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78. WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE – 4th to 12th of July 2015

Stormy Times ... onshore

Award ceremony rescheduled, stage closed, Fashion Week postponed

Theoretically, three International German Championships would have been part of the second leg of the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, if the stubborn "Rasmus" had not had objections against this opening. The excessive wind not only prevented the start of all races, but also the award ceremony of the hanseboot Rund Bornholm Regatta on the stage at the "Teepott". The stage is located directly in the path of the wind and therefore the event was relocated to the "Mittelmole" to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Moreover, the NDR / OZ-Medienzelt on the promenade was closed and no further programme took place on the main stage after 4 pm. A gloomy mood even sat in for organizer Ulrike Klein since the long-planned FashionWeek, had to be postponed until 19th of July. "There was no other way, but all tickets remain valid. Admittance will be at 6.30 pm and the location will also stay the same", the friendly woman says. She now has a lot of reorganizing to do.

The previously mentioned award ceremony of the hanseboot Rund Bornholm Regatta, which had to be relocated at short notice, took place in proper style anyway in the "Jugendschuppen" of the "Warnemünder Segel-Club". Race officer Uwe Wenzel moderated the event in his usual easy going manner: "The first ones to finish had plenty of hot soup and beer - the last ones got more for their entry fee."

The coveted hanseboot cup for the fastest boat of the year went to the "Glashäger" with skipper Oliver Schmidt-Rybrandt. He was also the one who received the special prize for the best boat of the home port Rostock. The "Phoenix II" with skipper Thomas Kaul was the winner`s yacht of all boats in the Yardstick category and thus the "Kyria cup" was presented to them. Holger Streckenbach with the "Imagine" triumphed in the ORC division and thus won the Knurrhahn cup. The special prize "Double Hand" was won by the "RubiX" from Hamburg with young skipper Hans-Christoph Burmeister. He sailed with only two people and was visibly proud of receiving his prize in spite of several worn out sails. Robert Kewitz with the "Kataja" is also young and was therefore honored with the special prize for youth teams. The prize is given to a team with at least 50% sailors, who are under 21 years old. Furthermore the best charter ship was honored. The happy winners were Frank Matschukat and his crew on the "Enjoy". Celebrity participant and recurring winner of the trophy for the oldest team is Walfried Luksch, who fought his way around the Danish island and back to the harbour in Warnemünde in two days and seven hours with his crew on the "Lucky Star". In the overall ranking of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE cup, which is also donated by the "hanseboot", the "Imagine" triumphed over the rest of the field. The rating is made up of the results, which the yachts obtain at Warnemünde cup, the 2 Up & Down regattas and the hanseboot Rund Bornholm race.





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Hauke Sponholz (24), the skipper of the yacht "Universitas" from Rostock participated in the hanseboot Rund Bornholm for the third time. There were seven other sailors on board, and all of them found the intersection, which was the only way to keep sailing since Tuesday night starting in "Darßer Ort", particularly tiring. "When one starts off with wind at 30 knots and waves about 2 meters high, he cannot master large distances. For nine hours, we had to beat about. Two sailors got seasick." The choppy wind at night unnerved all participating yachts since the sails had to be constantly changed if the sailors wanted to maintain the highest possible speed.

Beach versus land? Storm versus protocol? - An interim report

Halftime at the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. During the first five days visitors had to make a decision: beach or "land". Obviously, due to the fantastic weather, the beach and the water often won. "However, when there is something going on, the spectators will come. And the merchants are satisfied. And our club members, who sold sponsored drinks at the Glashäger booth for the club treasury, are content as well", says Inge Regenthal from the "Warnemünde Verein e.V.

Jörg Bludau, who has been organizing the cultural and market programme on behalf of the association for many years now, confirms the assessment of Inge Regenthal. "Many visitors come to Warnemünde to experience and enjoy the summer festival of WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. At that time the stage at the lighthouse is the center of visitor`s interest, probably because there is something for everyone, for young and old, for all tastes, from pop music to shanties", including attractive events for children, like the "Kids Pirate Show", which was a reason for kids, to demand: "Mom, I want to go to the stage!" instead of staying on the beach.

The experienced "cultural worker" Bludau offers 85 events with 850 contributors, who are presenting themselves very professionally despite the heat, the always - even with stress, heat and storm – friendly people of Warnemünde.

Mike Knobloch, spiritus rector ("guiding spirit") of the Sport & Beach Arena, is also satisfied with the first half of the maritime festival, but he also looks at the second half with concern.

"Our basic idea of having an arena with facilities for sports, concerts or to just hang out and get a close up experience of the competitions on the water, has worked out just fine in the 2nd year. The LED screen with live broadcasts is the "killer". The entire tent is larger than last year and we've had about one-third more guests. There were so many people on Saturday that all of the hamburgers were already gone by 5.30 pm and our caterer had to reorder." It is not just the idea that is innovative, but also the way, in which trend sports are available for testing, such as KUBB, skim boarding or beach biathlon for children. And his worries? The storm conditions are developing in such a way that the popular welcoming reception of Rostock`s mayor Roland Methling scheduled for Thursday cannot be held in the Arena, but rather has to be relocated to the "Lokschuppen" on the "Mittelmole". Although the storm messes up the protocol and further plans on the beach: The Sport & Beach Arena is an attractive enrichment of WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. And it does have a future!





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Tabular overview of the winners of the hanseboot Rund Bornholm:

Group ORC 1

Boat name	helmsman	Boat type	home port
1. IMAGINE	Holger Streckenbach	X-41	Greifswald
2. Glashäger	Oliver Schmidt-Rybandt	VO.60	Rostock
3. Uijuijui	Friedrich Hausmann	Rainbow 42	Hamburg

Group ORC 2

Boat name	helmsman	Boat type	home port
1. Schlawutzi	Martin Rafalczyk	Faurby 424	Lemkenhafen/Fehmarn
2. Tøsen	Carl Rasmus Richardsen	MaxFun 35	Flensburg
3. Enjoy	Frank Matschukat	Salona 42 ibc	Stralsund

Group ORC 3

Boat name	helmsman	Boat type	home port
1. RubiX	Hans-Christoph Burmeister	X-332	Hamburg
2. Geronimo	Falk Einecke	Vision 32	Berlin
3. Lucky Star	Walfried Lucksch	First 375 (SK)	

Group Yardstick 1

Boat name	helmsman	Boat type	home port
1. Phoenix II	Thomas Kaul	Varianta 44	Seedorf
2. Jet leg	Tino Juncken	Varianta 44	Stralsund
3. Maximum	Jörg Bardeleben	Varianta 44	Berlin

Group Yardstick 2

Boat name	helmsman	Boat type	home port
1. Galicia	Uwe Braun	FF95	Berlin
2. Kattaja	Robert Kewitz	X-99	Rostock
3. Drei auf X	Holger Linke	X-99	Berlin

Group Yardstick 3

Boat name	helmsman	Boat type	home port
1. Janine	Klaus Langer	Dehler Optima 106	Datteln

preview (selection) of onshore program for Friday, 10th of July

- 2:30 PM-4 PM coffee-chilling with „Swing for Fun“, NDR/OZ-Medienzelt
- 4 PM-6:30 PM „Jackbeat- Oldies der 60er“, stage at the lighthouse
- 7:30 PM „FashionWeek Warnemünde“, Sport & Beach Arena
- 8-11:30 PM cultural party with lively party music, NDR/OZ-Medienzelt
- 8-11:30 PM summer party with „Oldie Company“, stage at the lighthouse

preview (selection) of offshore program for Friday, 10th of July

- 11 AM races: IDM 470er, IDM Pirat, IDJM 29er
- 1 PM+2 PM races: OK-jollyboat, Finn, Korsar, 420er, 505er, Skippi 650, A-Cat, 2.4mR



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