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LV18
Harwich

Pirate Radio Week
July 30th - August 7th 2016
Broadcasting to North Essex and South Suffolk

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PROGRAMME GUIDE

30th July to 7th August 2016



The Radio Mi Amigo team: (from the top, L to R) CHRIS BAIRD, NORAH BARNES, MIKE BARRINGTON (Second Row) LIANA BRIDGES, ENDA CALDWELL, JOHN CAVANAGH, BRIAN CULLEN, DAVID BELCHER, TONY CURRIE (Third Row) BRENDAN DAY, ROGER DAY, MIKE EASTMAN, SYBIL FENNELL, SUSAN FISHER (Fourth Row) STEPHANIE HIRST, STEVE JONES, DAVE KENT, CAT LAKE (Fifth Row) GARRY LEE, MANDY MARTON, NICK MAY, SALLY MOON, NEON NANCY (Sixth Row) CHARLES NOVE, TONY O'NEIL, DAVE ROGERS, EMPEROR ROSKO, SCOTT ROSS (Seventh Row) JOHN ROSS-BARNARD, SHARON SMITH, SYLVAN, KENNY TOSH and ALAN TURNER

saturdays

- 6.00am** **TONY CURRIE**
Start the day with old ones, new ones, loved ones and neglected ones
News at 8am, Weather at 6.30, 7.30, 8.05, 8.30
- 9.00** **THE MI AMIGO FLASHBACK SHOW**
A chart from the past with *Enda Caldwell*
- 11.00** **ROGER 'TWIGGY' DAY**
Classic tracks from a classy DJ
- 2.00pm** **CHRIS BAIRD (30th)**
DAVE ROGERS (6th)
- 4.00** **NORAH BARNES**
With the pick of country hits
- 5.00** **JOHN ROSS-BARNARD**
Music from the '30s to the '90s
- 6.00** **NEWS AND WEATHER**
- 6.05** **MANDY MARTON**
Rockin' the lightship
- 8.00** **TONY PRINCE**
Return of the Regal Ruler
30th: A second chance to enjoy Tony's Elvis Memorial show from our 2014 broadcast
With guest *Todd Slaughter (rpt)*
6th: Live from the LV18
- 10.00** **BRENDAN DAY**
Vinyl goodies
- 12.00am** **EMPEROR ROSKO (30th)**
From Los Angeles, California
DAVID BELCHER (6th)
With all the soul that fits
- 1.00am** **STEVE JONES (30th)**
- 2.00am** **THEMES AFLOAT (6th)**
Pirate radio theme tunes with *Tony Currie (rpt)*
- 3.00am** **THROUGH THE NIGHT (30th)**
Tony Currie keeps you company
- 4.00am** **THE LOUNGE ZONE**
Uninterrupted instrumentals from
30th: *Sir George Martin*
6th: *Tony Hatch*

- 6.00** **NEWS AND WEATHER**
- 6.05** **MANDY MARTON**
- 8.00** **CHRIS BAIRD (31st)**
JOHN CAVANAGH (7th)
- 10.00** **BRIAN CULLEN (31st)**
Brian lets us float his boat with 60s greats.
PARTY NIGHT (7th)
Tony Currie and the entire Radio Mi Amigo team have fun on the last show of our 9-day broadcast. Close Down at Midnight on 7th August.
- 12.00am** **CAT LAKE (31st)**
Check In to the Sixties
- 2.00am** **THROUGH THE NIGHT (31st)**
Tony Currie with two hours of great music
- 4.00am** **THE LOUNGE ZONE (31st)**
Non stop instrumentals from Sounds Orchestral, featuring Johnny Pearson at the piano.

weekdays

- 6.00am** **ENDA CALDWELL**
News at 8am, Weather every half hour
- 9.00** **SALLY MOON (Mon & Tue)**
SCOTT ROSS (Wed)
SHARON SMITH (Thu)
JOHN CAVANAGH (Fri)
- 11.00** **TONY CURRIE (starts 10am on Thu)**
Elevenses including ship-to-shore guests
- 1.00pm** **ALAN TURNER (starts 12pm on Thu)**
- 3.00** **NEON NANCY (starts 2pm on Thu)**
- 4.00** **STEPHANIE HIRST (Thu only)**
Hirsty's Vinyl Heaven *Weather at 5.30*
- 5.00** **SHARON SMITH (daily exc Thu)**
with Drivetime *Weather at 5.30*
- 6.00** **NEWS AND WEATHER**
- 6.05** **SALLY MOON (Mon)**
SCOTT ROSS (Tue)
GARRY LEE (Wed to Fri)
- 8.00** **JOHN CAVANAGH (Mon to Thu)**
with alternatives in popular music
FLUFF ON THE DECKS (Fri)
- 10.00** **DAVE KENT**
Late night offshore memories on the stations must-listen show.
- 12.00am** **KENNY TOSH (Mon to Thu)**
60s and 70s Revival Show
SUSAN FISHER (Fri)
Behind the tracks
- 2.00am** **SEQUENT SOUNDS**
Non stop music – classic oldies and new unsigned bands
- 4.00am** **THE LOUNGE ZONE**
Uninterrupted instrumentals from some of the all-time greats
Mon: **Brian Fahey**
Tue: **Johnny Pearson**
Wed: **Percy Faith**
Thu: **Laurie Johnson**
Fri: **Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass**

sundays

- 6.00am** **TONY CURRIE**
News at 8am, Weather at 7.30, 8.05, 8.30
- 9.00** **THE MI AMIGO FLASHBACK SHOW**
A chart from the past with *Enda Caldwell*
- 11.00** **SYLVAN (31st)**
takes us on a musical journey through her colourful life as a pop singer, hit songwriter and photographer.
DAVE ROGERS (7th)
- 1.00pm** **THE LUNCH SHOW (31st)**
CHARLES NOVE (7th)
- 3.00** **SEA FESTIVAL SPECIAL (31st)**
Liana Bridges temporarily forsakes BBC Essex to go out and about in her home town of Harwich to talk to everyone involved in today's Harwich Sea festival. In the studio, **Tony Currie** and **Sylvan**
HAPPENING IN HARWICH (7th)
Liana Bridges goes out and about again.
- 5.00pm** **JOHN ROSS-BARNARD**

Programmes are liable to last-minute changes without notice.

WE'RE ALSO ON SHORTWAVE:

hear us on 6,070kHz shortwave around Europe at these times:

Sat 30 th : 0600 – 0700	Sun 31 st : 1700 – 1800
Mon 1 st : 2300 – 0000	Tue 2 nd : 2000 – 2200
Wed 3 rd : 1900 – 2000	Thu 4 th : 0800 – 0900
Fri 5 th : 1400 – 1500	Sat 6 th : 1300 – 1400
Sun 7 th : 1200 – 1300 and 2300 – 0000	

Radio Mi Amigo from the LV18

We're back! **Radio Mi Amigo** returns for another nine-day broadcast from the former light vessel LV18 at anchor on Harwich Pier. From July 30th to August 7th we look forward to meeting new friends and inviting visitors to see the wonderful floating radio museum that has now become a firm part of Harwich heritage.

It was on Easter Saturday, 1964 that **Radio Caroline** broke the BBC's radio broadcasting monopoly. Commercial television had arrived in 1955, and the public were hungry for a music-rich radio station. Instead, the BBC Light Programme devoted only a few hours a week to the burgeoning pop music of the era. This wasn't just because the BBC was anti-pop, but the complex agreements with record companies and music publishers meant that the BBC was severely limited in the time it could devote each day to playing commercial gramophone records.

The pirates had no such problem, because they simply had no agreements with anyone. After Caroline came a surge of offshore stations, based outside the UK's 3-mile coastal limit, and thus anchored in International Waters where domestic laws simply didn't apply. They survived on a diet of non stop 45s with commercials - and a useful top-up of religious programmes paid for by wealthy American evangelists like Garner Ted Armstrong and his "World Tomorrow" programme.

Despite the memory still being warm today, these stations survived for a mere three years before Government legislation outlawed them and one by one they closed down on 14th August 1967. Caroline was the exception, but its closure came six months later when both ships (The north ship was the original M.V. Caroline boat and the south ship was M.V. Mi Amigo) were seized by debtors.

In 1972 the mi Amigo was rescued from the scrapyard and Caroline resumed. Business was slow and money tight, so daytime on the station's transmitters was often hired out to other stations. These included the Belgian **Radio Mi Amigo**, set up by waffle manufacturer Sylvain Tack on New Year's Day 1974 and after a colourful and checkered existence, it finally closed in October 1978.

Caroline continued, but the Mi Amigo sank in 1980, to be replaced later by the M.V. Ross Revenge when broadcasts resumed in 1983. Caroline continues to this day, with the help of a band of talented volunteers, and can now be found in some parts of the UK on DAB Digital radio, and for the rest of the world via the ubiquitous internet.

For a long time, Caroline was alone in keeping the dream of offshore radio alive. But in the summer of '97 a group of radio enthusiasts decided to recapture the excitement of offshore radio with a 28-day broadcast as **Radio London** from a grain carrier, the Yeoman Rose, anchored off the east coast. Others then

took up the idea and in 1999 **Radio Northsea International** rose from the ashes as a 28-day licensed station broadcasting from the LV18, a ship supplied by marine rental specialists Sea Containers.

Some of those involved thought it worthwhile to acquire the vessel from Sea Containers, and it passed into the care and ownership of the **Pharos Trust**, who spent many years lobbying for a permanent mooring and at the same time loaning the ship to radio groups for more nostalgic broadcasts. Further broadcasts were made as **Radio Northsea International**, **Radio Caroline** and the BBC themselves got in on the act, chartering the ship for a number of broadcasts of **Pirate BBC Essex**.

Since LV18 moved to its new permanent home on Harwich Pier, the Trust has established its own annual broadcast to coincide with the Harwich Sea Festival, and with respect to original pirate ship, the station has used the name **Radio Mi Amigo**, along with the wonderful original jingles written and produced by Steve England, who joined us last year to tell some tales of life at sea.

This year, we have as before a mixture of offshore veterans, experienced broadcasters from BBC and Commercial networks, and enthusiastic local amateurs who combine on an equal footing to create a 'family' on the ship and bring you the kind of radio that was invented by those original ships. Our team of around 35 people - broadcasters, engineers and support staff - has been working since before Christmas to make this the best nine days you've heard yet. And for worldwide listeners, as well as the 24 hour internet stream, there's the added fun of trying to pick up our daily shortwave broadcasts from a transmitter near Munich in Germany. Its own rescue from destruction when abandoned by the German state broadcaster mirrors our tale of the LV18, and now also run by volunteers, it will give us Europe-wide coverage for an hour each day. Times and details on Page 3,

Our efforts are entirely voluntary. Nobody involved in the broadcast is being paid, and many of our broadcasters are paying considerable travelling and accommodation expenses. After the four-figure sum that has to be paid to the Government regulators OFCOM, transmitter hire, and the copyright bodies for permission to play records on the radio, we hope that the revenue raised from advertising will help to keep the LV18 maintained and safely afloat for another year. Our gratitude goes to the advertisers who have generously come on board - please support their products and services! We hope you enjoy our programmes!

TONY CURRIE
Programme Director,
Radio Mi Amigo