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## Mecklenburg Sea Resort Regatta was finished furiously, showdown at the German O-jollyboat Championship, Gold Cup surprise for the X-99

23 yachts took part in the Mecklenburg Sea Resort Regatta on the Baltic. On account of the moderate to fresh wind from the northeast the 22-nautical mile course was mastered very quickly by all ships. The "Ember Sea" with helmsman Matthias Mier needed about two and a half hours for the distance of Warnemünde to Kühlungsborn and back. Consequently as the "first ship home" she gets the sherry barrel of the hanseboot. The WIRO XXL Cup for Yardstick boats, for which the results of the Warnemünde Cups, the Mecklenburg Sea Resort Regatta and the hanseboot Rund Bornholm are being calculated, went to the "Exocet" with the likable helmsman Peter Hermann, who is also in charge of the press- and public relations activities of the sailor association of Mecklenburg-Western-Pomerania. The crew surrounding Manfred Böttcher on their boat "KÜHNEZUG Gold Cat" won the overall ranking of the ORC ships while the overall ranking of the Yardstick is led by the "Dalai Lama" with helmsman Olaf Götze.

### A very gripping match: Wolfgang Höfener is German Champion of the O-jollyboats

Through a victory in the last race the new International German Champion Wolfgang Höfener from Lower Saxonia was able to defend his first place against Jan Ten Hoeve, not by points but because of the better individual rankings. In the end both teams won six points and therefore stayed ahead of Mark Bosma from the Netherlands. The medals were delivered by the new president of Rostock`s citizens Dr. Wolfgang Nietzsche, race director Hartmut Oback talked about "a real showdown" because of the extremely close score distribution.

### Martin Christiansen beat his curse

At the last three Gold Cups of the X-99 it was always Christian Soyka and his team who brought home the title but finally the "chronic runner-up" Martin Christiansen and his team prevailed for once. Christiansen completed the tenth race in front position and with a total of six points he left no doubt about his current state of fitness. Christian Schönrock from Rostock and his crew finished with a third place in the Gold Cup, which is talked about as the unofficial world championship.

Part of the J/24 boats only just arrived today and Jan Kähler from Hamburg has taken the lead after three races. There are supposed to be another three races for the J/24 tomorrow. "Today all classes fought properly and completed their scheduled races" says Rainer Arlt, who works at the situation center of the sailors at the sports school in the marina Warnemünde.





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### further intermediate results:

OK-Jollyboat (6 races)

Greg Wilcox (NZL)

Pirat (6 races)

Svenja Thoroë (Kiel)

Karsten Bredt (Hannover)

420er (6 races)

José Manuel Ruíz (ESP)

Fernando Dávila Ponce de León

505er (6 races)

Morten Bogacki (Düsseldorf)

Lars Dehne

J/24 (3 races)

Jan Kähler+team (Hamburg)

Skippi 650 (5 races)

Piotr Cichocki (POL)

A-Cat (5 races)

1. Thilo Keller (Bayern)

Finn (6 races)

1. Sebastian Schmidt-Klügmann (Hagen)

2.4mR (7 races)

1. Jürgen Freiheit (Berlin)

### Mario Rodwald wins kitesurfing freestyle-competition

Top favourite Mario Rodwald won the double elimination in the freestyle-competition of the kitesurf-trophy in Warnemünde. In the finale the sailor from Rendsburg beat his biggest rival Linus Erdmann, who in turn won the race on the island of Sylt a week ago. Racing-World Champion Florian Gruber placed third in this discipline. At the women`s competition European Champion Sabrina Lutz showed off the best freestyle-tricks and took the first place in front of runner-ups Nina Schumacher and Skadi Siegmeyer from Rostock.

The junior kitesurfers flew over the Baltic waves on Saturday. Jakob Kiebler (15) from Munich stuck out of the 22-strong field of junior freestylers under 18 in single elimination, the runner-up Tom Schiffmann eliminated the youngest participant Jonas Ouahmid (11) from Kempten in the Allgäu. Trophy organizer Thilo Trefz was pleased with the large number of junior starters and about successfully completing the races on the first two days in Warnemünde.

The Racing-competitions which took place on a triangular course, similar to a sailing regatta and are driven by speed, had to be terminated prematurely due to weak winds in the late afternoon. A total of 59 participants signed up for the kitesurf-trophy of the 77<sup>th</sup> WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, which is being held simultaneously in Warnemünde for the fourth year in a row.





### **Kubb World Champion Kubb'Ings win on the sandy beach**

The first non-Scandinavian kubb World Champion, the "Kubb'Ings" from Rostock, today earned their victory in the first major beach kubb tournament at the Sport & Beach Arena and were awarded with the challenge cup, carved in a tree trunk in the shape of the lighthouse of Warnemünde. For the hit team from Rostock with Robby Engelmann, Andreas Pieper, Robert Harnack and David Jüttke their home beach was the ideal preparation for the upcoming European Championship in Berlin and the mission of winning the European Championship-triple. The team spirit plays a crucial role and is the key to success. The tournament was "very well organized and ended with a great finale", world and European champion Robert Harnack praised the concentrated performance of his organization team. With the final Sure Shot, through the legs towards the king, the "Kubb'Ings" knocked over the central character of the game and therefore won. The next goal after the up-coming European Championship is a tournament in America, for which they are still looking for a sponsor.

24 kubb teams played in Warnemünde on fields only a few meters away from the water, under the kites of the kitesurfers throwing their sticks at the kubbs and kings in the sand. "We were spared from the weather, all the teams were happy and saw good games at the beach premiere", organizer Klaus Riedel, who observed new challenges on the sandy ground - for example, the fact that the throwing sticks do not roll. The "Rostock Kubbaner" surrounding Marita Meier-Koch, Matthias Bohn, Hilmar Weiland, Holger Bellgardt and Jörn Etzold won their preliminaries and unfortunately lost in the second round, eventually they finished rank 13<sup>th</sup>. "We achieved a better result than expected and had a lot of fun", "Kubbaner" Holger Bellgardt of the Hanse Sail office was delighted.

### **PHOTOS (3)**

Pepe Hartmann, except for KUBB\_103341: Martin Schuster

#### **captions:**

KUBB\_103341: David Jüttke, Robby Engelmann, Andreas Pieper & Robert Harnack are the winners of the first AHOI beach kubb tournament

© Pepe Hartmann-7761: Warnemünde once again presented a unique setting for the 60 kitesurfers

© Pepe Hartmann-7707: The „Exocet“ with Peter Hermann (r.) won the WIRO XXL-Cup because of three well-sailed regattas

© Pepe Hartmann-8320: under persistent and roaring applause the crew surrounding Martin Christiansen of the X-99 finally became German Champion and not "vice-"

### **preview (selection) of onshore program for Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of July**

10am-2pm. Warnemünder traditional-garb-meeting with a procession, stage in front of the lighthouse

11am-4pm 19th dragon-boat-festival, Alter Strom

3.30-4pm award ceremony Kitesurf-Trophy, stage in front of the lighthouse

4-6pm Sea-Resort-concert as a concluding event with „Dörte & Ready Teddies“, stage in front of the lighthouse

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starting 10.30am Kitesurf-Trophy, Sport & Beach Arena  
11am races: OK-Jollyboat, Finn, Korsar, Pirat, 420er, 505er, J/24, Skippi 650, A-Cat, 2.4mR

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