

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENEWeek ending Sunday 21st June 1987

All the usual local stations were heard this weekend, though some of them appear to have had a few problems, and once again some of the early morning schedules have been missed.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3 FM: 13, Kipling Avenue, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 2DH  
This station was noted from 12:28pm on Sunday, after apparently signing-on at noon. Schedule is presumed to have been:-

Sun: Noon Tom Webb; 12:15pm Jim Lowe; 12:30pm Tom Webb; 12:45pm Jim Lowe; 1:08pm Tom Webb with close-down announcements.

The station said that they are currently setting up on Medium Wave and hope to be back on the air again soon on both FM and AM

SCOTT FM 102.3MHz: 2, Greta Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 8ED

This station was already on the air when checked at 5:50pm on Sunday. They say that from next weekend they may have at least one more DJ and are hoping to open up earlier.

Noted this week were:

Sun: 6pm Jimmy Coleman; 8pm Mike Smith; 10pm Charles Browne; Midnight(?) close-down

RADIO ATLANTIS 936kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 1JW

This week, the station is advertising a "Merchandise Section" for the sale of various tapes, and hopefully in the near future they will be able to offer loop aerials. On Friday they announced that they would be "testing" another frequency after 5pm, but nothing was found. On either Saturday or Sunday, Steve Bishop said that it had been a busy 11 days, inferring that Radio Atlantis had been on the air every day, but nothing was noted here. On Sunday, the station was off the air for a few minutes shortly after 5pm. When they returned at 5:20pm, Rick Dane apologised for the break in transmission, saying that they were having problems with someone from one of the other local stations and asking the "minders" to come round straight away. He said that all Atlantis were trying to do was run a free radio station and leave others to get on with running theirs. The station closed down a few minutes early and said that they would be moving location in time for Monday's broadcast. Noted have been:-

Mon: 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 5pm Steve Bishop; 7pm close-down

Fri: 10:45am Cont Music; 11am Steve Bishop; 2pm Rick Dane; 5pm close-down

Sat: 11am Rick Dane; 2pm Steve Bishop; 5pm close-down

Sun: 10am Steve Bishop (Free Radio Show); 11am Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 5pm off...  
5:20pm Rick Dane; 5:50pm close-down

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L 46 7UW

This station was noted from 11:27pm on Thursday night with an un-recognised DJ and it isn't known whether they were on the air all night or not. They disappeared from the air at 12:08pm on Friday, and this apparently had the effect of causing Radio Julie to delay their start to 5pm, when Mersey Waves had been back on the air for an hour. Phil Davies did two early morning shows for them, but it is possible that some of the other DJs may have left. Tony West, who was asked over the air to call at the studio was heard on Radio Julie on Saturday afternoon and also from Midnight Saturday, when he was supposed to be doing a joint-show with "Roy". Noted this week have been:-

Mon: 7am Mark Palmer; 11am DJ Sidney; 1pm Peter Thomas; 3pm Tony West; 5pm Mark Palmer; 7pm Steve Coltrane; 9pm Peter Thomas; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am T.P.Toppick; 3am close-down

Thur: .....11:27pm Unknown DJ (Roy??).....

Fri: 7am Mark Palmer; 10am T.P.Toppick; Noon John Cecchini & Dave Ralphs; 12:08pm off...  
4:15pm Intermittant music and annets; 5pm Peter Thomas; 6pm Paul Woods; 8pm DJ Sidney; 10:40pm Kevin Jordan; Midnight Tony West; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (to 8am)

Sat: 8am Kevin Jordan; 10am Mark Wright; Noon Charles Pope; 2pm Paul James; 5pm KtC; 8pm Paul Woods; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight ROY (no Tony west); 2am Brian Johnson; 4am Phil Davies (to 9am)

Sun: 9am Kevin Jordan; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Larry James; Midnight Tony Hollis; 2am Brian Johnson; 4am ?? say they have a DJ lined up, but Brian Johnson will be difficult to get off the air at 4am. The station say that the latter "lives" there!

RADIO JULIE 104.8 FM(s): 112, Greenwood Road, Woodchurch, Wirral, Merseyside L49 8HU.

Some of the DJs on this station rarely announce their names and though they are heard, the schedule is difficult to determine. This week, no overnight schedules have been heard and it isn't known whether the station has operated "all-night". On Friday they opened later than expected, and it is thought that the "disappearance" of Radio Mersey Waves might have had something to do with this. Noted were:-

Thur: ....10:10pm Mark Ross; 10:15pm Ritchie "C"; ?? Close-down.  
 Fri: 5pm Paul Miller; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Mark Phillips; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight Sergeant Bilko; 2am(?) close-down  
 Sat: 8am Dave Dee; 10am Kenny Gee; Noon Angie Cross(?); 2pm Feona Beswick; 3pm Tony West; 4pm Chris Rhodes; 6pm Crezzey; 8pm Ritchie "C"; 10pm Mark Phillips (repeat tape from previous night); Midnight Dave Moore; 1am Tony West; ?? close-down  
 Sun: 6am Ritchie "C" (for Paul Miller); 8am Unknown DJ; 10am Paul Miller; Noon Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Chris Rhodes; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Phil Smith; 10pm Carl "W"; Midnight Andy Rogers; 2am close-down(?).

In view of Dave Moore's "guest appearance" on Sat night/Sun morning, I was surprised to find Concept Radio on the air on Sunday lunchtime.

SLAG-OFF INT: 105.3 FM(s): 132, Norwood Road, Poulton, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 4EG  
 This station was only noted once this week and as normal, the schedule was difficult to determine. They were first heard at 4:15pm on Sunday with one side of a CB conversation between Mike Hughes and an unknown person, with the occasional record. The broadcast was announced as a "test" transmission that would end shortly and be back on the air with proper programming later. In the event, they seem to have been on the air continuously, with continuous music giving way to the Mike Hughes Show at some indefinite time prior to 7pm. From 8pm, Steve Mason was "in the hot seat", saying that he would be on the air till 2am, or maybe later. Close-down time wasn't noted

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The following item appeared in the SUNDAY TIMES on 14th June 1987. It conflicts in many respects with the other stories circulating round the various radio clubs and the Free Radio scene in general. As always, it isn't too clear who has the facts, and who is merely "guessing".

### **Cruel sea**

RADIO Laser, the pirate station that had been anchored in the Thames Estuary, has become the victim of pirates. Department of Trade and Industry officials have established that the ship and its crew of three were forcibly towed away late last month to an unknown port in Germany, apparently by angry creditors. The Foreign Office has been asked to investigate the whereabouts of the crew, who at last report were suffering from acute acne, the result of poor provisions aboard.