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Press release

80<sup>th</sup> WARNEMUENDE WEEK – 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

9<sup>th</sup> of July 2017

## A Joyful Sunshine Final!

“As tourism director of Rostock and Warnemünde I am happy that the 80<sup>th</sup> WARNEMUENDE WEEK was such a successful event and that it fulfilled the expectations of such an anniversary,” Matthias Fromm explained. “The long first week of July was rich and diverse on water as well as on land. The participation of sailors from 30 different countries has an invaluable marketing effect on the image of our Hanseatic city that is not to be underestimated. Also, this wonderful public sailing festival generates a domestic boost. This relates to the citizens of Warnemünde and their identification with their home town, as well as the fact that the countless volunteers feel appreciated.”

Jörg Bludau, who is principal of the Warnemünde association that is responsible for the majority of the traditional and cultural items of the program on land, draws a positive conclusion. “After the first days of rain the visitor figures rose steadily on the promenade; the second week saw an overall increase of visitors that matched the figures from 2016 of about 650.000 people visiting.”

The concert of the shanty choir was exceptionally well received by the visitors. The audience appreciated the program on stage and the average duration of visits increased. Jürgen Bohn, chairman of the Warnemünde Sailing Club, and Jürgen Missing, chairman of the event, were satisfied with the anniversary week. Both praised the commitment of the volunteers as well as the increasing foundation of the organization and the support of the involved associations of Rostock.

“The cooperation with the navy continues to improve from each year to the next,” according to Bohn. One of the highlights was the “Bottsand” escorting the regatta.

In total, nine times sailors from Mecklenburg-Pomerania stood on the winner’s podium in the jollyboat classes. Three of them were from Rostock. The event of this year hosted many boat classes: Lasers, Topcats, A-Cats, H-boats, Dyas, ZK-10s, open sea yachts, 505s, 420s, Oks, Finns, Europes, Pirates, Korsars; and also hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> National German Sailing League (J/70). Of the planned 176 races, 114 could be completed. Altogether, the event saw 1.715 sailors from 32 nations, including Australia and Brunei.

During the nine days, the athletes competed against one another and on the last day alone, there were 606 sailors on the water. The WARNEMÜNDE WEEK was covered widely in the media with wonderful images of the land and the sea. “I am very happy that the images of the event that we communicated outwards





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were consistently positive," according to project manager Silke Kunz who is the head of the bureau of the Hanse Sail. The prospect for the next year is positive. The current voluntary basis of the event will be transformed into a registered company. An additional boost is to be expected as the local academic sailing club (ASVW) plans to advance into the National German Sailing League. Further plans include hosting the world championships in the OK class in Warnemünde as well as the IDM races of the A-Cats and 2.4mR, hosted by the 81<sup>st</sup> WARNEMÜNDE WEEK from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Top-class sport is also part of the future agenda.

In order to communicate this in an open and transparent way, the official poster for the next event was revealed two days ago. Interviewed about the poster, the creator of the image, designer and photographer Pepe Hartman, explained what was important to him: "Since next year the city of Rostock celebrates its 800<sup>th</sup> jubilee, I wanted to put the official logo at the center of attention." The distinct symbolism of the poster and the division into two parts makes one thing clear: sailing boats are at the heart of the event. "I am happy with my work and I think we have created lively contrasts by using the colors of the city," Hartmann said.

### Results to be Proud of and Champagne Showers

Because of the slow winds during the last day of sailing of the 80<sup>th</sup> WARNEMÜNDE WEEK, no races could be held of the European Championships in the 505 class. "It is a pity, really. We would have liked to have another opportunity to compete; we were behind by only one point," Frank Feller explains who had celebrated his biggest international victory together with his helmsman Lutz Stengel in the 505 class. The men from Rostock won gold at the International German Championship (IDM) last year in Warnemünde. At the championships this year they raced to silver on the Wannsee; and now having won bronze, they managed to collect all three different medals – all within one year. The victors of the EM were the Danish brothers Jorgen and Jacob Bojsen-Møller who not only won a gold medal but also their next holidays. The travel business DERTOUR presented the two sportsmen with a one-week holiday in Portugal. Nathan Batchelor and Sam Pascoe, the British team, won the silver medal at the competition.

After six races in total, the winners of the International German Championships of sea regattas were found in three different competitions. In addition, there were three special competitions: the X-99 Cup, the German Open Hiddensee, and the Euro Cup Sprinta Sport. The crew of the "halb trocken" with its skipper Knut Freudenberg won in the group ORC3 and appropriately celebrated with a champagne shower.

The victory ceremonies were the focus of Sunday afternoon. At Yachthafen Mittelmole as well as in front of the boathouse at Yachthafenresidenz Hohe Düne the winners of four boat classes were celebrated respectively. "Because of the planned extensions in Warnemünde, we will be able to host more boats and the connected events at the Yachthafenresidenz in the next year," Jürgen Bohn





explained. Bohn bid farewell to the sailors and invited them to come back to the 81<sup>st</sup> WARNEMÜNDE WEEK in the next year.

### Rostock Beach Club Wins Seventh Title Back to Back – Double Win Again for the “Seebären”

The two finals of the beach volleyball competitions each ended with a deciding penalty shootout. In the past, the women of the Rostock Beach Club won the tournament six times in a row. As in the previous years, the team reached the finals as favorites after a strong performance in the preliminaries. The final, however, was a much tougher and closer competition than anticipated but the team from Rostock won in a tight victory in three sets against the “Strandmöwen”. With a similar result in the men’s final, the team “Knochenbrecher” won the competition against the team “HC Mate”. Before the match, the victorious “Knochenbrecher” were considered the dark horse of the competition.

Yesterday, in the long-distance race over 270 meter, the defending champions “Die Seebären” of the University of Rostock managed win for the third time in a row against their competitors “Loveboat” from Hamburg and “Sprulde United” from Berlin. In today’s 100-meter sprint competition, the athletes of “Die Seebären” were able to take an early lead and won by 25.67 seconds ahead of the teams “Loveboat” and “Designer Drachen”. Next to the regular boats with 20 men, also smaller boats with 10 men entered the competition in their own category. In both the women’s competition as well as in the open ranking, the team “Loveboat” came out the winner. With four women competing in the usually male-dominated boat class, “this is a remarkable achievement,” said Jan-Peter Weiß, organizer of the Breitling e.V. club.

### Further Results

Winners of the IDM

Category	Boat	Skipper	Provenance
ORC1/2	Dockenhuden	Thomas Jungbluth	Hamburg
ORC2	halbtrocken	Knut Freudenberg	Amrum
ORC3	bluebird	Clemens Thamm	Rostock





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### Special Competition Results of the IDM

Competition	Boat	Skipper	Provenance
X-99 Gold Cup	Mille	Kim Rasmussen	Denmark
German Open Hiddensee	bluebird	Clemens Thamm	Rostock
Euro Cup Sprinta Sport	Blaubaer	Frank Bärwind	Iserlohn

### Winners of the Regattas

Boat class	Winner	Provenance
420	Inga-Marie Hofmann/Henrike Leonie Leitl	Düsseldorf
Europe	Nadine Möller	Monheim
Finn-Dinghy	Jan Kurfeld	Wismar
Korsar	Uti Thieme/Frank Thieme	Berlin
OK jollyboat	Christian Rasmussen	Denmark
Pirate	Ines Pinge- Heldt/Thomas Heldt	Teterow





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## PHOTOS

*PM\_5234*

Photographer: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: The last entering the port in the Warnemünde harbour at the 80<sup>th</sup> WW

*PM\_5280*

Photographer: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: Race director Svenja Ehrmann congratulates the new European Champion in the 505 class, the brothers Jorgen and Jacob Bojysen-Møller from Denmark.

*PM\_5308*

Photographer: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: The challenge cup of the WW, stipulated by the Segler-Zeitung, was awarded to the Danish Christian Rasmussen

*PM\_5127*

Photographer: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: Not for the first time winner of the pirate class: Ines Pingel-Heldt and her husband

*PM\_5137*

Photographer: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: Inga-Marie Hofmann and Henike Leonie Leitl from Düsseldorf won in the overall rankings of the 420 class

*PM\_0622*

Photographer: Klaus-Dieter Block

Caption: The crew of the "halbtrocken" celebrated their German Championship title in the group ORC 3 with an appropriate champagne shower

*PM\_0161*

Photographer: Matthias Marx

Caption: The dragon boat race on the Alter Strom was a magnet for visitors on the last day

*PM\_3615*

Photographer: Thea Kunz

Caption: Altogether 47 beach volleyball teams from all throughout Germany competed on the beach

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