

A Wet "Nieger Ümgang" and Ultimate Wave Rides for the Kick-Off

The 79th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK was opened on water by the so-called "big ships". For the Warnemuende Cup, 37 ships started on time at 11 a.m. with 35 ships crossing the target line. According to competition leader Uwe Wenzel, "two ships had minimal damages and had to resign in the meantime due to shifting winds and heavy rain showers". Bremen-born Wenzel is looking forward to the 37 registrations for the up&down races on the following day. "We expect 15 to 20 knots as ideal sailing conditions", says the competition leader.

The victory of the Yardstick 1 trails fell in the hands of the Stralsund Skipper Conrad and his Melges 24 "IMMAC Sputnik". The winner of the yardstick trails 3 was "Kea", a Hiddensee with its homeport in Rostock. Steersman Andreas Wenndorf (RSC `92) only managed to set his small sail. After four hours on the open water, he was glad to be back ashore. For now, it remains unclear if he and his three men crew will start on monday for the hanseboot round Bornholm regatta as the air pressure is said to be high. Winner of the Yardstick 2 X 99 trails was Christian Schönrock (Rostock) with his "fiefdeeler".

The ORC 2 group was won by the yacht "Intermezzo" which sailed with its constructor on board. Jens Kuphal from Berlin climbed the winner's podium. Winner of the ORC 3 trails was the Hamburg Farr 30 "H.E.A.T." with its steersman Max Augustin. Another Rostock yacht was able to secure the triumph for the ORC 4. The "Nemo" and its steersman Uwe Kleinvoegel (Rostock yacht club) overtook "Geronimo" (Wismar).

The Laser Europa Cup is the biggest international sailing field with 320 participating starters during the 79th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK and offers one of the sportive highlights of the overall event. Among the competitive athletes a number of regional sailors participate including for instance the 17 year old Max Wilken (Röbel) who is at the same time one of the favourites of the Olympic Ship Class Laser Standard. With two silver medals at the Europa Cup in The Netherlands and Switzerland, gold is likely to be won in his home waters. For the Womens' Olympic Laser Radial Hannah Anderssohn aims to climb the podium in Warnemünde despite the high level of her opponents: Bronze winner of last year Viktorija Andolyte (Lithuania) and Svenja Weger (Berlin) aim as well at the medal.

According to organiser Joachim Hellmich, “the German Sailing League only won ten out of twelve races and had to throw in the towel at an early stage.” However, a fantastic sailing sport event was presented to the public. Currently, the Düsseldorf yacht club leads the racing list. Rostock's regatta occupies the 5th place. Until the end of the regatta, 34 races remain open.

A Wet “Nieger Ümgang” and Rostocker free beer

The last four editions of the traditional “Warnemünder Ümgang” (Low German “Warnmünder Tour”) were lucky with the weather. On 2nd of July 2016, however, heavy rain fell shortly after the opening and yet around 2800 participants gathered in a visitor strip of 1.1 miles.

The ladies of the “Tanzatelier Luna” defied the rainy condition and optimistically stated that they are willing to perform during raininess “as we grew up at the coast”. Matthias Fromm, tourism director for Rostock and Warnemuende attended the tour and its stage programme for the 7th time and was thrilled to experience the historical, economic and cultural diversity and the high quality of living in Warnemuende.

For the round-up of the “Nieger Ümgang” on stage at the lighthouse, the traditional tapping of the barrel from the Hanseatische Brauerei was effected by senator Dr. Chris Müller in the presence of Winfried Ott, director of the Hanseatische Brauerei and master brewer Uwe Käster. The traditional tapping was most welcomed by the audience as it announced Rostocker free beer.

Fashion, Art, Culture and Beach Handball

Thanks to Tina Jahnke and Ulrike Klein from the FashionWeek Warnemuende, a touch of glamour was spread at the Sport & Beach Arena. The successful concept of the women was reworked. As a result, FashionWeek.connected was created and included not only new faces but also artists, musicians and performance professionals. Both ladies from Mecklenburg offered a stage for national as well as international institutions. Seven girls were elected for the VIP Gala Show which will be held on 13th August 2016. Aukse Marija Petroni, opera singer from Lithuania, refugees from Syria and a drummers' ensemble will meet the up-and-coming models of Rostock.

For the 22nd edition of the Beach Handball tournament, which took place at the Warnemünde Beach, 48 teams gathered. Johannes Weber from the press team of the Beach Handball Days was satisfied with the outcome of the matches and stated that his top favourites of the past years qualified for the semi-final and final rounds.



29th edition of Waschzuberrennen with eight "water vehicles" created carnival feeling among 5000 spectators

At the end of the 29th edition of Wash-tub Rafting Lutz Scheibe declared: "In 2017 the event will have its 30th anniversary which will be celebrated". As one of the founding fathers of this special tournament, Scheibe included sportive abilities by making use of an over-sized football for a goal competition.

5000 spectators enjoyed the event as well as its traditional and popular water games along the river Alter Strom. As an outstanding attraction, eight curious "water vehicles" were employed which could no longer be designated as Waschzuber.

The cultural event with its costumes and "crews" presented a carnival of the North-East for the audience. Vehicles from Merseburg, Bad Doberan, Cottbus, Berlin, Osterwieck and Rostock entered the event. Lutz Scheibe was proud to "see the Bahu from Leipzig after a ten year break". Bahu is the short designation for Bauhochschule and already used to be a creative space during GDR times.

After five hours, the Leipzig Waschzuber was leading with 45 points and was followed by "Badezuber" (Merseburg), "Brotanic" (Bad Doberan) and "Poppbären" (Cottbus) as well as "Bahnditen" (Berlin). An unpredictable point score distributed by the judge "Neptun" added to the tension of the spectacle.

The 29th edition of the Waschzuberrennen was a huge success. Now we are looking forward to Scheibe's plans for the 30th anniversary next year.

Further sailing results:

Boat Class	Streersman	Origin
Flying Dutchman	Kay-Uwe Lüdtkke	Berlin
Kutter ZK10	Hubert Zisch	Teterow
Streamline	Hansi Fell	Seebruck
Skippi 650	Marek Kloska	Poland

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caption: During the start of the Warnmünde Cup crowds of spectators gathered. Winner of the ORC 2 group was the "Intermezzo".



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caption: Lasers are sailing for the next three days their Europa Cup.

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caption: Sailors and photographers enjoyed beautiful wave rides.

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caption: The participants of the "Nasser Umgang" defied the rainy conditions.

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caption: "Die Gelbe Gefahr" ("The Yellow Threat") was one of two Rostock Washtub Rafters.

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