



WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE

press release

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

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

## Sunset Reception Sets the Scene - "Ember Sea" Wins Regatta

At the end of the anniversary week, the Mayor of Rostock hosted the traditional Reception on Friday evening. The guests enjoyed a program rich in variety in front of the magnificent backdrop of the Warnemuende beach. There, the Sport & Beach Arena provided a fitting framework for the 250 invited guests during a marvelous sunset. The shanty choir "De Klaashans" greeted the guests with traditional songs before Mayor Roland Methling thanked the sponsors and numerous participants of the 80<sup>th</sup> WARNEMUENDE WEEK: "The city has to take greater financial responsibility for this event, but the event is made by the many supporters. I thank you very much." The good mood of the event was supported by the Warnemuende national costume group with traditional dances as well as by the cellist Ulrich Maiß, the band "Bad Penny" and the singer Christian "Jack" Hänsel. Jürgen Bohn, president of the Warnemuende Sailing Club thanked the attendants: "Stay with us, we need all of you!"

Another highlight was the 77<sup>th</sup> birthday of the founder and longstanding head of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK, Uwe Jahncke, not merely because of the coincidental date 07-07-2017. The remake of this event since 1990, the largest regatta event in the world, counts as his lifetime achievement that otherwise would not have existed without his contribution. In addition, Ingeborg Regenthal of the Warnemuende Association was honored for her long-term commitment as she has been with the summer festival for forty-one years. She has also given advice and supported the Warnemuende Stromerwachen for the past twenty years. The Mayor presented her with the Rostock voluntary work card and Mrs. Rosenthal was visibly moved by this surprise.

Dittmar Möller is a fixture of the regatta team of the Rostock Yacht Club. He was presented with the Golden badge of honor by the honorary chairman of the Sailing Club Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania for his achievements and support of the sailing sport.

The evening, however, was not only about the music, tributes and speeches. The guests also enjoyed a look at the future of the 81<sup>st</sup> WARNEMUENDE WEEK in the next year when the official poster was revealed. The poster was designed by the Hamburg photographer and designer Pepe Hartmann.

## "Ember Sea" Wins the Regatta

The second to last day on the water began with mild temperatures and an agreeable breeze of about ten knots. During the afternoon, the promising breeze dropped to sometimes as low as 2.5 knots and resulted in a forced break on some of the tracks. This affected in total 722 sailors on the water in seven boat





classes and 33 competitions. An impressive amount of 280 boats were swaying in the smooth waves.

Furthermore, the regatta that had started quarter to ten suffered from the declining wind. Only eight of the twelve boats that had started passed the finish lines. The overall champion of the ORC Club class was presented with a special prize as the fastest yacht measured by sailed time and calculated time received the challenge cup in the form of a sherry barrel from hanseboot. Champion of the regatta from Warnemuende to Kühlungsborn and back became the "Ember Sea" under its skipper Matthias Mier. Because the barrel had not been properly soaked before filling it, it was leaking. "The bottles were delivered separately," Matthias Mier explained with a chuckle. "We consequently sailed around the calm area, and my father would have said that I had been the best at reading the wind." Summarizing, the skipper wished that more families would attend the regattas, as for example during the regatta on Wednesday. With his boat "Spatz", Skipper Jan Dittrich won in the category Yardstick-1; and Jan Heyne won in the category Yardstick-2 with his boat "MIRA".

### Suspense Before the Grand Finale on Sunday

Uti and Frank Thieme from Berlin, the current International German Championship holder in the korsar class, are up in the lead by two points in front of the number-one ranked team Axel Obermann and Gerd Linnemann (Berlin/Ville). Two sailors from Mecklenburg are optimistic of winning medals in the class of the Finn dinghy. Jan Kurfeld from Wismar is in the lead, followed by Lars Haverland in second place with eight points behind.

The International German Championship of Sea Sailing could complete four up & down races. Combined with the long-distance race from Thursday, the boats "Dockenhuden" lead in the group ORC1/2, the "IMMAC Fram" in the group ORC3, and the "Bluebird" in ORC4. Nadine Möller of the Baltic Sailing Association, who is happy about the sense of community in the former Olympic class Europe, could outperform the competition at Saturday's regatta. The former world champion in the OK jolly boat class from 2015 and renowned sailing talent, André Budzien, has to make do with being in the third place for now, behind Christian Rasmussen from Denmark and Jonas Börjesson from Sweden.

Like the sailors from the other boat classes of the regatta, the 505 class looked forward to the fresh finishing beer at the end of a long day. After two completed races, the local heroes Lutz Stengel and Frank Feller of the Rostock Yacht Club could improve to the third place in the overall rankings. On Sunday, it will be seen if they can convert their outstanding sailing performance into a medal. They are behind the silver rank by only one point. The Danish brothers Jorgen and Jacob Bojysen-Møller could increase their lead over Nathan Batchelor and Sam Pascoe from Britain. The sailors of the pirate and 420 boat classes also completed four races. However, because of protest arguments the results have not come in yet at the editorial deadline.





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## PHOTOS

*PM\_IMG\_1167*

Photo: Matthias Marx

Caption: Traditional Reception of the Mayor of Rostock during the 80<sup>th</sup> edition of the WARNEMUENDE WEEK

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Photo: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: Jan Kurfeld from Wismar is in the lead, followed by Lars Haverland in second place with eight points behind.

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Photo: Matthias Marx

Caption: Inge Regenthal of the Warnemuende Association was honored for her long-term commitment by the Mayor of Rostock

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Photo: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: Sport & Beach Area offered ideal sportive as well as festive conditions for the Reception of the Mayor of Rostock

*PM\_4234*

Photo: Pepe Hartmann

Caption: Champion of the regatta from Warnemuende to Kühlungsborn and back became the "Ember Sea"

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Photo: Felix Lange

Caption: As usual, the qualifying matches of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Beach Handball Tournament were emotionally charged

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