

P.S. Hope you like the newsletter, even though a little out of date.

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO ORGANISATION

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FIRST OF ALL, thank you for showing an interest in "FREE RADIO", and for writing to us.

Before we explain more about ourselves and free radio, we must point out that not only is the cause that we support free, but also is your membership of the "Merseyside Free Radio Organisation". In fact, everyone who writes to us will automatically become a member, because we want to encourage as many people as we can to join our cause. If you do want to help the cause of Free Radio, not only by your support, but financially, we suggest you send your donations directly to Radio Nordsee International, P.O. Box 113, Surich 8047, Switzerland, or to any of the other free radio stations such as Radio Sovereign or Capital Radio, depending on your choice.

In fact, all we ask of you is to send an S.A.E. each time you write so that we can reply as soon as possible.

We do not operate any offers for free radio tapes, because we want to hear free radio back LIVE again, and the only way to achieve this is by gathering as much support as we can. If you wish, however, we can arrange a correspondence for you between other members, so that you can air your views about different topics.

We will also send you a regular newsletter about all the latest events on the free radio scene, not only on Merseyside, but also internationally.

We also keep in close touch with the Free Radio Association, and invite you to write to them if you wish at 239, Eastwood Road, Rayleigh, Essex, and they will be able to provide you with promotional material such as pirate tapes and car stickers if you wish to broadcast your free radio views.

As I'm sure you realise, the last time Merseyside heard her own free radio ship was on March 3rd, 1968, when Caroline North left the air to be towed away to Holland by a Dutch tug. What most people did not realise at the time was that this was the end of the whole Radio Caroline organisation, because Radio Caroline South was also towed away the same day to Holland. The reason for this, was of course, because of inadequate funds after the Marine Offences Bill of August, 1967 had reduced their income by outlawing all the "Offshore Radio Stations".

Since the demise of Radio Caroline, the only remaining "Pirate" still left on the air is the Radio Veronica ship, broadcasting on 192 metres. Radio Nordsee International made several brave attempts to being back independent radio, but alas, in September 1970, after only six months of multi-frequency broadcasting, she too was forced to close because of financial reasons. Her future is still in the balance, and her recent move to a position off the Belgian Coast has suggested that her Directors Erwin Meister and Edwin Bollier might be making a further attempt to start the RNI broadcasts. Anyway, we shall wait and see.....

31st January, 1971 - Radio North Sea Returns

After many weeks of speculation about RNI, the station finally began test transmissions on 31st January, on 244 metres. Reception was really excellent here on Merseyside, and the broadcast lasted into the early hours of Sunday, playing "GOLDEN OLDIES" particularly American records, interrupted regularly by RNI'S theme song "Man of Action".

Test broadcasts are continuing at the time of writing this letter, sometimes on 227 metres also: This certainly looks as if RNI will be back with full strength transmission shortly.

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In the next newsletter, we will outline recent attempts at starting land-based stations on the Wirral "RADIO MERSEYLAND" "RADIO RHONDA" and "RADIO 255", which were in operation last year, also "RADIO FREE MERSEYSIDE".

Bye for Now

Phil Price (Merseyside Free Radio Organisation.)

Phil Price

MFRO - Membership Number :W.50.....

Dear Alfred,

I have been hearing your recent broadcasts on 227 metres in the medium wave. - I would have written earlier except for the postal strike.

I have heard you playing records on Monday and Friday nights between 6.00 and 7.00, and last Monday I heard you playing: "a touch of velvet, a sting of brass", "Telstar", "Baby, don't take your love to town", "Swiss Maid", "Wichita Lineman", "Wonderful World - Beautiful people", "Something in the air", and "The show is over" by Petula Clark. I also heard you play "Man of action", - R.N.I's theme song.

I am interested to know where you are broadcasting from, because the reception here is very good.

Hope to hear from you and how you are getting on.

Sincerely,

Phil Price.