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# PRESSE RELEASE

## 81ST EDITION OF WARNEMÜNDER WOCHE BECOMES MORE AND MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR SAILORS

*The 81st edition of Warnemünder Woche offered a variety of sporting highlights including America's Cup glamour during the A-Cat European Championship, a top-class OK Dinghy competition with Olympic participants and multiple world champions as well as the Laser Euro Cup. "Adding the Kite EC to the programme at short notice added the cherry to the cake for a perfect week in Warnemünde," states the satisfied Chief Race Manager, Peter Ramcke. This year, the event marked a high with 1.800 athletes from 33 nations and around 1000 boats. "We will continue our efforts in the coming years to enrich Warnemünder Woche with further championships," says Ramcke, who will lead the sporting events for the third year. Jürgen Missing supports him as a marketing expert. According to him, "we have achieved a lot, but of course there are still some challenges. For example, we have not yet come up with a solution for the offshore race around Bornholm." The "Fastnet Race" of the Baltic is unique and the participating sailors are enthusiastic. However, the number of participants could be higher. "Round Bornholm is like a rough diamond. We still have to grind it a bit to attract more boats for the race," states Missing.*

This year's edition of the Warnemünder Woche allowed for a perfect performance for dinghies and kites. "The Championships will enhance the sport offer of the Warnemünder Woche. Therefore we are

also looking for suitable classes for the next years. For 2019, we already received the approval to host the J/22 Worlds, the Race Board Worlds and again the Euro Cup of Lasers," says Ramcke. Next year, 50 J/22 keel boats, 100 surf race boarder and 250 laser 4.7, radial and standard are expected.

"Unfortunately, we only had 120 lasers this year. The World Championships in Kiel and the European Championships prevented from having more," states Ramcke. This is why, the Laser Class Association did not stick to the biennial rhythm of the race and assigned the next Euro Cup to Warnemünde in 2019.

All in all, Ramcke and Missing are very satisfied with the 81st edition of Warnemünder Woche. The partnerships between the associations, the organisers, the tourism office and the city are growing. To highlight only two examples of public support: This year saw the possibility to pick up the kites on the beach at short notice and an expensive pontoon was provided which allows for launching trolleys at the central pier. Ramcke sums up the Warnemünder Woche Regattas: "We don't want to grow any further. We want to offer a sailing event that is tangible and attractive for those involved. It aims to be simple, inexpensive and of good quality." Missing adds, "we have made a great leap forward from 2017 to 2018. We can build on that." Now it is time to cut the rough diamond and to add new cherries to the cake in 2019.