



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

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Official opening of the 76th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE, perfect sailing conditions and slapstick under the sun

On the 6th of July at 12.15 p.m. was the 76th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE officially opened by its patron, the mayor of Rostock Roland Methling on the stage at the lighthouse under the most beautiful sunshine. With three sovereign hits the mayor tapped the draught beer. In advance, he thanked all supporters, sponsors and partners of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE. Representative for all supporters he handed a hammer with the inscription "135 years Rostocker Brauerei" to Wilfried Ott, general manager of the hanseatic brewery Rostock, and thanked hereby "for all the support for the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE also in regards to the upcoming sailing event Hanse Sail in August".

He was not the only one receiving acknowledgement. Sabine Schubert received for her decades of engagement the "1st Lighthouse-price" of the Förderverein Warnemünder Leuchtturm.

Shortly before Horst Marx had entertained the audience with a short program which invited to singing and clapping. Among others, the pirates of the open air theatre of Grevesmühlen showed two show fights, "Bad Penny" sang in honor of the 100th anniversary of the death of the commander Stephan Jantzen the song "Der Kapitän" and different country line dance groups proved their skills. Finally, the shanty choir "De Klaashahns" performed the well known song "Wo de Ostseewellen trecken an den Strand". Enthusiastically supported by the audience and the guests of honor, the president of the city assembly Karina Jens as well as the director of tourism Matthias Fromm; not to forget the members of the "Nieger Ümgang" which are dressed up in old fashioned tradition customs and the leading organizer Inge Regenthal.

The walk through Warnemünde before the opening was the biggest within the last 12 years. Almost 3.000 volunteers, among which were historic personalities, local custom groups, sport clubs, music and dance combos, as well as local businesses from Warnemünde enjoyed the great weather while passing the old roads of the area. The procession "12. Nieger Ümgang" was led by the "Spielmannzug Neusedding e.V from Brandenburg". "Since 2000 we have participated in the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE and have experienced all kind of weather conditions. This year was one of the most beautiful processions, not only because of the sun, but also because of the mood of the people participating and watching" was the sum up of the Tambur-Major Joachim Wendt.

Eagerness and slapstick at the beach handball and washing tub race

The night before the 19th beach handball tournament reacts the chairman of the local beach handball club Rostock/M-V Nord totally relaxed to the question if everything was working out according to plan. "Jo, we are already looking forward to our 20th anniversary at the 77th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE." But for now the 19th tournament starts with 24 male and 23 female teams, among which





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several picked surprising names such as "Strandflöhe", "Die Gottesgleichen" and "Pädagogik und tschüss".

At the 26th washing tub race on the Alter Strom the rumor spread that the "Georg Büchner" was back! This would have been the sensational news of the WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE...if this would not have been an initiative of the carnivals club "Faschingclubs der IHS". As generally known sank the "Georg Büchner" in front of Danzig on its way from Rostock to the boarder of Lithuania where it was supposed to be scrapped. Now the ship appeared again, significantly smaller, as a washing tub during the 26th race. "Neptun" Gerhard Schliephake and the moderator Dirk Tetzlaff agreed that the cold water might have caused the shrinkage. The 8.888 visitors were entertained by good and sharp humor which the carnival atmosphere is known for.

In order to never forget the legendary ship the organizers of the water event handed a door-sized picture of the "Georg Büchner" to the mayor, Roland Methling, and the president of the city assembly, Karina Jens.

The washing tub sized "Georg Büchner" participated in the 26th race of the summer carnival on water with four other vehicles. The participants had obviously a lot of fun but also showed all their dedication at the race, and the other competitions. The winner of the 26th washing tub race was the team "No gay Cowboys and one Girl" from Merseburg, surpassing the "Feuerwehr", the "Eisenbahner" and the creation "Tausend und eine Nacht" of Pablo Neruda Youth Club Rostock and the tib "Rock im Mai" from the Harz region. The "Georg Büchner" achieved the fifth position, but gained because of its innovative presentation a lot of support.

Amazing sailing conditions with almost 15 hours of sunshine and three to four wind strength offered a good start on the first competition day of the dinghies. The participants of the International German Championship Inshore had already their second regatta day. After six races in the category ORC 1 "Silva Hispaniola" is leading. "Sporthotel" is heading the category ORC 2. In ORC 3/4 is led by "halb trocken". On Sunday there will be an Ocean Triangle and the score will count for in- as well as off-shore.

At 2 Up & Down in the category ORC-Club won the "Madness" from the Yachtclub Warnow from Rostock. In three races they achieved three first places. In the category Yardstick 1 won the "Rock'n'Rolla" from Greifswald, with the cox Claudia Schäfer and a crew which has never sailed before in this constellation. The winner of the category Yardstick 2 became "Krabauter" from ASV Rostock.

The winner after four races at the Europa Cup of the Skippi 650 is Erik Witzmann from Berlin, who was placed fifth last year with his crew in the overall rating. The polish team under Michael Kaczmarek was placed as last year on the second position – unfortunately.

The first two races of the Laser Europa Cups are for now dominated by Jon Emmett from Great Britain in the category Laser Radial in front of the German Chiara Steinmueller. The field of the Laser Standard is headed by the Dane





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Thorbjørn Schierup by only two points. The best German participant is so far Philipp Buhl on the fourth place.

The group of 29 participants in the category 420 is dominated by Andreas Ebel from Güstrow and his crewman Simon Spohr from Steinhude after three races. They are in front of the Indian sailing team with the cox Upamanyu Dutta by three points. The third place is a team from Rostock, Max Schuberth and Silas Oettinghaus.

On the same lane, just below the Teepott, the three races of the Ixylon started. With three sovereign first places Volker Schoen and Andreas Schickel from Sternberg led the group of 12 dinghies.

The paralympic category of the 2.4mR sailed four races during the first competition day and is headed by Lasse Klötzing after four first places in front of his father Stefan Klötzing.

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Mayor Roland Methling opens the 76th WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE.

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The "Georg Büchner" as a washing tub.

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The "Hispaniola" is heading the IDM-Inshore of the ORC 1 on the second day.

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Almost 3.000 participated at the "Niegen Ümgang" through the historic roads of Warnemünde.

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preview (selection) of onshore program for Saturday, 7th of July

10 a.m. finals of the 19th Beach Handball Days with 23 female and 24 male teams, Surfer and Catamaran Base

11 a.m. - 14 p.m. NDR 1 Radio MV "Jazztime live" (moderation: André Kuchenbecker; with HochschulBigBand Neubrandenburg), stage at the lighthouse

7.30 p.m. award ceremony: IDM Inshore and Warnemünde Cup, Lokschuppen at the middle mole

8 p.m. live-Act "United Four" (free entrance), Lokschuppen at the middle mole





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preview (selection) of offshore program for Saturday, 7th of July

9 a.m. race start IDM Inshore, IDM Offshore, Warnemünde Cup

11 a.m. race start: Laser, Laser Radial, Ixylon, 420er, Skipki 650, 2.4mR

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