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Apart from Kleines Haff it is mostly ice free, with ice remnants in some coastal places The ice decay continues.

North Sea coast

The Elbe is mostly ice free, in the harbour of Glückstadt close 5-20 cm thick ice occurs.

Western Baltic Sea

At Wismar and in the Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst there are some ice remnants, but mostly ice free.

Southern Baltic Sea

In the Bodden waters between Rügen and Hiddensee and in the northern approach to Stralsund there is very open ice in places. The harbour of Stralsund and the eastern approach to Stralsund is mostly ice free. At the coasts of the Greifswalder Bodden there is about 10 cm thick close to very close, rotten ice in places, mostly at eastern shores. The northern Peenestrom is ice free. On southern Peenestrom and Kleines Haff there is 10-15 cm thick, rotten fast ice with some open areas.

Outlook

The ice remnants outside the Kleines Haff will disappear during the next 1-3 days; in the Haff the ice will decrease. Restrictions will be loosened today or over the weekend.

Restrictions

The northern approach to Stralsund and Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst are closed for navigation.

Only daytime navigation is allowed in the eastern approach to Stralsund and in approaches to Wolgast as well as to the harbours in Greifswalder Bodden and Kleines Haff.

To Stralsund port, to Wolgast port and to ports in Greifswalder Bodden use of pilot are mandatory.

Only ships with minimum ice class 1C and engine power not less than 1000 kW are assisted to Stralsund, Wolgast and the harbours in the southern Greifswalder Bodden (Lubmin, Vierow, Ladebow).

Icebreakers

ARKONA and some icebreaking vessels are working in the eastern waters.

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