



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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### Eleven award ceremonies, a new International German Champion, two Europe Cups and one German Open – a full packed last day

The 75<sup>th</sup> WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE is about to finish and was really busy on Sunday. More than 350 boats were attracted by the ocean in this nice sailing day with solid wind. Eleven award ceremonies took place in the end of the day. It is not that hard to draw a conclusion – there were numerous program offers. “Especially the offshore offers functioned very well and augmented” concludes the head of the race committee Uli Finckh. Besides the sailing there were also serious competitions taking place, for instance the beach handball tournament at the Warnemünde beach and the anniversary of the dragon boat festival. There were about 1.900 active paddlers. At the 17<sup>th</sup> dragon boat festival won the team “Love Boat” from Hamburg in the overall standing and in the sprint discipline. Already in the middle of the week there were higher visitor numbers than last year, which made the organizers of the onshore program content. All in all there were 600 000 visitors during the ten event days. The reason for so many people at the stages was the weather, which didn’t invite for sun bathing but rather for shopping.

“Also the northern Germans have some interest in carnival”, says the press speaker Dr. Klaus-Dieter Block. “Especially “De Niede Ümgang” and also the Medienzelt had a good resonance. Additional activities ran very relaxed and smoothly.

### Laser Europe Cup

In the field of the Laser 4.7 (female) we had three winners coming from the Netherlands. Sanne Akkerman won with the same amount of point in front of Floor Vrijenhoek. The gold medal of the male Laser 4.7 was received by the Slovene Marko Radman, silver by a Hungarian and bronce by a Turk.

The favorite in the Laser Radial (female) Lisa Fasselt could realize everything that she had aspired. With outstanding 21 points winning margin she won in front of Chiara Steinmüller from Berlin. Fasselt trains in Warnemünde and won in her favourite environment. The Pole Filip Ciszkiwicz won in Laser Radial (male) with 9-points in advance of Denmark and Ireland.





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In the Olympic boat class Laser Standard won "Bella Italia" with Giovanni Coccoluto with a clear winning margin of 11 points ahead of Poland. Ole Nietiedt from Röbel became third and is in the group of less than 19 years old on the second position. He practices, just like Fasselt, in Warnemünde.

### **Europe Cup of the Skippi 650**

The winners of the Skippi 650 are dominated by the polish nationality. The winner is the team of Andrzej Wegner – just hardly better than the second place with only one point.

### **Hobie Cat 16 with an International German Championship**

Detlef Mohr and Karen Wichardt needed to resign from their championship title in Hobie Cat 16 of 2011. Ingo Delius and Sabine Delius-Wenig from Bielefeld performed better and won this year's championship title. In the eight races they competed successfully with 38 other teams. "We haven't been in Warnemünde before and are really excited. Our aim was to be among the leading group but we didn't expect to win due to the hard Nordic competition" said Delius-Wenig.

Also in the Hobie Cat 14 succeeded a change in the champion from the former Andreas Martens from Waldbronn (Oberrhein) to Tanja Rindt from Bosau (Plöner See).

The Australian Jack Benson won in the A-Cat. His sailing number 13 caused him a lot of good luck on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. After winning the Kieler Woche 2011 he was also successful in the second biggest German regatta. "I'm every year for a couple of months in Europe in order to sail."

The team of Michel Peulen from the Netherlands was, as the only foreigners, clearly better than the German H-boats and won after 8 races.

The regatta of the Paralympic class 2.4mR won the German Champion of last year Lasse Klötzing. After he couldn't qualify for the Paralympics he was content to win today.

The Berlin team around Daniel Frost from the Joersfelder Sailing-Club was the winner of the J/24.





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Berlin also receives the title in Streamline. Although they had the same points as the second and third team, Axel Merten's team could win against the team from Munich and Chiemsee because of better individual results.

### **More than just a business trip to Warnemünde**

The tall young lady walks very determined towards the computer of Gesine Schuer in the press office of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. "Are the results ready?" she asks excitedly. Heike Schlimbach is responsible for the "hanseboot" organized by the "Hamburg Messe und Congress GmbH" and is for that reason at the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. The big watersport fair is a premium sponsor of the sailing event at the Warnow. "We decided three years ago to concentrate our sponsoring, among which we promote Warnemünde. A lot of similarities exist between the two concepts such as the aim of increased internationality, the target group, which also visits our fair or the promotion of youth sport.

Primarily is the location of one of the biggest sailing events of Germany an entrance to the Baltic Sea area with a focus on Poland, Baltic States, and to Russia".

Everybody believes the woman from the Rhineland when she says that her travels to Warnemünde are more than business trips. Obviously she enjoys the atmosphere on the middle mole and the many meetings with volunteers and organizers. In order not to just enjoy the event from the shore she decided last year to make her sailing license: "For me that's a condition to sense the spirit of the event." For instance with the crew of the "One4All", which was participating in the long distance regatta hanseboot around Bornholm and won the "Kyria-Pokal" for the fastest calculated time according to Yardstick.

In the press office she was mainly interested in the results of the "Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta", in which the boat with the logo of the "hanseboot" won with the fastest sailed time. Heike Schlimbach emphasises that "the support for the young sailors in the high performance level is targeting adolescence that did not grow up on a boat". "To sail with professionals" is the commercial of the "hanseboot" and in addition "it is not necessary to have any prior sailing experience or club membership".





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All results and photos of the event can be found under [www.warnemuender-woche.com](http://www.warnemuender-woche.com)

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