Two Swiss at the Baltic Sea

It is generally known that Switzerland is not located by the sea, but it still has a vibrant sailing community and numerous sailing areas on the remarkable amount of lakes in the Alpine republic. And yet: the sea is calling!-- the warm Mediterranean Sea, but also more and more the "cold Baltic Sea".

Peter Stucki (69) knows the seaside resort of the Hanseatic city as well as he knows WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE and is part of the international jury for the third time. The experienced and also internationally successful "Regatteur", which is the name for regatta sailors in the Swiss Confederation, has been an international sailing judge for twelve years and is advertising the sailing area on the mouth of the Warnow from home.

"Strong winds, a beautiful wave pattern, you have to go!" Jutta Mohr from Warnemünde confirmed that the Swiss sailors have been regulars for many years now; 17 are present this year.

It is the first time for Dr. Pierre M. Hoch from Zürich, as part of the international jury at the sailing week in Warnemünde. The 82-year-old is clearly excited about





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it. Since 1945, he has been a member of the "Züricher Yacht Club", thus 70 years, and has also "regattiert" a lot. His first race after the war took place in Sweden in 1949, hence in the year when the "Redaktor" (= editor) of these lines was born.

Both men from Switzerland consider their own sailing experience as extremely important for their work as referees: "You have to know what makes the Regatteure tick" Every now and then part of the ticking is probably a "tricking".

A person, who is connected with the water and the sailing as a player and a referee for so long, must certainly have an "inner fire". Naturally, the two seasoned Swiss think about the end of their career as referees. Peter Stuckli wants to stop at age 70 and Pierre M. Hoch in 2017, also partly to clear the way for younger people. At this point the editor hesitates, for he knows about the recruitment problems of sailing judges: "Well, maybe just one more year?" Both have talked about their "future plans" in our conversation. And among those, there are obviously still quite a few sailing plans.

preview (selection) of onshore program for Thursday, 9th of July

10 AM kindergarten Skim-Jam: watersports for kids, Sport & Beach Arena

3:15-10 AM opening of „Smoke on the water XI – The open air at the sea“, stage at the lighthouse

preview (selection) of offshore program for Thursday, 9th of July

2 PM races: IDM 470er, IDM Pirat, IDJM 29er

5 PM award ceremony hanseboot Rund Bornholm on the stage at the "Teepott"

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