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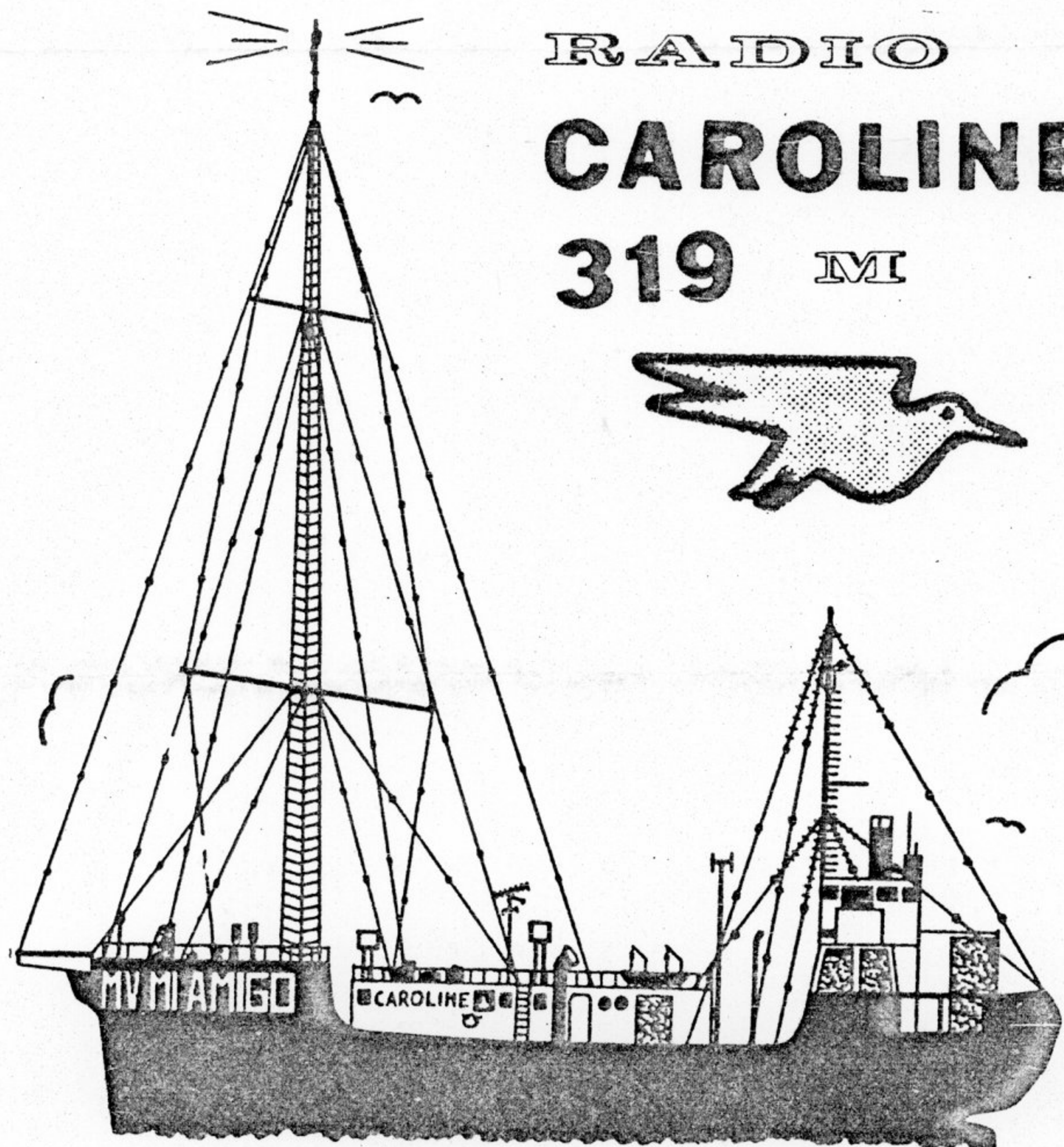
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HELLO MEMBERS,

WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER THIRTEEN OF 'SOUNDS ALTERNATIVE' - THE MAGAZINE THAT TAKES YOU BEHIND THE SCENE OF IRISH FREE RADIO. IN THIS ISSUE WE FEATURE AN INTERVIEW WITH TONY ALLEN (EX. RADIO CAROLINE), OUR USUAL COMPREHENSIVE 'TUNE-IN' SECTION, PLUS NEWS ON RADIO MI AMIGO AND EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO. ONE POINT THOUGH, WE WOULD LIKE MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE DUBLIN AREA. THIS IS IN ORDER TO MAKE 'S.A.'S COVERAGE MORE COMPREHENSIVE. MAY I WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

KIERAN MURRAY, Editor.

RADIO MI AMIGO (DUBLIN).....

Radio Mi Amigo began broadcasting on November 14th 1979, using at first the callsign Radio Caroline South. Soon after this, the station used a new 165 foot aerial longwire. However the transmitter used was giving immense technical problems. Radio Mi Amigo got the loan of a new better powered transmitter. This was in March 1980. However, this tx. had to be returned to its owner and Radio Mi Amigo ceased transmissions shortly afterwards. An engineer managed to fix the original tx. and the signal was much improved. The staff decided to go full-time on the station at this time. Radio Mi Amigo was causing interference to a stereo system nearby. The station offered to the stereo system so that it would not pick up the interference, but the stereo owner refused, and threatened to take legal action. Radio Mi Amigo had no choice but to close. That was on 7th September 1980. Radio Mi Amigo was broadcasting from Dun Laoghaire in south County Dublin. Wavelength used was 220 m Power output was 40 watts. The transmitter used a 6146-B valve among others.

We were sorry to see the closure of this station which was obviously set to provide a community service in its coverage area. We hope to report their return sometime in the new year. Eamon Bohan/Kieran Phillips.

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V.H.F. FOR QUALITY..... The good news for Free Radio fans who want quality in their listening as well quantity, will be glad to note that at least five stations now broadcast on VHF/FM band. In Dublin City (1) ARD/Radio 257 99.0 MHz (2) Big D Radio 98.6 MHz (3) Radio Dublin 90.2 MHz In Dundalk you have Radio Carousel on 96.8 MHz In Waterford you have Suirside Radio on 98.7 MHz. This is indeed a very good trend and one which we hope many more stations will follow.

FRC~IRELAND INTERVIEW WITH:-

③ TONY ALLEN.

■ SUNSHINE RADIO 539M ■

In late September 1980 a new commercial radio station took to the airwaves. It was the sound of 'SUNSHINE RADIO'. Located in the Sands Hotel, Portmarnock, North Co. Dublin and using a power output of approx. 8 Kilowatt. Many well-known names from the world of Offshore Radio are heard on a regular basis. The best known of those names is probably Tony Allen, and with that FRC~IRELAND'S Secretary arranged an interview with Tony. It took place outside the Sands Hotel at 4.45pm on Sunday, November 16th 1980 - as follows:-

FRCI: " Tony, how long have you been involved in radio ?"

Tony: " Nearly fifteen years"

FRCI: " What was the first station you worked on ?"

Tony: " The very first station I worked on was the BBC World Service"

FRCI: " How did you get involved with Radio Caroline ?"

Tony: " Caroline - I got lumbered with Caroline. I was working with Radio Northsea and there was a movement to get the Mi Amigo back out of Amsterdam Harbour so I just got embroiled in it"

FRCI: "You're over here in Ireland now, what made you decide to come over ?"

Tony: "Well this is my home here, so I decided to come back home"

FRCI: "You're originally from Ireland ?"

Tony: "Yes, that's true"

FRCI: "Whereabouts ?"

Tony: "From Dublin"

FRCI: " Now that you're here, you like living in Ireland ?"

Tony: "Oh yeah, sure I love it, I wouldn't have come back if I didn't . I actually do like the pace, it's just the right speed for me. I'm sort of very gentle and laid back"

FRCI: "The idea of a commercial radio station located on the East coast of Ireland and being beamed to Britain is an idea that has been around and a couple of businessmen have had it in their minds for a number of years now, - can you fill us in to the background as to how Sunshine Radio came into being ?"

Tony: " How it came into being ? - Eh, it just sort of happened....they said let's put a Radio Station together and we did....it's that easy!"

FRCI: "But it varies from the ordinary average Dublin pirate, in that it's beaming towards an English audience ?"

Tony: "No, it's a Dublin station - it's an Irish station. Where it differs from the majority of other radio stations in Ireland, and not only the pirates, is that it's professional - it actually sounds like a radio station"

FRCI: "But you will presumably be accepting advertising from cross-channel companies and concerns ?"

Tony: "Anyone who wants to advertise....if their advertisement is not immoral or illegal then obviously we can look at the idea and see if it's going to be something that our particular radio station can sell. Obviously, if we have a particular market for a product - why not use the media we have here to promote that product in the market place"

FRCI: "There was a lot of controversy recently about an advert. which you were carrying from Aer Lingus (Irish State Airline) any comments to make on that ?"

Tony: "Only that Aer Lingus advertise with us"

FRCI: "RTE - the state network were complaining about the advert"

Tony: "I don't know about that, were they ?"

FRCI: "There were newspaper reports...."

Tony: "Don't believe everything you read in the newspapers"

FRCI: "You deny that, then ?"

Tony: "I'm not denying anything, I don't know what RTE think. If you want to know what RTE is in to go and ask RTE"

FRCI: "What is the connection, if any, between Sunshine Radio and Radio Caroline ?"

Tony: "None"

FRCI: "Are any of the staff on Sunshine Radio former Radio Caroline presenters ?"

Tony: "Yea sure! I mean Robbie (Dale) was on Caroline, and I was on Caroline and Chris Carey was on Caroline, but I mean if you look at Radio One in England half the 'jocks on that were on Radio London and Radio Caroline and I don't think there is any connection between BBC Radio One and Radio Caroline"

(The Tony Allen interview continues on next page...)

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Tune In

BY
K. MURRAY.

This list includes only the stations that are known to be active at the time of going to press. If you know of any Free Commercial stations currently active, and not included in this 'Tune-In' section, please write to the Editor.

STATION NAME	WAVELENGTH	TIMES OF BROADCASTING	TELEPHONE No. (If any)
ASHBOURNE COMMUNITY RADIO	242 metres	daily	.....
ARD/RADIO 257	261/265 mts/99.0 FM	24 hours per day	373473
BIG D RADIO (Dublin)	273 metres/98.6 FM	24 hours per day	784815
BIG L RADIO (Limerick)	186 metres	06.00 to 02.00 hours	.....
BOYNESIDE RADIO (Drogheda)	225 metres	08.00 to 24.00 hours	.....
BRAY LOCAL BROADCASTING	365 metres	09.00 to 23.00 hours	.....
CAPITOL RADIO (Cork)	227 metres	08.00 to 02.00 hours	(021) 505861
CAPITOL RADIO (Dublin)	226 metres	08.00 to 01.30 hours	742043
CORK CITY LOCAL RADIO	261 metres	08.00 to 20.00 hours	.....
DUBLIN COMMUNITY RADIO	312 metres	regular transmissions	.....
KILDARE COMMUNITY RADIO	216 metres	regular transmissions	.....
KILKENNY COMMUNITY RADIO	217 metres	07.30 to 22.00 hours	.....
KERRY COMMUNITY RADIO	188 metres	regular transmissions	.....
LIMERICK B'CASTING COMPANY	270 metres	regular transmissions	.....
RADIO CAROUSEL (Dundalk)	265 metres/96.8FM	07.00 to 24.00 hours	(042) 31164
RADIO CITY (Dublin)	257 metres	24 hours per day	.....
RADIO DUBLIN (One)	253 mts/6317 KHz	24 hours per day	758684
RADIO DUBLIN (Two)	240 mts/90.2 FM	24 hours per day	758684
RADIO NA PHOBAIL (Dublin)	245 metres	no details	.....
RADIO TRALEE (Kerry)	255 metres	regular transmissions	.....
SOUTHSIDE RADIO (Dunlaoghaire)	300 metres	24 hours per day	853464
SUIRSIDE RADIO (Waterford)	257 metres/98.7 FM	07.00 to 24.00 hours	.....
SUNSHINE RADIO (Portmarnock)	539 metres	05.00 to 22.00 hours	460003
WATERFORD LOCAL RADIO	252 metres	08.00 to 01.30 hours	.....
WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL	6280 KHz	10.00 to 13.00 hours every Sunday	
RADIO CONDOR/VOICE OF IRELAND	6243/11463 KHz	transmits Sundays	314356

STATION ADDRESSES:
A.C.R., Ashbourne, Co Meath. ARD/Radio 257, Croften Airport Hotel, Dublin 9. Big D Radio, 85 Lower Camden St., Dublin 2. Big L Radio, 13 Ellen St., Limerick. Boyneside Radio, 14 Mill Lane, Trinity Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Bray Local Broadcasting, 8 Goldsmith Terrace, Quinnsborough Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Capitol Radio, 51 Oliver Plunkett St. Cork. Capitol Radio, 36 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1. C.C.L.R., 2A French Church Street, Cork. Kildare Community Radio, St. Martain's, Naas, Co. Kildare. K.C.R., Ballycallan Road, Kilkenny. Kerry Community Radio, Church St., Tralee, Co. Kerry. Radio Carousel, Dundalk Shopping Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Radio City, Capel Arcade, 25 Capel St., Dublin 1. Radio Dublin, 58 Inchicore Road, Dublin 8. Radio Tralee, c/o Keily's Record Shop, 4 The Mall, Tralee, Co. Kerry. Southside Radio, Hotel Victor, Rochestown Avenue, Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin. Suirside Radio, 50 Patrick St., Waterford. Sunshine Radio, Sands Hotel, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. Waterford Local Radio, Waterford Shopping Centre, Waterford.
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