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Summit on High Seas Despite Calms and Junior Races on the Alter Strom

Until the early hours of the afternoon at the Mittelmole marina as well as Hohe Düne, there were hopeful expressions on the faces of the sailors of all the korsars, 420s, pirates, OKs, Finns and Europes. However, at two o'clock there was certainty: the first day of the regatta will be held on land. "The reason for this was the lack of wind," Chief Race Manager Peter Ramcke explains. The regattas had been postponed hour after hour in the hopes of constant strength or direction of wind. Only the 505 dinghies and the yachts that had started on the previous day could relax, since "yesterday they already had a fantastic sailing day," according to Ramcke. The forecast for the second Saturday of the 80th WARNEMUENDE WEEK looks much more promising. This meant a forced day of rest.

One of the six sailing boat types that had wanted to begin their first sailing day of the 80th edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK but had waited in vain for wind were the 420 dinghies. After the European Championships of the 505s and the IDM of sailing yachts, the youth boat class 420 was the largest field of the second half with 32 boats. Lennart Kuss and Paul Arp of the Warnemuende Sailing Club are considered favorites, not only because they sail on their home-turf but because of their successes in the past. The WARNEMUENDE WEEK is regarded as preparatory regatta for many of the following highlights of the 420 class. Lennart and Paul will attend the Junior European Championships in Italy at Lake Garda; their team colleagues from Rostock, Laura Schuberth and Levke Möller (Rostock Sailing Club "Citybootshafen") will embark on their journey to the European Championships in Athens.

The first finish of the long-distance races of the IDM Sea Sailing took place on Thursday evening around quarter to nine. The fastest yacht had been traveling for 7.5 hours. Altogether 44 spinnaker-rigged yachts reached the Warnemünde harbor during sunset. "The last one arrived at quarter past twelve," according to race organizer Uwe Wenzel who was happy to join many of the participants at Yachthafen Hohe Düne after the race and pulled a proper beer for them. The ORC-4 winning yacht during the first stage was the quarter-ton "Bluebird" with its skipper Clemens Thamm from Rostock. After 1.500 hours of work, the club yacht was finished and hauled into the water only on Thursday. "It still looks like a construction area," the skipper summarizes. The small yachts that almost drown in the sea of big ORC yachts stand out not only because of that. "We are a small and normal team, without team clothing and we are mainly just is about sailing. Since big yachts can sail five knots faster, we mostly see the back of them." Despite the first place in the ORC group 4, procedures were not





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completely sailing smoothly. Having given the nickname "the most beautiful blue bird on all the water" to the "Bluebird" by skipper Thamm, they were almost late for both registration and the start. The forty-two year old quarter-ton yacht is the oldest ship at the IDM Sea Sailing.

Junior Races on the Alter Strom Causes Excitement at the Student State Finals

"Like father like son!" At the student state finals from 7th and 8th grade onwards, a lot seemed familiar to the fans of the dragon boat festival that takes place a day before the big watersport event at the WARNEMUENDE WEEK for the 22nd time. The dragon boats themselves, the rhythmic beats, the cheers of encouragement or the extraordinary effort of the boat teams.

The difference lies in the fact that students from all of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania between the ages of eleven and twenty-one use single bladed paddles. Altogether 450 children and teenagers from Rostock, Neustrelitz and Greifswald gave it their best in order to win or be in the top positions in their age group. Vieke and Lena from Greifswald, both fourteen years of age, talk about how they had to come out on top of regional events and how they wanted to do well in the finals here.

Similarly determined are the boys from the "Carolinum" in Neustrelitz who train on the lake Zierker See. Jan-Peter Weiß is social pedagogue and organizer of the junior competition. From the next year on, the student races will take place each two weeks before the summer holidays in Waren an der Müritz under the direction of Ingo Warnke. "One the one hand, this unfortunate for the WARNEMÜNDE WEEK, on the other hand, here are the 'big ones' too and the promotion of this wonderful sport in all of Mecklenburg- Western Pomerania is important to us as well as to our sponsor, the Minister of Education, Birgit Hesse," according to Jan-Peter Weiß.

Summit on High Seas

The hosts of the land program of the WARNEMÜNDER WEEK met today for a ride with the Polish gaff-rigged cutter "Baltic Star". The idea behind it being to give the organizers an opportunity to network and bridge the water-based and the land-based parts of the event.

Overall, twenty participants boarded ship at half past eleven. Each of the following sent representatives to the Warnemuende passenger quay: The Gemeinnütziger Verein Warnemuende e.V., the Warnemuende local costume group, the parish, the Tennis Association Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and COAAST-TMP, the hosts of the "Smoke on the Water" Festival. In addition, Matthias Fromm, the tourism director of Rostock and Warnemünde, did not miss the opportunity to join in. Despite having originally been planned as collateral to the regatta, there were no ships to be spotted. Nevertheless, Klaus Möller, as representative of the Warnemuende Sailing Club, could answer some questions about sailing. Other than that, the future of the WARNEMÜNDE WEEK was at the heart of much of the discussion. "It would have been nice if more participants





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had been on board," said Silke Kunz, project coordinator of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK. Kunz strives to bring together both sides of the event – water and land based programs. Ultimately, there was consensus about one key point: the meeting should be repeated in the next year – only then with regattas.

PHOTOS

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Photographer: Pepe Hartmann
Caption: Unfortunately, the wind is missing

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Caption: The final of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania will be held on the Müritz next year

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Photographer: Pepe Hartmann
Caption: The participants of the IDM Sailing cross the finishing line

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Photographer: Klaus-Dieter Block
Caption: Organisers of the programme on shore enjoyed sailing the "Baltic Star"

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Photographer: Matthias Marx
Caption: Sport activities that are not dependent on the wind can be held during the WARNEMUENDE WEEK

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