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Sailing impossible, kiting dangerous - weekend prepares for a marathon

In the past few days Warnemünde has not been the place for a pleasant day at the beach. "Sandday" hits the mark more closely and the advice from the press department of WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE to its media partner NDR, is renaming the early evening broadcast to "Sand and people". Reason: the severe storm of up to nine wind forces did not only result in the cancellation of all races once again, but also led to downright drifts. However the juniors of the Beach Handball cup 2015 are dependent on the sand. After the "grown-ups" started sweating last weekend at the beach handball tournament, the kids will be next tomorrow. From 10 am to 3 pm five girls' and five boys' teams compete against each other in the sand.

The games will last 2x10 minutes, if there is a tie, a penalty round will bring the decision. Starting 3.15 pm, the winners will be honoured on the stage at the lighthouse.

Preview: The wind forecast for tomorrow predicts that the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE will stay faithful to its treacherous weather. Currently 25 yachts have signed up for the "Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta". The Bäderregatta – which traditionally proceeds from Warnemünde to Kühlungsborn and back –concludes the popular sea regattas within WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE.

The start is on Saturday at 10 am. In order to clear the backlog a bit, the starts of the races were cautionary moved forward two hours, to eventually be able to complete more races than planned.

Kitesurfers perform as the only "boat class" in the storm

On the first day of competition of the Kitesurf Trophy, the Baltic Sea showed its rough side. Since an altitude record of more than 15 meters was measured (digital measurement "Woo") at yesterday's training, the headjudge Moe Homolla decided to depart from the planned team format for security reasons and instead let the participants compete against each other individually.

The kitesurfers of the Kitesurf Trophy performed in the rough conditions with spectacular jumps. "Conditions like that - maybe not quite as extreme – are what we always wanted for the kitesurfers. Everybody was impressed by the high and broad jumps, which went down well with our visitors - one almost feels like at a motocross show, only at the water," Mike Knobloch, project manager of WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, said.

Towards the end of the spectacular heats in the "Big Air" competition, the level was raised once more. Despite the extreme conditions, style and a safe landing were no problem for the participants. The award ceremony for the Big Air competition and the overall ranking will be held on Sunday, the 12th of July at 4pm.





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The crowning finish of the day was a "supersession" of all the participants, at which Sinja Kersberg, the only lady in the field, and Christian Hinrichs, who unfortunately crashed hard, due to a material defect, could take home a great MARINEPOOL-windbreaker. The kitesurfers completed their day with a Riders beer at the Sport & Beach Arena. The wind forecast for tomorrow predicts that the athletes will have time to recover from today.

Reception of the mayor as political highlight of the sailing week

In addition to the opening ceremony, the reception of the mayor of Rostock, Roland Methling, is the protocolar and political highlight of the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE.

Because of the storm, the reception was unavoidably not held in the highly praised Sports & Beach Arena, but was quickly relocated to the "Lokschuppen" on the "Mittelmole". It soon became apparent that even here, a special atmosphere can be created. This was partly due to the optimistic ease of the short speeches by Roland Methling, Jürgen Bohn and Jürgen Missing. The mayor of the Guldborgsund commune, John Braedder, was also standing on the podium. He was pleased to introduce a touristic flyer, which shall encourage people to use the ferry and explore Southern Denmark as well as Northeast Germany.

Despite the ease, the main message of the speeches was clear, in particular the one of the mayor: Let us work together to strengthen the sailing venue, Rostock & Warnemünde, and consistently continue on the path that we have taken, to successfully qualify the young talents for the international sailing competitions and the Olympic Games 2024 and 2028. Two sailing coaches and an annual financial support of the city are just as important as the praiseworthy commitment of the sponsors and longtime as well as new partners.

Methling gave thanks to them as well as the new association committee of the WSC and all the helpers of the maritime festival.

In between the speeches and the buffet, the models, directed by Ulrike Klein, presented themselves professionally and with ease, as "eye candy". Actually, they were supposed to appear in the arena at the beach as part of the "2nd FashionWeek ". (It was postponed to 19th of July 2015, admission at 6.30 pm.) Here the "Lokschuppen" was also no "emergency solution", but on the contrary the wooden "catwalk" between the rails looked like it was made for that purpose.

preview (selection) of onshore program for Saturday, 11th of July

8 am-7 pm 20th dragon boat race, "Alter Strom"

10 am opening of the 17th shantychor meeting, stage at the lighthouse

10 am-3 pm Beach Handball Days: youth tournament, Sports & Beach Arena

10 am-7 pm AHOI beach kubb tournament, Sports & Beach Arena

7 pm-12pm summer party with "Level One" and "Mario Kohlhagen", stage at the lighthouse

preview (selection) of offshore program for Saturday, 11th of July

10 am races: "Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta"

10 am-6 pm Kitesurf-Trophy

11 am races: OK-dinghy, Finn, 420, 505, Skippi 650, A-Cat, 2.4mR, IDM pirate, IDM 470, 29er IDJM





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