



Inspiring people for the ocean during the Ocean Awareness Days in Niendorf

For the sixth time, the German Ocean Foundation hosted the Ocean Awareness Days in Niendorf/Timmendorfer Strand where people were able to learn and interact with the ocean through a diverse 10-day program.



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With the aim of educating and raising awareness of the Baltic Sea habitat and its threats, the Ocean Awareness Days offered an exciting, interactive program for schoolchildren and vacationers of all ages. The project consisted of three main modules from the 9th to 18th of August, curated by the German Ocean Foundation with support of the Schleswig-Holstein Nature Conservation Foundation.

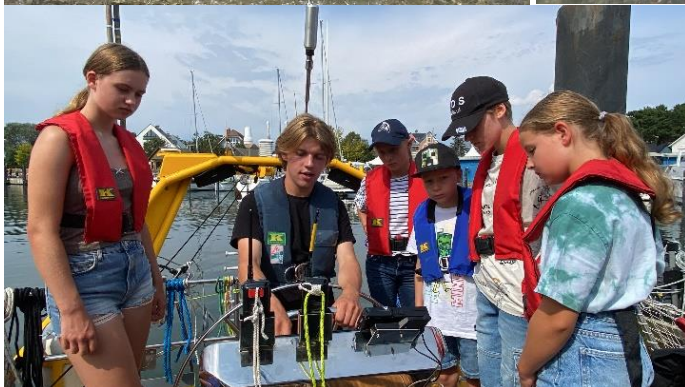
- meeresRAUM: three themed tents on the festival meadow in Niendorf harbour, including monitors with ocean films, an aquarium, VR-movies and the European Atlas of the Seas
- sailingLAB: marine research experiments on board the research and media vessel ALDEBARAN for children and young people aged 10 and over
- beachLAB: guided beach walk for the whole family to get to know the Baltic Sea and its inhabitants

The meeresRAUM was open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., where people had the chance to learn more about marine conservation issues. The program included educational material on marine pollution with VR content, an aquarium displaying local species to experience the beauty of marine ecosystems, a creative crafting corner and the opportunity to explore and learn about the EU Atlas of the Seas.



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At the guided beachLAB, which took place daily in the morning hours from 10.30 to 12.00 for up to thirty people, families could get active themselves and discover the small inhabitants of the Baltic Sea at the edge of the waves between the groynes of Niendorf beach and later take a closer look in the aquariums or even examine them under the binoculars. The media and research vessel ALDEBARAN was available for research expeditions on the Baltic Sea for groups of eight children and young people from August 9th to 16th.



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The successful project was very well received and – not least due to the excellent promotion of the event - well attended with almost every day fully booked, especially for the workshops. The Ocean Awareness Days resonated very well with the locals and visitors, and we were able to, once again, get more people involved with the marine ecosystems right on our doorstep.

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