

Mourning for one of the most experienced competition judges in Germany - Gerhard Meyboden

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The German Rowing Association mourns Gerhard Meyboden. The internationally renowned competition judge passed away suddenly and unexpectedly a few days ago. The news of his death not only affected the Hamburg rowing family, but also his large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the rowing world. We mourn with his family for a good friend and comrade.

In addition to his passion for worldwide cruises, especially to the Arctic and Antarctic, rowing was an essential part of Gerhard's life. Here he found his fulfilment. This was offset by the many visits to classical concerts in his hometown of Hamburg.



Gerhard began his rowing career as a student rower before he found his sporting home at RG Hansa. After brief competitive sports activities, he switched to the side of the trainer and officials and initially held a variety of functions as a trainer and board member in his club. In addition, he also acquired the licenses required for a national and international referee career.

For decades he was a formative referee at national and international regattas. In addition to many appointments as an international referee at World Cups, World and European Championships, his participation as a DRV referee at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio were the highlights of his international career.

In addition, his work in the General Alster Club/North German Rowing Association, which has been going on since the 1970s, was a very important part of his life.

He was also involved in many positions and functions in the Hamburg State Rowing Association.

He started out with duties on the board of the Hamburg Rowing Youth before becoming a member of the AAC/NRB board. Among other things, he was also very active here as the person responsible for teaching in the training and further education of the Hamburg trainers and trainees.

He achieved his greatest fame as the "Man of the Regatta". The regatta facility in Hamburg-Allermöhe and the regattas held there were his "baby". Gerhard was there from the beginning of the construction of the facility to its present form. He was able to contribute his knowledge to every detail and often determined the further development in constructive-critical discussions with the city and his board colleagues. His detailed knowledge and knowledge of structural features has often helped to avoid going astray.

Gerhard also stood for tradition and, with his love for rowing and regattas, always found the way to a good and constructive solution and further development. He was also involved in the expansion planning for the Allermöhe site until the very end.

Gerhard was a reliable comrade and still had many plans for this year.

His death catches us unprepared and affects us. He will always be with us in our thoughts