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General ice decrease, the remaining ice has drifted northeastwards, so the ice has accumulated in front of the northern shores of the Greifswalder Bodden and Kleines Haff and more open areas appeared outside the southern shores.

Western Baltic Sea

On the Schlei there is very open thin ice, in places. Some new ice in the port of Neustadt. At Rostock there is open water. The Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst are covered with 5-10 cm thick ice with open areas.

Southern Baltic Sea

In the northern approach to Stralsund and east of Hiddensee there is 5-15 cm thick close and fast ice, on the fairway Schaprode – Hiddensee open 4-8 cm thick ice occurs. In the port of Sassnitz there is up to 15cm thick open ice. In the eastern approach to Stralsund there is 5-10cm open ice in places. In the Greifswalder Bodden there is 5-15 cm thick very close or compact ice along the northern coast and in the Dänische Wiek, else there is 5-15cm open to close ice in places, which is drifting slowly in northeasterly direction out of the Bodden. On the Peenestrom there is mostly open water. The Kleines Haff is mostly covered with 10-15 cm thick very close ice, with open areas predominantly in the south. At sea in the southern Pomeranian Bight there are stripes of 5-10cm very open to close ice.

Outlook

Maximum day temperatures of about 10°C, with sunshine today and rain tomorrow will foster ice melt. The ice will decrease and in the meantime drift in northeasterly direction.

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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