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The ice retreat continued, there are many puddles on the ice and the fast ice is breaking up in places.

North Sea coast

In the Northfrisian Wadden Sea there is 15-30 cm thick compact ice in the harbour of Tönning, else mostly open water to open 5-15 cm thick drift ice. On the Elbe near Brunsbüttel and on the Kiel Canal there is open water. Open water occurs also on the Weser near Bremerhaven and in sheltered places on the Ems.

Western Baltic Sea

On the inner Schlei 10-15 cm thick open ice, in the outer part open water. Open water in the harbour of Heiligenhafen. In the harbour of Wismar there is open 15-20 cm thick ice, farther out past Walfisch about 20 cm thick very close ice, finally 10-15cm close ice a short way to Timmendorf. In Rostock there is from 5-10cm thick very close ice in the city harbour to open water in the sea channel of Warnemünde. The Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst are covered with 10-20 cm thick ice.

Southern Baltic Sea

In the northern approach to Stralsund and on the fairway to Hiddensee there is 15-30 cm thick compact ice and fast ice. In the eastern approach to Stralsund there is 10-15 cm thick compact ice to Palmer Ort, followed by open ice in direction Freesendorfer Haken. Along the shores of the Greifswalder Bodden there is 10-30 cm thick compact and fast ice. The southern Peenestrom and the Kleines Haff are covered with 10-30 cm thick fast ice. Open water in the port of Sassnitz.

Outlook

Further ice decrease.

Restrictions to navigation

To Stralsund, Wolgast and the harbours in the southern Greifswalder Bodden (Lubmin, Vierow, Ladebow) assistance is given only to ships with minimum ice class 1C and engine power not less than 1000 kW, also only daytime navigation is allowed and use of pilot and convoy formation are mandatory.

The northern approach to Stralsund, southern Peenestrom, Kleines Haff and river Peene are closed for navigation.

Icebreaker: ARKONA is present in the Greifswalder Bodden.

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