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82nd Warnemünder Woche

Rund-Bornholm Record: "Like driving on tram tracks"

The sailing yacht "OSPA" won the long distance regatta Rund Bornholm and broke its own record of 2017.

The crew of the sailing yacht "OSPA" literally pulverized their own round Bornholm route record of 2017. Today, July 8th, at 17:05:23, the former Volvo Ocean Racer of the Rostocker team Speedsailing crossed the finishing line with full speed in front of the Warnemünde Mittelmole. The new record time for the 270 nautical miles is 24 hours, 54 minutes and 23 seconds. The old record was reduced by an incredible 3 hours, 40 minutes and seven seconds.

After the race, Skipper Otto Timm states: "It was a great race. We are all well and everybody had a lot of fun! We put our foot down until the end!"

The stormy wind prevented the start yesterday at 16:11 o'clock for all other classes. This wind, however, was favourable for the "OSPA" and the record. "Before our start, we studied the weather for a long time. But at the start we started reefed, because we didn't want to take any risks. The day before we planned our route to pass Bornholm to the south and to port," states Otto Timm. This decision turned out to be the right one. "Before Bornholm, we caught an ideal wind shift." At the latest with the rounding of the island of Bornholm, it had become apparent that there could be a new Bornholm record.

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Peter Ramcke, Pricipal Race Officer (PRO) of the Warnemünder Woche, was visibly pleased about the record: "The way to Bornholm was already record breaking! It was similar to tram tracks, with wind from aft to Bornholm. The 'OSPA' simply outgrew itself in terms of performance."

The returnees were received by a fleet of escort boats and greeted with the obligatory box of Rostocker Pils for the First-Ship-Home. This is fitting as "OSPA" has its home port in the Hanseatic city of Rostock.

The sailing yacht "OSPA" is a Volvo Ocean 60, which has already been participated under the name "SEB" during the 2001/02 edition of the Volvo Ocean Race. It is 19,50 meters long, has a width of 5.25 meters and a draught of 3.75 meters. The yacht can displace up to 13.5 barrels and can carry up to 450 square meters of sail area.

The records:

2019	"OSPA"	24 hours, 54 minutes, 23 seconds
2017	"OSPA"	28 hours, 34 minutes, 30 seconds
2001	"Uca"	28 hours, 37 minutes, 00 seconds

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