



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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Crispy – Despite a low breeze – the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE has started

At 26 degrees and a low breeze the Warnemünde Cup, which is the first of 170 races during the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, started early in the morning at 9.30 am. With a starting field of 28 boats the sailors fought to cross the finish line in an about 5-hour long race.

“The conditions today were comparable to a village pond: shifting winds and unpredictable gustiness made up for a game of chance” said Anne-Christin Möller, who sailed alongside the Warnemünder Sailing Yacht “MAIKO”. Winner of the ORC A/B was “IMMAC ONE4ALL” from Kiel. Melges 24 “SPUTNIK Segelkombinat” managed to win the ORC C-class and was able to celebrate along with “Intoxication” of the Yardstick 1-evaluation and “Queeny” of the Yardstick 2-evaluation for their respective first positions. The cutter and Flying Dutchman also had to fight with the wind conditions. The ten FDs were able to successfully finish a shortened race. Peggy and Torsten Bahr from Berlin are on first position at the moment, ahead of the current German champions Jörg and Nils Herrmann. Amazingly four races were held by the eight cutters on their course. “Zuarin” from the Marineclub in Schwerin with his helmsman Christian Wandel came in first. The about 200 Laser sailors also had their problems with the circulating wind that was not more than a low breeze by the end of the day. They had to sit on the middle-mole for several hours because of a delayed starting time before their start (the first start of the Europe Cup) was postponed until the next day.

Main coordinator for the stage in front of the lighthouse and the organizer of the shopping area on the boardwalk, Jörg Bludau, is glad about the “absolutely successful start of the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. Cheerfulness and happy people everywhere”. Bludau believes more than 15.000 people visited the Sea Resort on the opening day.

The onshore opening of the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE: highly intensive, traditional and with a lot of premiers

The first Saturday of the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE was a 14-hour day with more than half a dozen highlights throughout the day. The waking signals of three fanfare marching bands at 8 o`clock was the kick-off amid the tight event schedule of the summer festival”. At 10 pm the final musical highlight for the day was the festive opening concert and the “Concertino Ensemble” in the church in the centre of Warnemünde.

The symbolic highlight of the first official day was the ceremonial opening by Roland Methling, the mayor of Rostock who celebrated the tapping of the draught beer with seven sovereign hits. “Warnemünde”, he proclaims in his short opening speech, “is the best of what Rostock has to offer during the summer. He particularly mentioned the accomplishments and organizers of the maritime festival. “You would think” he specified in an ensuing interview “that the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE works like a magnet for initiators of new types of sport”. This year`s novelties will be the first Beach-Lacross-Tournament, the AHOI Beachkubb-Tournament and Skimboarding which is skimming of shallow water with a certain kind of board.

On the other hand it says a lot about its respectability that the 20th Beachhandball-Tournament and the 27th washing tub race will also be part of this year`s agenda. The heart of the opening day of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE is the





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"Niege Ümgang", which took place for the 13th time this year with more than 2500 spectators, including Roland Methling and his wife Anne as well as Matthias Fromm, the director of tourism of Rostock and Warnemünde. The organizers of the "Ümgang" Ingeborg Regenthal and Hansi Richert, who joined the walk in his classy suit from the founding period, seemed pleased.

One premiere on the first day was the presentation of the federal police station See in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the federal police with an "Open Ship" and a following trip on the "Eschwege". Dr. Wolfgang Nietzsche, the new president of the Rostocker Citizens, used the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE for an official premiere on board and on shore.

27th Washing Tub Race on the "Alter Strom" with a lot of tailwind

The most important message of the 27th edition of the carnival on the water is: the legendary washing tub race is alive and has a promising future. Organizer Lutz Scheibe, who has been part of the event for the last 27 years, appears happy and gives several reasons for this boost of optimism: "Not only the washing tub race but also the Rostocker Volkstheater is alive. The Volkstheater took part in the event for the first time and had a great Titanic spectacle and their own 'Eisberg-Waschzuber', encouraged by their new intendant Sewan Latchinain".

"Back to the roots" is what you can call the appearance of "Kleinzuber", small tubs that are operated by one or two sailors. After all it is the risen number of participants and the funny "features" of the raceboats that made for the high-spirited mood of Neptun, alias Ole Samland. He even invented new race categories such as "Master of Erotic" or "Zuber, on which it will get naked".

About 7000 spectators watched the nine races of the "Zuber", which compete in categories such as "fastest Zuber" and "best duck fishing". Overall winner was "Black Betty" from the members of the carnival committee of Merseburg, who were able to defend their last year`s success. "Der Eisberg" achieved position 7. There were no losers because the saying "Participation (and Neptun) counts" still matters in this competition.

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© Pepe Hartmann-4157: Symbol of the day: The Flying Dutchman waiting for wind.

© Pepe Hartmann-4106: Despite low circulating wind, the cutters managed four races during the first day.

© Pepe Hartmann-4181: The "Intoxication" from Stralsund crossed the finish line after 4,5 hours and won the Yardstick 1-evaluation.

© Pepe Hartmann-3988: The "Niege Ümgang" worked like a magnet and you got "captured", if you liked it or not.

IMG_2771_Waschzuber: Another rising of a ship: the Volkstheater Rostock with an iceberg as "Zuber" and a swimming Titanic.

preview (selection) of onshore program for Sunday, 6th of July

10am-5pm 1st Beach-Lacrosse-Tournament, Sport & Beach Arena

3pm-4pm Finale 20th Beachhandballdays, Sport & Beach Arena

7pm-10pm NDR 1 Radio MV concert (HMT live), stage in front of the lighthouse





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10am races: 2 Up & Down

2pm races: German Open Seascape 18, German Open X-99, IDM Dragon, Laser Europa Cup

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