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The ice has further decreased.

**Western Baltic Sea**

In the Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst there is open to close 5-10 cm thick rotten ice, in places.

**Southern Baltic Sea**

In the northern approach to Stralsund and east of Hiddensee there is close to very close 5-15 cm thick rotting ice with areas of open water. In the eastern approach to Stralsund there is very open 5-10 cm thick ice from the port to Palmer Ort and at Osttief. In the Greifswalder Bodden there is close, about 20 cm thick ice at the northern shore, and very close, partly ridged 1-15 cm thick rotten ice is present at places at the southern shore, else there is mostly open water. On the northern Peenestrom there is very open thin ice to Ruden. In the sheltered areas of the southern Peenestrom there is very close 10 cm thick rotten ice, else ice-free. Kleines Haff is covered by 5-10 cm thick rotting fast ice with open places in the west and in the south.

**Outlook**

Ice retreat in the German coastal waters will accelerate due to increasing air temperatures and temporary rain. Easterly to northeasterly ice drift is expected due to freshening winds from westerly directions.

**Restrictions to navigation**

To Stralsund, Wolgast and the harbours in the Greifswalder Bodden only daytime navigation with pilot is allowed.

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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