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Dear Alfred, I am trying to obtain a ~~small~~ couple of crystals, and I am willing to pay a fairly good price for them. If you have one to spare, (Any frequency), please let me know, and I will make you an offer for it. ...By the way, I have heard your test tones on 225.

I have enclosed an SAE.

Hope to hear from you,

Phil

*Phil Price*

# Radio Caroline sails back to her moorings

The 274-ton Mi Amigo, which carries the North Sea pirate pop station Radio Caroline, set out for her old moorings off Scheveningen, near The Hague, to-day, after her seizure last night by the Dutch authorities had been lifted.

A spokesman at the Dutch lawyer's office in Amsterdam, where talks

lasting several hours were held between the ship's crew and its Irish-born owner, Mr. Ronan O'Rahilly, said a satisfactory financial settlement had been reached between the two parties.

The Mi Amigo was towed out of IJmuiden harbour, near Amsterdam, by a Dutch fishing vessel.

Trouble aboard the ship started on December 28, when the 48-years-old Dutch master, Captain Will Van Der Kamp, reported a mutiny on board and fired off flares.

Two days later, Captain Van Der Kamp ordered a tug to tow him into IJmuiden.

Captain Van Der Kamp

told reporters: "My lads have not received their wages for months now." He estimated that the 12 crew had wages claims totalling 32,000 guilders (about £4,000).

To-day, it was stated that the owner had settled all back payments with the crew and the seizure had been lifted.

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The above article was taken from the "Liverpool Echo" during the first week in January, 1973, .... The latest news about the return of Radio Caroline is certainly the best news we could have hoped for. The contents of this article are what happened after Radio Caroline made the B.B.C. and National news on December 28th, 1972, following a "Mutiny" on board the Mi Amigo.

The Mi Amigo, after being fitted out and towed out into the North Sea near to R.N.I., has been making transmissions on 199 metres, and reception reports have been poor in this country. Apparently, on December 27th, 1972, the Dutch crew complained that they had not been paid their wages "for months". In consequence, the oil feed pipes to the ship's generator were disconnected. The three English Disc Jockeys, wishing naturally to continue Caroline's broadcast, protested, and what followed has been described by the press and television reports as a mutiny, ending with the Captain, Wil Van Der Kamp, being locked up on board.

Shortly after these events took place, the Mi Amigo was forcibly towed back to Holland near Scheveningen, and the Dutch Government held it there until, on January 2nd, the ship sailed back into the North Sea as described in the article. Transmissions have now recommenced on 252 metres, although the callsign is still "This Caroline, on 259 metres".

The signal is now much stronger, and we hope that this is the start of a good year for Radio Caroline. Ronan O'Rahilly, the man who has always been behind Caroline, should be congratulated for his efforts in restarting the station. Some people are saying that this is a good publicity stunt for Caroline. Well, there remains this possibility, but even so, it certainly warrants some publicity, because Caroline has had so much bad luck in the past.

CFRO would like to take this opportunity in wishing Caroline and all the offshore stations the best of success in 1973.

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## NEW REGULAR CFRO NEWS BULLETINS

This year, we hope to start off the New Year on a good basis, and produce more regular news bulletins, which, we hope, will contain all the latest up-to-date news on the free radio scene. At the moment, there is quite a lot of International news which we can cover, with very little happening locally. It is just over a year ago when local news highlighted our newsletters, so perhaps during 1973 we might have some news about local events later on. You can be sure that we will include them in our future pages.



# Tune in & TURN ON Radio NorthSea International

Car stickers bearing this slogan with large RNI name in centre...5p each.

Aswell as stickers, we have back copies of newsletters FREE, (S.A.E. please)

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Free Radio Enthusiasts! ... Buy all the latest news in one magazine: S.I.R.A., 91, Park Street, Horsham, Sussex, have the magazine out now at 25p.

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Hi there, country cousins.... CFRO can recommend the great magazine produced by the big wide 'n' wonderful world of Daffy Don Allen. With all the latest on the free radio scene, and what it was Really like on Caroline. S.A.E. to : 110, Birch Hill Park, Onchan, Isle of Man.

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Olivia Newton-John: Admirers please drop us a line... We're fans here ourselves!

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DISCO-FANTASTIC!! Contact: Bonnie Dee, Caroline Discotheque Studios, 4A, Prescot St., Liverpool,

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RADIO CAROLINE mailing address: P.O. Box 2448, the Hague, Holland.

### Local News

Well, as usual, very little. Radio 222 were the only ones to broadcast over Christmas, and we believe that the signal was fairly strong on the Wirral, especially in the Wallasey area. We haven't a lot of information on the station, but we did anticipate that there would be a broadcast during the festive season. As for all the other local land based stations, there has been nothing, but we believe that a new transmitter is being built by a free radio enthusiast on the Wirral. We will keep you up to date on these new movements, and at the moment, the people concerned tell us it will be Easter before the first broadcast takes place. However, we shall wait and see. There have some test tones of various frequencies on 225 metres, usually around midnight, but, as yet, we have no grounds for thinking that this may be Radio Merseyland doing testbroadcasts.

Till our next newsletter, keep your radios tuned in, and let us know if you hear any new local transmissions. You can ring us at: 051-608 4826 if you hear anything of interest.

MEMBER NUMBER A51, from Chingford, London, E.4, writes for CFRO.

### "THE DEATH OF A GREAT STATION"

"Radio Essex International: It all started last April with me getting a radio transmitter. We started testing on 227 metres, and 6.3MHZ short wave around 14th Sept. (Sunday). But, due to back modulation (??Ed), we had to pack in. The following Sunday, we went on 227 metres at 10 o'clock, with our first scheduled programme, the Kenny Keen show. Then about 2P.M., about 5 minute into the Bob Melford show, we had to move, and the following Sunday, we went on, and peter the engineer smelt something funny. Then, without warning, the generator went up with a bang. So it was decided to close down. It is unlikely that we will return, untill we get some new equipment. If you can help, or want information, write to:

EASTERN CHANNEL, PRODUCTIONS LTD, 83, ConningtonCrecent, Chingford, London, E.4."

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### Note from Area Organiser, Phil Price.

If you have any questions or ideas on the contents or format of this news bulletin, please let us have them as soon as possible. Also, any articles on local or international events are always welcome, and we will try to fit them in. The next bulletin should (Hopefully), be out by mid February, so you can send in your comments now. We hope to place some advertisements in the musical press this month in order to boost memberships, so if you know of anyone at all who is interested, please let us send them some information. Till the next time, keep tuned in to Caroline, and don't forget to tell your friends to always tune to RNI, Veronica, and Caroline. All the best for 1973!!