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North Sea coast

In general the area is ice free. But ice forms on the wadden in the Northfrisian Wadden sea at low tide and begins to drift at higher tide, so that thin ice is present in places. In very sheltered regions like the Emden inner harbor, new ice is present in places.

Western Baltic Sea

In some sheltered areas from Flensburg to Rostock, there is open water with new ice. On the Schlei there is 5-10cm thick level ice and further out to Kappeln there is close new ice. In the Bodden waters south of Darß and Zingst and in the inner areas around Rügen there is level ice, up to 10-15cm thick.

Southern Baltic Sea

Near Stralsund there is new ice and somewhat further out there is new ice in places on the fairway. At the coast of the Greifswalder Bodden there is 5-10cm thick level ice in some sheltered areas and new ice and ice formation further out. The central part is still ice free. The Peenestrom and the Kleines Haff are mostly covered by new ice with some areas with up to 15cm thick level ice.

Outlook

With continuous frost over the weekend, even in regions in the North Sea, ice formation will continue. Towards Monday warmer air will enter the region and the temperatures will increase to values over 5°C in places, so the ice will melt and disappear in many regions.

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