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In the inner coastal waters ice retreat started two days ago. With freshening southwesterly winds ice is drifting northeastwards and is compacting on the windward coasts.

Western Baltic Sea

Inner Schlei is ice-free. The Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst are partly covered with up to 5 cm thick, rottening ice.

Southern Baltic Sea

The northern fairway to Stralsund is covered with 5-10 cm thick, partly rafted, rottening ice. In the northern part of the Bodden waters between Hiddensee and Rügen there is close to very close, partly compact, rottening 5-15 cm thick ice, in the southern part very open ice is drifting: on the fairway there is open water. On the eastern fairway to Stralsund some rotten ice may occur between Stralsund and Palmer Ort. In the Greifswalder Bodden there is close to very close, thin, rottening ice or compacted shuga in sheltered regions near the coasts, in the harbour of Greifswald-Ladebow about 10 cm thick, rottening ice occurs. On the northern Peenestrom there is close, thin, rottening ice. Southern Peenestrom is covered with 5-10 cm thick, rottening ice, on the southern coast of the Kleines Haff there is compact, 5-10 cm thick, rottening ice, on the southern coast there is open to close ice.

Outlook

Due to milder air, temporary rain and freshening winds from westerly directions ice will continue to melt very rapidly.

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