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New Boat Lift in Niederfinow: Launch scheduled for the end of 2022

The steel giant in the Barnimer Land has already started moving – during a trial period the lift is being operated several times a day for inland waterway vessels. The newly built, second boat lift in Niederfinow can overcome a rise of 36 metres. It has taken a good 13 years to build, and the test phase will continue until the third quarter of 2022, after which time it will be officially inaugurated. It is operated by just one person, whose workstation is almost 50 metres above the ground. The boat lift connects Stettin harbour on the Baltic Sea with Berlin via the Oder-Havel Canal. A new lift became necessary because the old one from 1934 is too small for today's coasters and freight

vessels. The new boat lift stands next to the old one and will soon become another of the region's tourist attractions. Around 150,000 visitors come here each year. Many of them experience the lift at first hand, by buying a ticket for a boat trip and going on board a few hundred metres behind the lift. The boat moves into the lift, is raised up, turns around and is lowered back down again. A very special experience, and one that lasts around 1.5 hours!

Further information: <https://niederfinow.de/schiffshebewerk>

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