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79<sup>th</sup> WARNEMUENDE WEEK – 2<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2016

## Feeling Overwhelmed: Nine Days in a State of Emergency

During the 79<sup>th</sup> edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK, seven out of nine days offered weather conditions for sailing races. Due to either strong or missing wind, two sailing days had to be cancelled. With a total number of 1.478 participating sailors out of which 208 came from abroad, the event was more international than the previous one but less sailors were on the water. With half a million visitors, the number of visitors remained stable. From the 33 participating nations, most sailors came from Poland, Denmark, UK and the Czech Republic. 178 races were carried out. In the end, 61 single winners were nominated. "On some days, we would have loved to have better weather conditions", says Ulrich Kunze, PR Manager of Rostock. "It was great to see that visitors were not put off by the weather. Kite surfer most enjoyed the strong wind on Wednesday."

Peter Ramcke, main coordinator of all races, who finished his first WARNEMUENDE WEEK, was electrified: "I am feeling overwhelmed. WARNEMUENDE WEEK has addictive potential despite all the nerve-racking moments these events entail". He is looking forward to the next Laser Europa Cup as well as the European Championship of the 505er during the 80<sup>th</sup> edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. "As the organiser, I am most pleased about all participants, each sailor is important," concludes Ramcke.

### International German Champions win in their home port, O'pen BIC International German Youth Champion comes from the Czech Republic

With only one point in the lead, the local Rostock heroes Lutz Stengel and Frank Feller offered an exciting race during the International German Championship of the 505er. "We were not in the best form of day. We are glad it was sufficient in the end", explains Frank Feller. During the award ceremony, congratulations were announced from the Finance Minister Dr Chris Mueller as well as from Race Manager Svenja Ehrmann. The 26 year old manager of the Berlin team, was herself lauded for her amazing work on water and ashore. Feller and Stengel competed against Kai Bertallot and Jan Reifferscheidt from Flensburg and Kiel. Jan-Philipp Hofmann and Felix Brockerhoff from Düsseldorf came in third.

The International German Youth Champion of the O'pen BIC comes from Czech Republic. The 17 year old Veronika Zivna secured the gold medal. Best German participant is the official World Champion Lennart Frohmann (13 years) on position two. His younger brother Magnus (11 years, U13 Vice World Champion) follows on rank 3. Jannes Müller (Rostock) came in tenth. Race coordinator



Carola Volkmann was pleased about the good wind conditions on water and about the relaxed atmosphere among the young sailors.

Heiko Kröger (Hamburg) offered an amazing winning series and eventually came in first in the 2.4m classification preceding Eberhard Bieberitz (Schwerin) and Jürgen Freiheit (Berlin). In the A-Cats classification, Thilo Keller (Berlin) managed to extend his lead and came in first before Jörg Grosche (Hamburg) and Guido Schulte (Wismar). Seven races were carried out by the Finn-Dinghies and its winner is Allan Julie (Seychelles). Silver and Bronze were awarded to Lars Haverland and Alexander Goltz (Schwerin). After four days of races, the International 14 returned to Warnemuende Beach for the award ceremony. On top of the winners' rostrum stood Georg Borkenstein and Eike Dietrich (Wittensee). Both were pleased about the huge number of young participants in their class.

Jørgen Svendsen (Denmark), Greg Wilcox (New Zealand) and André Budzien (Schwerin) climbed the winners' rostrum in the category of the OK yawls. Pirate sailors Frieder Billerbeck and Julius Raithel were happy winners of gold medals. An impressive series of six first places was offered by Daniel Göttlich and Linus Klasen from Berlin. In the 420er group they preceded Lucas Schlüter and Fritz Pinnow from Berlin. The siblings Paulina and Richard Struthoff from Hoyerswerda came in third.

The Race Boat Regatta finished after six races and Fabian Grundmann (Kiel) won each of them. Robert Schulz came in second and Lars Deiterding came in third.

### **Beach Handball Junior Cup Was a Huge Success**

This weekend, young handball players demonstrated their talent. 14 teams played around 30 games. 140 participants qualified for the finals and were highly motivated. In an exciting match of the female Youth B, Eintracht Rostock competed successfully the Rostocker HC. In the finals of Youth D, the boys from HC Empor Rostock gained the match against Doberan II. The girls of the Rostocker HC II defeated SV Eintracht Rostock. The Youth C offered an exciting final between the girls of SV Grün Weiß Schwerin and the girls of Beachgirls SVE Rostock. Each team won a half and Schwerin was announced as the winner after a penalty match.

### **13 hours of Kubb**

It took 13 hours to finish the third edition of the AHOI Beach Kubb in the Sport & Beach Arena. Previously nine planned hours were not enough to announce a winner. Compared to other plays, Kubb is an open game without a restriction in time taking as long as it needs in order to announce a winner. Eventually, "Ich fühl mich Disco" and "Dalen Sportskubb" were the final competitors. The result was announced at 22.36h: The team "Ich fühl mich Disco" won against the Norwegian team. The Golden Pineapple for the 4<sup>th</sup> position was awarded to the team "FSKB Glitzerfeen". The Swiss team "Salziges Holz" made it on position five. Next to the team match, single winners were announced as "Queen of the Beach" and "King of the Beach". Maria from Berlin was made "Queen" after she



managed to strike from a 16m distance and Volker from Rostock was made "King".

Participants as well as organisers Klaus Riedel and Susanne Möller were highly satisfied about the outcome of the games. After a long day, everybody agreed on having joined the "most likeable tournament in Germany".

During the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Dragon Boat Race, the Rostocker "Seebären" managed to become double winner. For two decades, the Dragon Boat Race creates excitement ashore during the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. This sportive event is one of the matches the audience can experience closely including warm ups of the teams, boarding, paddling to the start position, the run and the high five after the passing the finishing line. During the breaks the audience can try a trip on the long-boards. Organised by the LT Club in cooperation with SV Breitling, 67 teams lined up on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July for the long distance race with 250 metres. The moderator of this event as well as the short distant race of 100 metres were Christian Manschen and Ben Rohloff. The "KfRG Rostocker Seebären" won both races with 01:07,96 and 00:24,76 followed by "de Zuariner" (01:08,79) and "Pneumant Dragons" (01:10,54).

On Sunday, the "Zoo-Center Dragons" (00:26,10) as well as "SVB Blue Bulls" came in second and third.

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