

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 22nd November 1987

It has been a very uneventful week with the usual stations operating as planned but with revised formats to cover for crew who are on holiday. Liverpool Pirate Radio seem to have found themselves in the midst of some very freakish propagation conditions on Sunday and were barely heard.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, L46 7UW. The schedule after 10:30pm on Sunday has been taken from broadcast announcements, but otherwise noted have been:-

- Mon: 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Cont music; Noon Paul Woods; 1pm Dave Cole; 3pm Paul Woods; 5pm Peter Thomas; 7pm Tony Marshall; 9pm Don La One; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am Tony King; 3am(?) close-down.
- Fri: 9am Mark Palmer; 12:25pm Brian Johnson; 1pm Dave Cole; 3pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Paul Woods; 7pm Marty "R"; 9pm DJ Sidney; 11pm Tony Marshall; 1am Tony King; 3am close-down
- Sat: 9:45am Mark Palmer; 11am Jeff Starr; 1pm Mark Wright; 3pm Steve Coltrane; 5pm Paul Woods; 7pm Peter Thomas; 9pm Paul Jay; 11pm Mark Newman; 1am Phil Davies (till 9am Sunday)
- Sun: 9am Mark Palmer; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Peter Cetrine; 4pm ???; 5pm DJC; 6pm Peter Thomas; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Brian Johnson; Midnight Mark Newman; 1am DJ SIDNEY; 3am(?) close-down.

RADIO VERONICA 104.75MHz: c/o 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP.

This station was noted on Sunday but the format between 4:45pm and 6:15pm wasn't heard. The signal wasn't as strong as last weekend, but was still more than readable although amid a higher background noise level. Noted were:-

- Sun: 3pm Neil Frazer; 4pm Adrian Cooke; 5pm ??; 6pm Dean Bartlett; 8pm Neil Frazer; 9pm Off-shore tapes; 10pm Neil Frazer; 10:15pm close-down

RADIO ATLANTIS 1197kHz: 150, Rake Lane, Liscard, Wallasey, Merseyside, L45 1JW.

This station continues to play so much continuous music that at times it is difficult to tell whether there is supposed to be a presenter or not. Great stuff for listeners, but difficult for someone trying to produce a station format report!

- Sat: 10am Cont Music; 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 3pm Rick Dane; 6pm Cont music; 10pm Steve Bishop; Midnight(?) close-down
- Sun: 10am Cont music; 11am Andy Davies; Noon Steve Bishop; 2pm "Sudden Impact" interview; 3pm Rick Dane; 6pm cont music; 10pm Steve Bishop; Midnight(?) close-down

NORTH COAST RADIO 1350kHz: 18, Downham Drive, Heswall, Wirral, Merseyside L60 5RF.

- Mon: 10am Dave Moore; Noon Ritchie "C"; 2pm Andy Rogers; 4pm Kevin Burnett; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Mark Ross; 10pm Tony West; Midnight Roy; 1am(?) Lyn James(?); 2am(?) cd
- Fri: 8am Tony West; 10am Dave Dee; Noon Tony Scott; 2pm Andy Rogers; 4pm Ritchie "C"; 6pm Mark Ross; 8pm Cressey; 10pm Kenny MG; Midnight Dave Moore; 2am(?) close-down
- Sat: 9am Dave Dee; 11am Tony Hollis; 1pm Tony Scott; 3pm Derek Jones; 5pm Cressey + Mark Ross; 8pm Tony West + Lyn James; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight Roy; 2am(?) c/d.
- Sun: 8am Roy + Tony Hollis; 11am Kenny Gee; 2pm Joe Williams; 4pm Bob-Lone Ranger; 6pm Phil Roberts; 8pm Tony West; 10pm Kevin Burnett; Midnight(?) Roy(?); 1am(?) Lyn James(?); 2am(?) close-down.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1404 + others: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

This station was thought to be on the air, just above 1404kHz, from about 10:35am on Sunday morning but conditions were so bad that no positive identification could be made. It wasn't till Phil rang for a reception report shortly after 11am that "Riders in the Sky" was identified as the station, although speech remained unreadable. Radio Finland on 1404kHz weren't nearly as strong as normal, and had another station under them. However, LPR seem to have been wiped out by a "het" from an unidentified frequency slightly lower. A change to a lower frequency, which worked so well last weekend, proved to be "out of the fat and into the fire". Radio Nederland's "Happy Station", which is normally only heard on SW, was blasting-in on 1395KHz and LPR was "buried" between them and an unidentified station with an "American Forces" format on a higher frequency that seemed to have been the unidentified station that had blocked them on the previous frequency. The only AFRTS station that I can find listed anywhere near these frequencies is AFRTS, Hofn, Iceland, who operate on 1400kHz with just 100w! No positive ID was obtained on the latter, but the Happy Station has never been heard on MW either. Propagation conditions were exceptional, or the latest frequency changes of the year have seen the international broadcasters come down so low as to use "Home Service" frequencies that they have never used before