



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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Already today: 500 active sailors on the water

A little sailing lexicon for the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

Today started 10 different boat categories at the 76th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE with about 500 active sailors. It is very understandable that an ordinary person has trouble to maintain the general view over this diversity. Therefore a little information about a few boats categories follows below.

The Swede Richard Sarby designed 1949 the single-hand-Finn-Dinghy. Since it is an Olympic boat category, this boat is worldwide popular. In Warnemünde Sebastian Schmidt-Klügmann from Nordrhein-Westfalen is heading in this category after four races.

With four meters a little smaller than the Finn is the OK-Dinghy. This category has been at the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE for already many years, but is mostly sailed by experienced sailors because it is very unstable.

Also one of the oldest boat categories, designed 1938 in Germany, is the Pirate-Dinghy. This full wooden sailing vessel is sailed by two persons – especially in Germany. At the moment a team from Kiel and Hannover are leading this category but the team Peter Anders and Peter Bark from Güstrow will attack again from the second position.

The Korsar is as well an old German boat category with two persons sailing. Because of its special shape it can already pick up speed with weak wind. The possibility to adjust the boat very precisely enables even sailors with only little experience to remain control with strong wind. Not as good as last year performed Denis Trötschel and his partner, who achieved the overall victory in 2012. Today, Dirk Braun and Jürgen Kruck are heading in this category.

As the name already reveals, the 505er is 5.05 meter long. Although it is not Olympic, many former professional sailors prefer this boat now because it is very fast and agile. After three races the leading team is from Wilhelmshaven with Norbert Dasenbrook.

A totally different style offers the A-Cat, because it belongs to the Catamaran boats. Up to now it is considered the fastest single-hand sailing boat. The high tech vessel is mainly built of carbon fibre. Today, Guido Schulte from Wismar sailed the fastest in the four races.

One of the youngest Dinghies is the 29er. It is mainly sailed by adolescents who later want to transfer in the 49er for those they are not up physically yet. Only designed in 1998, the body is made of glass fibre supported plastic and becomes internationally more and more popular. According to that the skipper from the USA Duncan Williford is leading after the first three races. The second position is also occupied by an American and the third place is taken by a team from Hong Kong.

The category H-Boats are headed by Thomas Kausen with his team in front of the Dutch team Michel Peulen. Last year he only achieved the third place in the overall rating. Now, he is considered a strong candidate for the victory.

In the category Platu25 the team around Ingo Lochman is remaining on the first





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position. The distance to the second placed is only two points – it remains exciting.

Pascal Matzke seems to be content, the spokesman of the Kitesurf-Trophy: „Although we could only start the time races today because of the weak wind we still managed to have six races taking place.“ Matzke is happy about 60 participants, among which is also Mario Rodwald regardless of the World Cup in St. Peter-Ording.

The president of the city assembly is a fan of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

Without a doubt the price awarding ceremony of the long distance regatta hanseboot Rund Bornholm of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE is always an emotional highlight. This year it takes place at the stage at the lighthouse: „That is one of the moments I am especially happy about working“, says Karina Jens behind the stage before her speech.

As the president of the city assembly of the Hanseatic city of Rostock one of her responsibilities is to hand over the trophies and award the winners. „This is one of the best duties at my job. I know the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE for more than 20 years and observe its development. I am especially happy that the new WSC team has successfully managed everything.“

She repeats this later in her short speech on the stage, where she also expresses her gratitude to the active organizers of the on- and offshore program.

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Obviously they have fun sailing: Robert Rothe and Sophie Heyer on a 505er

WW13-Piraten-Start-2309

The pirates start with 23 vessels.

The results of the OK were not available before the editorial deadline.

preview (selection) of onshore program for Saturday, 13th of July:

10-10.25 a.m. opening of the 15th Shanty-meeting (moderation: Horst Marx), stage at the lighthouse

6 p.m. price awarding ceremony: Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta, hanseboot event area

7-12 p.m. summer party with "Level One" and DJs Maik & Mario, stage at the lighthouse





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preview (selection) of offshore program for Saturday, 13th of July:

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. 18th Dragonboat festival with 85 teams from all over Germany, Alter Strom

9 a.m. races: Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta

10.30 a.m. start Kitesurf-Trophy, basis Surfer and Catamarans

11 a.m. races: Finn, OK-Jolle, H-Boot, 505er, 29er, Korsar, Pirat, A-Cat, Platu25, J/24, ZK10-Cutter

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