

press release

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79th WARNEMUENDE WEEK – 2th to 10th of July 2016

Local Heroes on a Good Way; Good News for the Jubilee

Although the boat classes 420er, pirates, Finn-Dinghy, OK-Jolle, International 14 and A-Cat lined up for their races, they had to delay their start due the unpredictable wind. "In the beginning, the wind conditions seemed to be stable. Poor visibility, however, made it impossible to determine a fair course for all participants", explains Frank Piotrowski, race coordinator of the 420er and pirates. The remaining boat classes were blessed with better conditions and were thus able to conduct some races. The local heroes of the 505er, Lutz Stengel and Frank Feller, were optimistic: "Today, we came in first twice. This can hardly be topped." We hope they will be able to cope with the wind on Saturday.

Intermediate Results:

IDM 505er after five races, Lutz Stengel/Frank Feller, Rostock

IDM Nordic Folk-boat after six races, Michael Fehlandt/Holli Dittrich/Stefan Hoppe, Hamburg/Bordesholm/Stralsund

2.4mR after two races, Heiko Kröger, Hamburg

IDJM O'pen BIC after three races, Lennart Frohmann, Duisburg

Good News for the 80th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK

Yesterday evening, sponsors and organisers of the 79th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK were invited to the Mayor's Welcome Reception at the Sport & Beach Arena, Warnemuende Beach. The event summed up the first half of the sailing week. The presentation of the event poster for the 80th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK 2017 was the highlight.

The same evening, Dr Chris Müller, Finance Minister of Rostock, broke good news from Schwerin, seat of the federal state government, at the beginning of the Welcome Reception: Mecklenburg Western-Pommerania will take a holding in the improvement of the yacht harbour with 5 Million Euros. "Although we won't be able to fulfil all wishes, we are now allowed to realise more", stated the Finance Minister. At the same time, he urged those who are involved to come together at a round table. He reminded about the radiance and charisma of the sailing week: "The beautiful images of Warnemuende are send around the globe!" His thanks go to all sponsors, volunteers, media partners as well as the Warnemuende



association which was lauded for the organisation of its successful opening event. The president of the Warnemuende Sailing Club, Hans-Jürgen Bohn, accepted the invitation of the Finance Minister saying "This allows us to navigate more easily in the water." The yacht harbour is no longer suitable to today demands of sailing championships. Model Luise Will presented the new event poster for the 80th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. The poster was created by designer and photographer Pepe Hartmann.

"WIR" Winner – Dragon Boat Pupils' Championship

For the first time in the history of the Dragon Boat Pupils' Championship, the event was part of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. 32 teams with 650 pupils joined the championship. Again this year, title-holder Don Bosco School secured again the trophy.

Organiser Jan-Peter Weiß (SV Breitling) argues that the championship is more than a school excursion. "It's all about team building among the pupils." Michael Erdmann, school director of ecolea is convinced about the power of the dragon boats. Being an experienced dragon boat racer himself, Erdmann knows that solos are not working, it's all about teamwork. Thus, those who do a job training are put together in a boat. In the group of class 11 and 12 and the job trainees, the team came in third. Sabine Lüdtke (Werkstattschule Rostock) also stressed the "we". The pupils of class 5 and 6 as well as 11 and 12 participate each year. This time, they were represented with three teams. Team "We 12" came in first with 54,37 seconds. However, for the 60 pupils it is not only about winning but about the shared experience.

Another highlight was a participating team from the USA, the "Gapp-Team". For their long journey, the boys and girls were awarded with a special prize. Another exceptional prize was handed to team "Blue Wave" (Graal-Müritz) for their long participation in the event. The fastest race was won by pupils from Sanitz, "Die Bankdrücker", with 53,26 seconds for 200 metres.

Saturday and Sunday will be reserved for the older ones. The 21st edition of the Dragon Boat Festival will be held from 8-19h on Saturday and from 11-16 on Sunday.



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photo: Matthias Marx

caption: Organisers of the 79th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK joined the Mayor's Welcome Reception

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caption: Luise Will unveils the Jubilee's event poster

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photo: Stina Worttmann

caption: Happy faces during the 12th edition of the Rostocker Pupil Championship Dragon Boat Race along the river Alter Strom.

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caption: Winners of class 5 and 6 with 61,55 seconds, „Warnowdrachen“ from Papendorf

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caption: O'pen BIC with 28 ships

Ashore Programme Preview, Saturday 9th July

8-19 h 21st edition Dragon Boat Festival, Alter Strom

9-18 h Lacrosse: LAX at the Beach, Sport & Beach Arena

10-17 h 18th edition Shantychor-Meeting, stage in front of the lighthouse

10-19 h 3rd edition AHOI Beachkubb, Sport & Beach Arena

12-18 h Straßensport e.V. „Team Challenge“, Sport & Beach Arena

19-24 h Summer Party with DJ Mario and „Curtain Call“, stage in front of the lighthouse

Sailing Highlights Programme Preview, Saturday 9th July

11 h races: IDM Nordic Folk-boats, IDM 505er, 420er, Pirat, 2.4mR, A-Cat, Int14, IDM O'pen BIC, Finn Dinghy, Raceboards, Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta

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