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Sailing, paddling, throwing ... many different sports at seaside resort

600 sailors on the water, 1300 dragon boaters on the "Alter Strom" and 50 children at beach handball

The 1300 dragon boaters got up very early today and started their day with a warm-up on the "Bahnhofsbrücke" just after eight o'clock in the morning. A few minutes later they started their races on the "Alter Strom", with many spectators and sunshine.

The sailors also had to rise early, because the first starting signals for the 290 jollyboats and 25 yachts, which were present on the Baltic Sea of Warnemünde today, were already given at ten o'clock. On Sunday all regattas of the ten different boat classes will start even earlier.

The International German Youth Championship of the 29er class had a large media presence today, because for the first time at WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, it was tracked and broadcasted simultaneously via live-stream of SportSupreme.de on the internet as well as on a big LED-screen on the beach. The 31 teams from Germany and Denmark competed in exciting races until the wind unfortunately got weaker in the afternoon. Unexpectedly Safia and Anisah Schuchmann from Bremen took the lead in this starter field. They have a ten point advantage over Gwendal Lamay and Luke Willim from Kiel, who won bronze at the "Kieler Woche" and are among the group of favourites.

The defending champion of the International German Championship of the pirates, Ines Pingel-Heldt and her husband Thomas, are in first place after three races.

A similar IDM is held by the 470er class. Annika Bochmann and Marlene Steinherr are currently in the lead for both the overall and women's ranking. In the men's competition, Malte Winkel and Matti Cipra are ranked second behind the reigning European champions Ferdinand Gerz and Oliver Szymanski. "Luckily we were able to finish four races today and thus have met the requirements for the performance of a championship", race director of the 470er, Hartmut Oback is thrilled.

The "Mecklenburgische Bäderregatta", in which 25 yachts participated, was also affected by the light breeze. Unfortunately, the course was laid out off the seaside resort and not along the coastline towards Kuehlungsborn. The reason for this decision is that the sailors should not tack about the jollyboat fields, which were also bothered by the recurring lack of wind. In the group ORC 2 a yacht from Warnemünde, the "MAIKO", with skipper Victorin Albrecht was able to prevail against the competition.

The light breeze experts of the 2.4mR class enjoyed the absence of the high waves from the previous day. The silver medalist of the Paralympics 2012, Heiko Kröger, took five first places in his usual confident way.





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In junior boat class 420er, Lennart Kuß and Paul Arp from Warnemünde were able to finish first in the third race and are placed eighth in the overall ranking. The Polish crew of Tobiasz Zajaczkowski is leading the field of the Skippi 650 class with three wins.

For years, Thilo Keller and Guido Schulte have been competing for victory in the A-Cats division at the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. This year Matthias Dietz from Berlin is in the lead after two races and beats the other two to second and third place.

After two races, the Olympic boat class Finn is led by Ulli Kurfeld from Wismar, who already started in the Sailing Bundesliga for the local team at the beginning of the week. Lars Haverland from Schwerin is currently in fifth place.

After only two races, Martin Zimmermann from Wedel is ranked ahead of the Dane Bo Reker Andersen in the OK-jollyboat class. Following in third place is André Budzien -- a native of Schwerin. No big surprises were waiting in the 505 field. Lutz Stengel and Frank Feller all took first places and eventually want the overall victory in their home district once again.

The desert lives!

The last few days felt like living in the desert. Not only were the roads barely visible, but the playing field of the 2nd AHOI kubb and beach handball youth tournament was also covered like sand dunes.

The surfaces were uncovered with a lot of effort and leveled with technology and shovels on Saturday morning, so that the scheduled sport actions could take place, albeit with a delay. "We only have yet to find and dig up a "port pig"", construction worker, Steffen Oestreich, noted. After the sandstorm the "desert started to live again", the stage at the kubb tournament was visited by a large and cheerful crowd, the 12-to 13-year-olds tested the charm of beach handball -- many of them for the first time.

Even the children's beach biathlon premiered here -- not as a competition but to give it a try. The stage at the lighthouse already came back to life on Friday evening with the "Oldie Company" & "Jack Beat" and was met with great public interest. The 17th shanty choir meeting could therefore take place smoothly on Saturday.

Not the best day for the world champions ...

Last year`s successfully launched AHOI beach kubb tournament went into its second round at this year`s WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. There was some delay at the start. Organizer Klaus Riedel was glad that playing was possible at all after the recent days. Overall, 33 Teams from the northern and eastern parts of Germany traveled to Warnemünde. After numerous hours of "kubben" in the sand, two teams from Rostock, the world champions "Kubb'Ings" and the "Biersekte", were up against each other in a thrilling finale. Eventually the surprise happened - not the world champion but the members of "Biersekte" were the ones cheering and allowed to take the challenge cup home in the form of the Warnemünder lighthouse. The fourth place and therefore the new trophy, the "Golden Pineapple", went to the "Paradiesische FSKB Beach Kolonne". The celebrity team "Rostocker Kubbaner" with Hanse Sail boss Holger Bellgardt was able to improve this year and secured the 10th place. Next to a fully-booked list





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of participants and the "Golden Pineapple", the new contest: "King of the Beach" was another highlight. The goal was to knock down the king from a maximum distance. But the King became a Queen – Kathi from Leipzig was able to score a hit from a 16 meters distance and knocked over the king.

preview (selection) of onshore program for Sunday, 12th of July

10 am 15th costume meeting, stage at the lighthouse
10 am-2 pm kubb testing, viking chess for everyone
11 am-4 pm 20th dragon boat races, Alter Strom
4.30 pm-6 pm "Kurkonzert" as concluding event of WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, stage at the lighthouse

preview (selection) of offshore program for Sunday, 12th of July

11 am races: IDM pirate, IDM 470er, IDJM 29er, 505er, Skippi 650, A-Cat, 2.4 mR, Finn, OK-jollyboat, 420er

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