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The ice has retreated in all regions, on the remaining ice there are many puddles.

North Sea

In the North-Frisian Wadden Sea there are minor ice remnants, in places. In the harbour of Tönning there is open 5-10 cm thick ice, and at Eiderdamm very close 10-15 cm thick ice may occur. Open thin ice is present in the harbour of Hamburg. At the entrance to Kiel Canal there is at Brunsbüttel close thin ice. On the Ems open water occurs, in places.

Western Baltic Sea

On the Schlei there is very open, thin, rotten ice to Arnis. At Rostock there is close, 5-10 cm thick ice with many puddles and ice-free areas on the Unterwarnow. The Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst are covered with 5-10 cm thick fast ice; on the ice there are thaw holes and many puddles.

Southern Baltic Sea

The Bodden waters between Hiddensee and Rügen as well as the waters north of Stralsund are mostly covered with 5-10 cm thick ice; on the ice there are thaw holes and many puddles. From Stralsund Port to Freesendorfer Haken there is very close to close, 5-15 cm thick, rotten ice, farther on the fairways very open thin ice to Osttief. In the Greifswalder Bodden there is very close to compact, up to 15 cm thick rotten ice near the coasts, else very open to close thin ice occurs. In the port of Sassnitz there is very open 5-10 cm thick ice. The Peenestrom is covered by 5-15 cm thick ice with thaw holes and many puddles south of Peenemünde, farther out open thin ice occurs past Ruden. In the Kleines Haff there is close to compact, 5-20 cm thick ice, with puddles on the ice and areas of very open ice.

Outlook

Rainy weather with maximum temperatures above 5°C will lead to an accelerated ice retreat, with many regions becoming ice-free during the next three days.

Restrictions to navigation

From 24.01.2013 18:00: Northern approach to Stralsund (including Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst), southern Peenestrom and Kleines Haff are closed for navigation.

From 25.01.2013 00:00: 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.

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