



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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

More than half a million visitors, three new German Champions

The last day of sailing and events always requires a conclusion. It is almost impossible to provide one without mentioning the weather, after the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. After all, you have to mention that on four days almost no sailing took place because there was either too much or too little wind.

Even two days of the onshore programme fell victim to the storm and the 550,000 visitors had to get out their whole clothing repertoire. All in all 200 international sailors visited the Baltic Sea and one trend that could be registered, was an increasing amount of young sailors, who participated in the regattas. Director of tourism Matthias Fromm was satisfied as well, noting "that the long-standing separation or even foreclosure of the sailing part and the onshore programme of the event is gradually dissolving." Of course that is not happening automatically but through the activities in the immediate proximity of the beach and the sailors.

Cup holder at the 470er, youth champions at the 29ers and family happiness at the pirates

The fledgling European champions Ferdinand Gerz and Oliver Szymanski of the Olympic Class 470er are now happy about their second German Championship title in a row: "This is just a great time. We were actually totally exhausted after the EM (European Championship), but we gave it our best shot once more", Gerz says. At the end of July the team will be back in Warnemünde to prepare for the Olympic test races in Rio de Janeiro in August.

Malte Winkel and Matti Cipra from Schwerin and Wismar finished third in the overall rankings. "Our goal was definitely a medal, so we are satisfied. The huge starting field was really great, since it is not like that everywhere", Winkel says, and Cipra adds: "Fortunately we were able to get our focus back after one fairly bad race - which is important if you want to win. After nine hours on the water yesterday, it was not an easy task. "The Rostock duo Max Schuberth and Silas Oettinghaus finished in a very good tenth place. Annika Bochmann and Marlene Steinherr from Berlin are the masters of the women's competition. In the overall ranking they came in second.

Manuel Wunderle and Felix Wieland, the cup holders from Munich were not able to live up to the expectations and ended up in eights place at the International German Youth championship of the 29er. The new German youth champions are Safia and Anisha Schuchmann from Bremen. Gwendal Lamay and Luke Willim came in second. Rank three, four and five are even on points. Hence Paul Pietzcker and Linus von Oppen from Berlin just barely made it to the podium and even won in the Under-17 championship.





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The award ceremony of the pirate class proceeded quite familiar. The club president of the "Warnemünder Segel-Club", Jürgen Bohn congratulated his daughter Ines Pingel-Heldt (Teterow) on winning the German Championship with a warm kiss. She and her husband Thomas were able to claim victory in the field of 31 other pirates for the second year in a row. "Next year a keg of beer will be waiting on you", the winner promised the pirate family, while standing on the podium. Despite a level score, Karl Herrmann Wildt and Kai Arendholz were able to secure the silver medal ahead of Svenja Thoroe and Karsten Bredt.

Lasse Klötzing was able to work his way onto the podium on the second race day of the small keel boats 2.4mR and finished in third place behind Jürgen Freiheit, who is also from Berlin. Once again, Heiko Kröger from Hamburg won by a large margin at WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE.

The Finn dinghy class is dominated by the sailors of Mecklenburg Western Pomerania. Ulli Kurfeld (Wismar) finished in first place with an eight point advantage, and Lars Haverland (Schwerin) ranked third. Dirk Meid from Remagen wins silver.

Martin von Zimmermann prevailed in the OK-jollyboat class over the favorites André Budzien (2nd) from Schwerin and Greg Wilcox (3rd) from New Zealand.

In the overall ranking of the 505er, there was a surprising change of leadership. Kai Bertallot and Jan Reifferscheidt from Flensburg/Kiel came out on top over the Rostock team of Lutz Stengel and Frank Feller. Third place went to Alexander Holzapfel and Tobias Neumayer from Koblenz.

Thilo Keller from Berlin made the leap to the top of the A-Cat-field and beat Matthias Dietz to second place. Guido Schulete, the native of Wismar, had to settle for third place.

The podium of the Skippi 650 is dominated by the polish teams of Tobiasz Zajaczkowski and Pawel Nawrocki. "This is actually a Polish championship with German interference", Frank Piotrowski, the race officer of the class, says. The Berlin crew surrounding Stefan Koppin placed third. The winners of the 420er class, Daniel Göttlich and Linus Klasen, are also from the German capital. Bronze was secured by Lennart Kiss and Paul Arp from Warnemünde, who finished with an excellent end result in their still fledgling 420er career in their home ground.

Final day of the 78th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE with 'normal' weather "Traditional costumes meeting" and not really dissatisfied dealers

Early sunshine and midday rain, that is surely normal for Warnemünde. And even the members of the more than 20 groups of the 15th "traditional costumes meeting" from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and Schleswig-Holstein took the incipient rain in stride.

The stage at the lighthouse is covered anyway and the crowd was just as well equipped with umbrella and raincoat as the members of the "Warnemünder Trachtengruppe", which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary next year.

30 of the participants are members of the "Trachtenverein" and there were good news on the occasion of the "traditional costumes meeting" since two "new" members were welcomed. They are 30 and 34 years "young" and had not yet been born when the club was founded.

The merchants on the beach promenade in-between lighthouse and hotel "Neptun" as well as the media tent had to close on Thursday and Friday. Norma Kralisch from Berlin also had to seal up her mobile sales booth with the specialty





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tarte flambée. And she laughs anyway, "because this kind of thing is to be expected and the losses are within reasonable limits."

20th dragon boat race with winner "Seebären Uni Rostock"

150 beats per minute, a 200 meter track and 1400 participants –those were the facts of the 20th dragon boat race on the "Alter Strom". On Saturday and Sunday 72 teams once again fought for victory at the LT-Cups. After a debilitating race, the "Seebären Uni Rostock" were eventually the winners of the LT-Cups with 1:08.76 min. Even in the 100m sprint races, the "Seebären" prevailed over the tough competition.

Acrobats of the air

After the stormy opening-day the wind stopped and the participants of the Kitesurf-Trophy enjoyed the Caribbean side of the event. The 16-year-old Sören Cordes from Bremerhaven landed the highest jump (officially measured with "Woo") of the Kitesurf-Trophy with 12.2 meters on Friday.

He also showed the most persistent air-acrobatics with an officially measured "Air Time" (the actual air time of the 10-minute run) of one minute and 31 seconds total. Consequently he was in the air 15% of his "Heat" and thus delighted the judges of the Kitesurf-Trophy.

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