

## Safe the Date

### The International Waterbike Regatta 2024 in Flensburg

#### What is the IWR?

The International Waterbike Regatta (IWR for short) has existed since 1980 and is considered "the largest student water sports event in Europe" [Förderacer FH Kiel] with several hundred participants. Student teams from all over Europe travel to a different venue once a year to compete in various disciplines with their self-built water bikes. These boats are by no means comparable to the pleasure water bikes from the quarry pond, but are constructions trimmed for performance or unusual design. Most of the participants have a background in marine engineering or shipbuilding, so the knowledge they learn in the lectures flows into the construction of the boats. Disciplines include acceleration races, long-distance races, measuring bollard pull or forward-stop-backward, just to name some. There are hardly any rules, the important thing is that the boats are self-built, the propulsive power comes from your legs and you have fun at the event.

#### What are we planning for 2024?

The IWR 2024 is planned to take place from 15-20.05.2024 here in Flensburg, the host is the "Tretboot- AG", the student team of the University of applied Science Flensburg. Flensburg is a city very in the north of Germany. The Fjord of Flensburg ("Flensburger Förde") is connected to the Baltic Sea and a paradise fore all kind of water sport.



*A scene from the IWR 2023 in Kiel*

#### References

After movie of the IWR 2023 in Kiel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTCWnVXUdLc>

After movie of the IWR 2019 in Ratzeburg:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HC7o780WPNU>



*Relaxed atmosphere in the pit lane*

#### Interested in participating?

If you are a group of students and like to learn more about the event, you know already you like to participate or if you would like your e-mail to be included in the distribution list, than feel free to send us a message: [info@iwr2024.com](mailto:info@iwr2024.com)