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## **Motorsport**

## Audi boat race at the Norisring

- DTM drivers to compete in paper boats
- Audi teams as boat constructors

There have been quite a few drivers who, after an exploit in the Nuremberg Norisring race, would end up taking a – voluntary or involuntary – dip in the "Dutzendteich". This year the lake which immediately adjoins the city circuit and the paddock will be the scene of a race itself: During the DTM round in Nuremberg (21 to 23 July) the Audi DTM drivers will compete against each other in a boat race on the "Dutzendteich".

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The boats are pretty unusual, though: The race will be contested in "paper boats" made of cardboard. The boats sporting the liveries of the Audi DTM vehicles will be hand-made by the pit crews of the respective Audi drivers. The only materials they are allowed to use are paper, cardboard, adhesive film, tape and ropes. The boats will be "powered" by paddles and sails.

In the constructions of their mechanics the Audi DTM drivers will have to cover a distance on the lake in as short a time as possible without a shipwreck. The originality of the boats will be rated as well. The victorious crew, consisting of the mechanics and the driver, will be rewarded with valuable prizes.

"During our fitness camp we made sure that all our DTM drivers are able to swim," said Audi Head of Motorsport Dr Wolfgang Ullrich with a twinkle in his eye. "I'm already eager to see which one of our teams will come up with the most creative idea."

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