



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

press release

80<sup>th</sup> WARNEMUENDE WEEK – 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017

## Good Vibes Despite the Rain – Successful Opening of the 80<sup>th</sup> Edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK

Despite the bad visibility conditions and the delayed start, Chief Race Manager Peter Ramcke drew an overall positive summary of a “terrific start of the event.” Thanks to those who helped onshore, a smooth run was guaranteed and the equipment for the 226 lasers disappeared quickly.

The 80<sup>th</sup> edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK saw a higher number of participants than expected. So far, 1800 sailors from 31 nations registered for the week. Today, already 650 sportspeople gathered on the water and competed for the first positions.

As one of the biggest regatta events in the world, the week was opened with the Warnemuende Cup. At 11:05h, 21 sailing yachts started on time for their race of 20 sea miles. “The wind turned constantly. The initially planned crossing course had to be altered to an abeam course. However, the sailing conditions were good and fair,” resumes Race Manager Uwe Wenzel. In the ORC3 group, the “PATENT 4” Team around Jürgen Klinghardt (Bremen/Hamburg/Lübeck) asserted itself in the competition. “The many turns of wind worked in our favour. Right after the start, we were on the last place but we managed to catch up and to gain a front position,” says Klinghardt. His Team won the German Title already six times. In 2010, they even won the World Cup in Flensburg. However, as competition never sleeps, the races may bring exciting results in the following days. The Rostock crew “KalkEi” around the steersman Frank Schubert won in the ORC4 group and was pleased to participate in the award ceremony in the Yachthafenresidenz Hohe Düne.

During the WARNEMUENDE WEEK, the Laser Europe Cup attracts the highest number of participants. This series of regattas enjoys international popularity since the sailors not only present high-class sport on the water but also participate in events onshore and thus allow to get in touch and initiate friendships across countries. This year, world class laser sailors use the regatta in preparation for the upcoming World Cup which will be held in Nieuwpoort (Belgium) at the end of July. Jakub Rodziewicz (Poland U21 National Team) takes the lead after two races of the Olympic Laser Standard. Theodor Bauer, German Sailing Team, ranks second.

In the second German national league, the local matadors of the Academic Sailing Club want to use their home advantage in order to climb the first ranks. However, after five flights on day one, they currently rank on the 10<sup>th</sup> place.





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Gundram Leifert explains that "it did not go very well in the beginning. Our team was not mentally present and our steersman only very recently became father. However, we have regained our focus. With more wind, it will be easier for our team. Today, the wind was not strong enough."

In three different classes, the Topcat catamarans elected their best German team. After two races, the Wolfsburg brothers Sascha and René Treichel rank first in K1 and the official world champions Robert Zank and Tilo Bethke rank first in K2. In K3, it was Andrea Böwer (Kempen) who secured the first place.

Already in 2014, 2015 as well as 2016, the Berlin based Thilo Keller won the A-Cats of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. Again, this year, after three races, he was leading in the field. The cutter also completed three races. The Treptow team around Hubert Zisch gathered the same amount of points as the team around Hans Werner Rix. Both teams will fight for a final decision tomorrow.

### "Rain, rain, we don't mind the rain"

Hopefully the rainy weather does not turn into a tradition for the opening ceremonies of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. Last year, the organisers and visitors already experienced a wet start of the event. Around 50 years ago, the music duo Hauff & Henkler presented their song "Rain, rain, we don't mind the rain" for the first time. Most of the 2600 participants of the "Niege Ümgang" joined in and the organisers of the lively parade, Inge Regenthal and Hansi Reichert, were satisfied with the opening and the "sunny" spirit of the visitors. 38 culture and sport clubs as well as Warnemuende businesses and the Sponsors of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK as well as the old fire brigades from Denmark mocked the weather conditions.

Despite the rain, the members of the "Warnmuende Trachtengruppe" as well as the "Warnemuende Line Dancers" completed their programme on stage in front of the lighthouse and were greeted with cheers from the audience. Protected from the rain under the roof of the stage, visitors could observe the historical figures which decorate traditionally the first day of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. Moderator Peter Kasanowski presented amongst others the Danish King Erich VI, the first swimming guest of Warnemuende Hermann Friedrich Becker and the legendary Captain Stephan Jantzen. In addition, the stage programme included the hymn of the Baltic resort presented by the Warnemuende Women Choir and "De Klaashahns".

Rostock Mayor Roland Methling declared the official opening of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK during the final part of the stage programme. He thanked the organisers of the event and the people of Warnemuende.





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## PHOTOS

*PM\_DSC\_0177*

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Caption: Good vibes among Warnemuende Line Dancer during the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Niegen Umgang

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Caption: Rostock Mayor Roland Methling opens the 80th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK

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Caption: The second German Sailing League offered exciting races close to the beach

*PM\_Start-Laser-1704*

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Caption: An impressive view on the big group of lasers

*PM\_Start-W-Cup-1370*

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Caption: The closing event "Entenschlacht"

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