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The ice starts to melt.

**Western Baltic Sea**

In the ports of Schleswig and Wismar open water can be found. The ports of Heiligenhafen and Neustadt are ice free. In Rostock there is very open new ice in places. The Bodden of Zingst-Darß is partly covered by open to very close thin new ice. In the Bodden between Rügen and Hiddensee, close to very close, 5-15 cm thick ice occurs. In the fairway there is open water. In the Strelasund there is very close, 5-15 cm thick ice.

**Southern Baltic Sea**

In the Greifswalder Bodden, close to very close 5-17 cm thick ice can be found in sheltered bays. Further off, very close new ice has formed in the Bodden and in the sea area next to the Bodden, very open to very close new ice and open water can be found. The port of Sassnitz is ice free. In the Peene Strait there is very open to very close new ice north of Wolgast up to Peenemünde-Ruden and south of Wolgast, very close, 5-17 cm thick ice occurs. In the Szczecin Lagoon there is open and very close, 5-15 cm thick level ice.

**Outlook**

The ice will melt slowly. Week ice drift to the east is possible.

**Restrictions**

The southern Peene Strait, the Achterwasser and the Kleines Haff are closed for ship traffic. Only daytime navigation is allowed in the northern approach to Stralsund (including Bodden waters west), eastern approach to Stralsund from Landtief B to the ports in the Greifswalder Bodden and Stralsund and in the northern Peenestrom. Begin and end of daytime navigation can be obtained on VHF: Warnemuende traffic center, Stralsund traffic channel 67 and Wolgast traffic channel 09.

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