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Some eastward ice drift, the ice is beginning to rott and is decreasing.

Western Baltic Sea

On the Schlei there is open thin ice, in places. At Rostock there is compact 5-20 cm thick ice in places along the shores in the city port and on Unterwarnow, else open water. The Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst are covered with up to 15 cm thick ice.

Southern Baltic Sea

In the northern approach to Stralsund and east of Hiddensee there is 5-15 cm thick close to very close ice and fast ice, on the fairway Schaprode – Hiddensee close 8-12 cm thick ice occurs. In the ports of Sassnitz and Mukran and in the entrances there is open water. In the eastern approach to Stralsund there is open to close, 5-10 cm thick ice from Stralsund port to Freesendorfer Haken, farther out close ice in Landtiefrinne and partly at Osttief. In the Greifswalder Bodden there is 5-20 cm thick fast ice along the northern coast and in the Dänische Wiek, else the Bodden is covered by close, 5-15 cm thick ice. On the northern Peenestrom there is close to open 5-15 cm thick ice to Ruden. Southern Peenestrom and Kleines Haff are mostly covered with 10-15 cm thick ice. At sea in the Pomeranian Bight there are stripes and smaller areas of 5-15cm open to very close ice.

Outlook

Today the ice will drift towards the south/southeast, then tomorrow toward the northeast. Although temperatures will drop below zero during night, the warmer temperatures and sunshine during day will lead to further ice decrease.

Restrictions to navigation

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

Icebreaker: Icebreaker ARKONA and ice breaking vessels are present in the fairways to Stralsund, Wolgast and Greifswald.

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