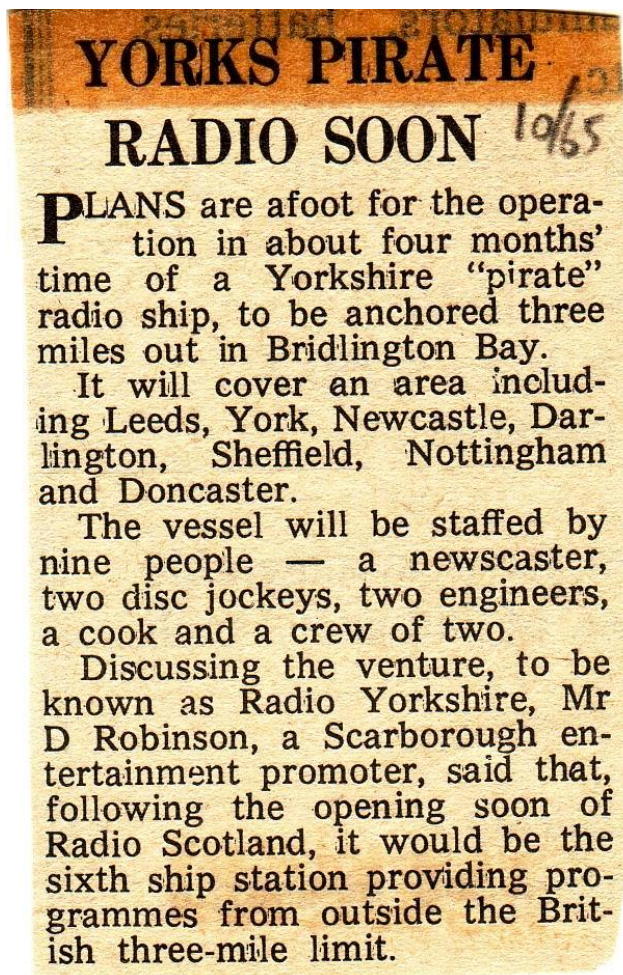


Radio 270 Memories

Voor diegene die boven de 55 jaar jong zijn is er een groot aantal , dat via ons geheugen regelmatig weer opborrelen. Er wordt in de diverse nieuwsgroepen, blogs, tijdschriften en ga zo maar door met regelmaat geschreven over tal van stations vanaf zee. En dan komen direct de namen naar voren als Radio Caroline, Radio London, RNI. Caroline en Veronica. Maar er zijn ook andere zeezenders actief geweest.

Een van deze stations richtte zich eigenlijk regionaal gericht op het luisterpubliek in het Britse Yorkshire. Het was Radio 270 dat in Groningen vreemd genoeg beter binnenkwam dan in bijvoorbeeld Amsterdam. Recentelijk kreeg ik van een van mijn Britse lezers een enveloppe vol herinneringen inzake Radio 270, waarvan ik een aantal wil delen via deze site.



First announcement in October 1965

"Pirate" ship arrives for fitting out

OCEAN 7, a 28-year-old Dutch lugger which will house the "pirate" radio station Radio 270, arrived in Scarborough Harbour today on the morning tide.

It will be in the Harbour for a fortnight while equipment is installed and alterations are made. Then it will be anchored four miles off Scarborough, ready to start broadcasting on 1 April.

At the moment the ship is berthed in the Inner Harbour, alongside the Vincent Pier, but later it is intended to move it into the Outer Harbour.

Within a few hours of its arriving about 30 workmen, including joiners, electricians, plumbers, and engineers, were on board the vessel.

Said Mr. Wilf Proudfoot, of Scarborough, joint managing director and secretary of Ellambar Investments, the company behind the enterprise: "We are working to a deadline and there is not a minute to be lost. The ship must be fitted out in a fortnight if we are to start transmitting on time. There is a lot to be done and work might have to go on at night."

To be renamed Ocean 270

At the Harbour this morning looking over the ship were Mr. Leonard H. Dale, managing director of Dale Electric, of Grinstead, who is the chairman and joint managing director of Ellambar Investments, and Mr. Don Robinson, of Scarborough, the company's entertainments director.

Ocean 7, whose name will be changed to Ocean 270, has been completely overhauled at Scheveningen, Holland, and has been passed as 100-per-cent. seaworthy. It was brought to Scarborough by Mr. Bill Pashby, a Scarborough fisherman, who is the company's maritime director.

The vessel, which has a 240-h.p. engine, is 137 ft. long.

Two generators

During the next 14 days it will be rewired and two Dale Electric generators will be installed to provide power and also to supply heat for the ship's heating system.

Instead of keeping supplies of fresh water in tanks, a distillation unit is to be installed which will produce 200 gallons of drinking water a day from sea water.



The fish holds will be converted into a transmitting room and living accommodation for the three disc-jockeys and three technicians.

The ship's crew, which includes deckhands and a cook, will use the original sleeping quarters in the bows.

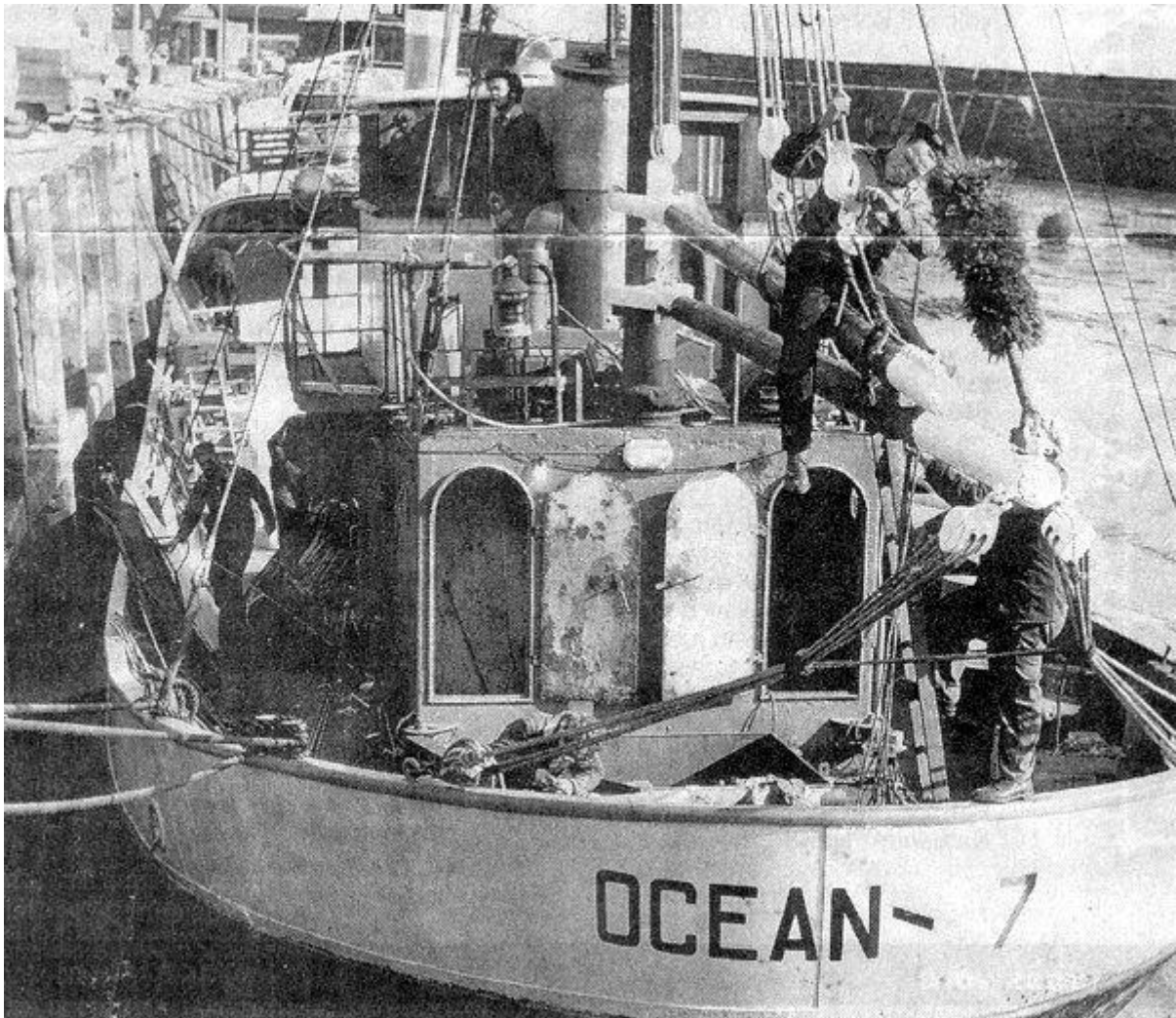
The 60-ft. foremast is to come down, and 20 tons of stone kerbing will be dumped in the bottom of the boat as ballast.

Said Mr. Proudfoot: "The ballast will make the boat ride better at sea. When a storm blows up the engines will be started and the ship will steam around, making it more stable."

When Ocean 270 leaves the Harbour it will be complete except for the transmitting equipment and the 160-ft.-high aluminium aerial which is to be erected in the centre of the vessel.

Mr. Proudfoot explained that it would be illegal to install the transmitting equipment in the Harbour. He would not disclose how or when it would be installed.

Radio 270 hopes to broadcast from 7 a.m. until midnight each day. It is calculated that 15m. in a 100-mile radius of the transmitter will be able to pick up the broadcasts.



The rebuilding of a Scheveningen fishing vessel into a radio ship in Scarborough March 1966.

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P.H. Ashcroft Esq.,
60 Hencroft Street,
Slough,
Bucks.

15 April 1966

Dear Sir,

Radio 270 ship is still in Scarborough Harbour having failed to get on the air as intended on 4 April.

Information can be gained from Mr. Leonard Dale, chairman, Ellambar Ltd., Dale Electric, Gristhorpe, Piley, East Yorkshire.

Yours faithfully,

Ray Lazenby
(Ray Lazenby)
Editor.

Letter stating the ship was still in harbour April 15th 1966

Pirate radio loses aerial

Shortly before it was due to begin broadcasts yesterday Radio 270, the pirate radio ship anchored three miles off Scarborough had another setback.

The ship was forced by a gale to put into harbour after losing 100ft. from the aerial mast. Broadcasting on Friday was postponed because radio components were not available.

Mast came down in April 1966

Gale silences Radio 270

RADIO 270 devotees switched on last night and today to find that the "pirate" ship anchored off Scarborough was not transmitting. A fault which developed in the aerial had put the transmitter out of action.

Mr. Leonard Dale, chairman of the radio company, said today that the breakdown was the result of the copper aerial stretching and touching the mast. This resulted in a safety device putting the transmitter out of action. Rough seas had made it impossible to get up the mast with ropes and tackle in order to tighten the aerial.

So that Radio 270 could get back on the air as quickly as possible it had been decided to bring the ship into Scarborough Bay, where, in the calmer waters, adjustments could be made. It moved inshore just after noon.

"We have people prepared to go up the mast now, but we are taking no risks. We are sorry that our listeners have been denied the service, but broadcasting should start again late this afternoon," said Mr. Dale.

Aerials for this type of transmitter were selected by trial and error. The copper aerial would be replaced by one made from phosphor-bronze — two of which were already on order, said Mr. Dale.

"It is unfortunate that they have not arrived and allowed us to get them fitted before the gale came."

Went out in keel-boat

Mr. G. W. Proudfoot, managing director of the enterprise, went out to Radio 270 after it went off the air last night in the Scar-

borough keel-boat Courage. He was unable to get aboard because of the high seas, but was able to learn what had happened.

He said that the breakdown was partly the result of the mishap on 1 April when the ship's transmitting mast was broken off in a gale.

The original aerial was phosphor-bronze, but after that mishap it was replaced by the present one made of copper, which tended to stretch.

Mr. Proudfoot said that when he went out to the radio ship last night the top of the mast was swinging from 40 to 50 ft. to each side with the roll of the ship.

M.P. seeks to end pirate radio

Mr. Hugh Jenkins (Lab., Putney) has given notice of his intention to introduce a bill to establish a television and radio authority.

It would have the purpose of running a fourth television channel, setting up a national popular radio programme, acting as a parent station to local radio stations, and abolishing pirate radio, "whether operating within or without territorial waters".

Mr. Jenkins proposes to introduce the bill under the 10-minute rule on 3 August.

On Wednesday Mr. William Deedes (Con., Ashford) will ask the Attorney General, Sir Elwyn Jones, to introduce legislation which will bring the disused military towers in the Thames estuary within U.K. jurisdiction.

A former Attorney General, Sir John Hobson (Con., Warwick and Leamington), is to ask Sir Elwyn to refer recent events at Shivering Sands to the Director of Public Prosecutions with a view to instituting criminal proceedings.



Campaign stations against proposed ban of the offshore radio July 1966



Mike Baron opening the mail

Radio 270 is to campaign against proposed ban

"WAYS ROUND THESE THINGS"

RADIO 270, which is operating off Scarborough, will campaign against the Marine etc. Broadcast (Offences) Bill introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Postmaster General, and given its formal first reading. Provisions of the bill were announced today.

Mr. W. Proudfoot, managing director of Ellamhar Investments Ltd., which is the pirate radio company which is operating Radio 270, said today: "This does not worry us in the least. Parliament has given first readings to thousands of bills which have never got onto the statute book.

"And even if it does get through there are ways round these things. One can change one's nationality."

Mr. Proudfoot said that Ellamhar would campaign against "this intolerable interference with the rights of free speech".

"We are pursuing a broadcast campaign and we are selling a booklet, produced in conjunction with the Institute of Economic Affairs, called 'Competition in Radio', and selling at 2/6.

"We didn't expect to sell many, but 200 were sold in the first four days, proving that the public are very interested in this matter."

"Spiteful" — Radio Caroline

Radio Caroline commented that their first reactions to the bill is that it is "spiteful, unimaginative, and a negation of basic freedoms".

Radio Caroline added: "It seeks to put an outright ban on the enjoyment of 25m. regular listeners to offshore radio, without submitting any alternative proposals for satisfying this legitimate demand.

"We do not regard the fight as over. The tussle will begin when Parliament reassembles."

Provisions of the bill

The Government's bill to suppress pirate-radio stations would make it unlawful for British subjects to broadcast from them, install equipment, supply tapes and records, and advertise on the programmes.

Penalties of up to two years' imprisonment are provided for offences.

The prohibition on operating relates to stations on any ships

or aircraft within U.K. territorial limits, on U.K. ships or aircraft elsewhere, and on objects other than ships or aircraft, such as abandoned ferries which are within certain U.K. waters.

The prohibition also applies to the activities in any of these enterprises by citizens of the U.K. and Colonies.

The prohibition on broadcasting from "marine structures" applies to "a structure in external waters or in tidal waters in the U.K., being a structure affixed to, or supported by, the bed of those waters and not being a ship, or another object in such waters being neither a structure affixed nor supported, nor a ship or aircraft."

The bill provides that the master of the ship from which broadcasts are made, the owners and everyone who operates the radio station, will be guilty of an offence, if also embraces anyone in the U.K. who gets someone else outside the U.K. to do anything which is an offence under the bill.

Specifically, it will become unlawful to provide a ship or radio equipment for use in "pirate" broadcasts, to install or repair the equipment, to supply any goods, or carry them to pirate stations, or to transport people to or from the stations.

It will also be an offence to supply records, tapes, or other recorded material for programmes; to take part in any of the broadcasts; to advertise goods or services on any of the stations directly or through an advertising agent; and to publish programme details.

Penalties

The maximum penalties are up to three months imprisonment, or £100 fine, or both, on summary conviction, and up to two years imprisonment or an unspecified fine, or both, on conviction on indictment.

Responsible officers of companies, such as directors, managers, or secretaries, can be proceeded against as well as the company itself.

The act will come into operation one month after it has become law. There is no time in the parliamentary programme for the bill to proceed through any further stages before the House of Commons rises for the summer recess, but it is expected that an early start will be made when the House resumes.

The earliest time by which it could reach the statute book is November, if the process was speeded up, but it is likely to be about the end of the year before there is any sign of progress.

Estimates are that the act will be in operation by about February.

The bill tackles the "pirate" radio problem on the lines which have been agreed in the Council of Europe. Britain is in full accord with other European countries that this is the way in which it should be tackled, and there seems little doubt now that international co-operation on these lines will eventually put an end to this sort of broadcasting.

"If 270 unsafe we would abandon the project"

Mr. G. W. Proudfoot, managing director of the company which runs the pirate Radio 270, commented today on a report in a national newspaper this morning that three of the ship's disk-jockeys had issued an ultimatum to the company.

The ultimatum was reported to be to the effect that unless the disk-jockeys got an assurance that they would not have to face another night like Wednesday's they would quit.

Mr. Proudfoot said: "I admit it was bad out there. The force of the gale broke a wooden jib 9 in. in diameter in three or four places—the captain saw it bend—and the disk-jockeys would get pretty much of a scare, but you appoint a captain and leave the decisions to him.

"The fact is that the ship has ridden out the worst gale for 20 years. The boat has a seaworthiness certificate and a safety certificate. It has umpteen lifebelts, two lifeboats,

— MR. PROUDFOOT

and all the safety equipment possible.

"If we thought it wasn't safe, we would abandon the whole project—it's not worth a man's life," said Mr. Proudfoot.

He said that the first he knew about the ultimatum was when he read of it in the paper this morning. "I haven't seen these people—I haven't anything to do with the staff. The programme controller hires and fires deejays, and the captain hires and fires crew."

Mr. Proudfoot said that a small quantity of water got into the equipment on Wednesday night. They were drying it out, and as soon as this was done the station would be back on the air.

The ultimatum is reported to have demanded that either the ship was moved nearer Bridlington Bay in case of bad weather, or the disk-jockeys were taken back to harbour as

soon as a severe gale warning was issued.

It is reported that in Wednesday night's gale the men became so ill that news broadcasts were abandoned, and taped music substituted for records, and they announced that although they themselves were frightened the crew had everything in control.

"Worse than tropical storms"

Mr. D. Murphy, who said he was a deck-hand on the boat at the time of the storms, said today that in the storm every light on board went off, and a torch had to be used for a short time to steer the ship.

"I have spent ten years in the Royal Navy and been through storms in the tropics, but I have never known anything like this," said Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy said he had no intention of going back on board the ship, and is going to look for a job elsewhere.

Protest at 'pirate radio' politics

Make poll invalid, MP says

BY A STAFF REPORTER

Radio 270, the "pirate" station transmitting from a ship four miles off Scarborough, was criticized in the Commons yesterday for broadcasting political material. The criticism was premature because the broadcast has not been made.

The tape containing the broadcast arrived on the ship last weekend but was found to have been recorded at the wrong speed. High-pitched squeaks emerged.

The tape is being recorded again at the right speed for the station's machines and will be broadcast at 1 a.m. next Sunday.

Meanwhile, Radio 270 has given Mr. Short, the Postmaster General, grounds for further concern: Conservative candidates in local elections at Scarborough went on the air yesterday in time they had paid for themselves.

In the Commons Mr. Andrew Faulds, Labour M.P. for Smethwick, asked Mr. Short whether, "in view of the fact that an illegal broadcast was made last Saturday on Radio 270", he would have the results of yesterday's municipal elections declared invalid.

In his reply Mr. Short said: "It is the first time in peacetime that this country has been subjected to a stream of misleading propaganda from outside our territorial waters and I do not think this is a matter for joking."

The broadcast to which Mr. Faulds was referring was a discussion between Mr. Patrick Wall, Conservative M.P. for Haltemprice, and members of the Conservative Association of York University.

Mr. Wall said it had no bearing on local elections.

RADIO-270

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8th May, 1967.

Mr. P. H. Ashcroft,
60 Hencroft Street,
Slough,
Bucks.

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I thank you for your letter of the 3rd May and note that you are writing on behalf of the World Radio and Television Handbook.

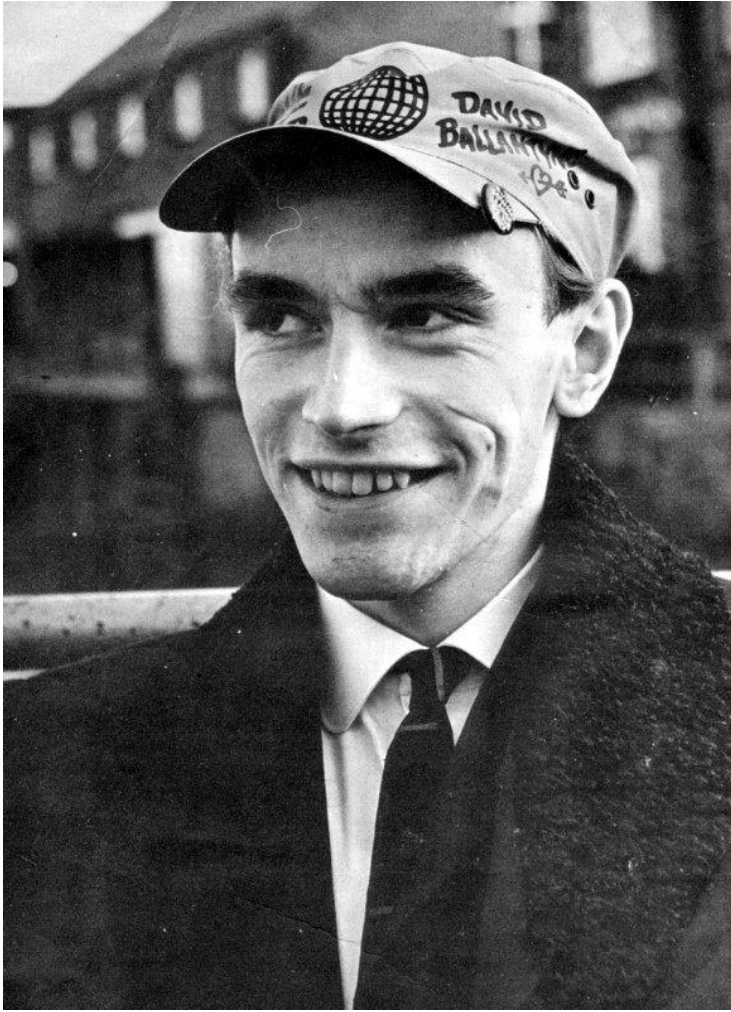
We have not increased our transmission power over 11 kW, but we have changed our position. We are now $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles off Bridlington, in a position South-East of that town, and it appears that our signal is being received much further South, but we have lost a little of our transmission area in the districts between Newcastle and the Scottish border, but we are still being received very well on the East coast of Scotland. We, as you know, are very cautious in respect of our transmission area. Unlike some of our opposite numbers who are inclined to say they cover Britain, we have a very distinct area in which we are only prepared to sell and that is in the area where our signal is received first class. In fact, we are trying to put out a quality job as much as we can.

Yours sincerely,



Leonard H. Dale,
Chairman.

More power in May 1967



Pete 'Boots' Bowman

Kramer joins Radio 270

Paul Kramer has left Radio Caroline North to join Radio 270.

Before his short stay at Caroline, Paul was with Radio City until it was closed down by the Government in February this year.

Paul was educated at Hereward House School in Swiss Cottage and Quintin Grammar School, St John's Wood. He joined the school stage staff in his second year at Grammar School as a Sound Technician and was eventually promoted to Assistant Stage Manager.

Then he became interested in filming and made his first 8mm film. While at school with some friends—it cost them £5.

Paul left school and worked as a projectionist in a preview theatre for Mercury Films. He worked his way up to become a Sound Camera Operator; in the dubbing theatre and was the sound recordist on The Kinks film.

He formed his own company to make independent Productions and his first commission was a feature film on Radio Caroline.

He decided to try his luck at Disc-Jockeying and joined Radio City as a full-time D-J.

Paul Kramer from Caroline North to Radio 270 June 1967



Paul Kramer

Yorkshire Belle was back too soon

—Court told

JOHN C. POCKLEY, of East-road, Bridlington, the owner of the Yorkshire Belle, pleasure boat, was fined £5 at Bridlington today for demanding a higher fare than entitled.

It was stated that one-hour trips, for which the charge was 4s. had been cut to 45 minutes and 47 minutes. Pockley pleaded guilty.

Mr Duncan Sharp, Deputy Town Clerk, prosecuting, said the charge for 45 minutes was 3s. and the larger pleasure boats were charging 4s. for an hour's trip to the Radio Ship 270 in Bridlington Bay.

IN BY-LAWS

These charges were fixed in the by-laws.

He said: "In actual fact the Yorkshire Belle did go to the radio ship in less than 45 minutes, 22 minutes there and 22 back, because the public liked to go alongside and chat with the disc jockeys.

"The other two pleasure boats are not so fast and it takes them an hour to get there and back."

Mr Sharp said that on Sunday, July 2, Mr Kinnaird, the boat inspector, took the times of the Yorkshire Belle which carried 222 passengers.

"A BIT RICH"

The 12.10 trip was back at 12.57, which was 13 minutes short and the 14.25 and 15.25 trips were back at 15.10 and 16.10, both 15 minutes short.

"It was Sunday afternoon when many people wanted to go out on the boats. One more trip of this size and Pockley would have got an extra trip in, and we think it was a bit rich to start cutting a quarter of an hour off the trips. There has been no complaint from the passengers."

Mr H. F. Burn, defending said the Yorkshire Belle did 12 knots and it only took her 22 minutes out and 22 minutes back. Pockley should have stayed alongside the radio ship or done a wider sweep on the way back. 19-7-67

Court case cause trip lasted too short July 1967



Ross Randell

RADIO 270 CLOSES DOWN AFTER 15 MONTHS OF BROADCASTING

RADIO 270, Scarborough's "pirate" radio station, signed off the air for the last time with "Land of Hope and Glory" and "The Queen" on Monday night after 15 months' broadcasting.

It was on 14 August, and it would have been more appropriate had it been the thirteenth. Not only was Radio 270 closing down to comply with the Government's Marine Broadcasting (Offences) Act, which came into force at midnight, but three of the resident disk-jockeys, Mike Hayes, Paul Kramer, and Mike Barron, were unable to reach the ship for the last programme because of the weather, and farewell tapes were lost at sea when endeavours were made by helicopter to get them to Ocean 7.

Nostalgic finale

So it was left to Ross Randell and, in the last 1½ hours, Vince "Rusty" Allan to pass on messages and play their colleagues' signature tunes in a nostalgic finale which ended "Goodnight—good-bye. Radio 270 is closing down."

Among them was a letter from Mr. Leonard Dale, the chairman, who said that it was very distressing that his company would not be able to provide listeners with the "right kind of entertainment, and radio programme you have been used to".

He went on to say that the Government has seen fit to make this form of entertainment illegal, but hoped that in years to come Radio 270 would be able to serve listeners from a land-based station. It was his sorry duty to say good-bye, but he hoped that the company would be able to serve listeners in the

same way as radio stations in any other freedom-loving country.

Appreciation

Mr. Dale also thanked the people of Scarborough and Bridlington for their help, particularly the lifeboat service and the Royal Air Force air-sea rescue service based at Leconfield.

Managing director Mr. Wilf Proudfoot, on holiday in Spain, said in a telegram: "To all Radio 270 listeners and staff: We will return!"

During the last 1½ hours before the close-down Rusty Alan interviewed the staff and members of the crew, including the captain, Mr. O. Hodgson, and the mates, Mr. Gordon Bailey, of Scarborough, who has been a member of the crew from the beginning, and Mr. Ken Lester, of Bridlington.

Farflung voices

He also recalled former disk-jockeys with Radio 270 who, in many Scarborough homes, became household names. Among them were Noel Miller, now in radio in Tasmania, Hal York, with Radio Hong Kong, Roger Keene, working on C.B.C. in Canada, Bruce Bowman and Paul Burnett, with Radio Manx, and Mark West, with Radio Scotland, which closed down at the same time as 270. And before Ocean 7 went silent for the last time there were tapes and interviews from advertising man Guy Hamilton and the newscasters.

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Teener, Butcher Row, Beverley;
Cafe Ole', Prince Street, Brid-
lington; The Floral Hall, Horn-
sea, Bonnet Box, Newbegin,
Hornsea. P

Just before and after the final closedown there was some late entertainment

RAF to probe flight to pop pirate ship

By Daily Mail Reporter

AN RAF helicopter's flight to a pirate radio ship is being investigated by senior officers.

The helicopter, from Leconfield RAF station, Yorkshire, hovered over Radio 270, off Bridlington, on Monday night shortly before the Government outlawed pop pirates.

Then it dropped a tape-recording which carried farewell messages from disc jockeys unable to reach the ship because of bad weather.

The incident was revealed by a disc jockey who told listeners that the tape had missed the ship when it was dropped and was lost in the sea.

An RAF official at Leconfield said statements were being taken from the helicopter crew.

He said: "A full report is to be sent to Coastal Command headquarters."

Banned

Radio 270 has closed down because of the new law, which forbids Britons working for, supplying or advertising on pirate stations.

Now only Radio Caroline is operating, in the North from a ship off the Isle of Man and in the South from a ship off the Essex coast.

Radio Caroline continued to broadcast advertisements about British firms yesterday.

The firms said they commissioned the commercials before the new law came into force.

Mr. Derek Gardner, who has camera shops in Leatherhead and Epsom, Surrey, and the watch company Bulova U.K., said they had been assured by Radio Caroline that no commercials would be used after Monday.

Chislehurst Caves, Kent, was also advertised yesterday. An official said: "We definitely didn't order these advertisements."

The Marine Offences Act says that action can be taken only against "deliberate offenders."

A Post Office official said: "We are aware that the Caroline ships are at present broadcasting 'free' advertisements which have not been requested by the sponsors."

Investigation RAF flight to pirate radio ship August 18th 1967

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Slaithwaite, Yorkshire.

From presumable September 1967 is this letter and advert in which former listeners are asked for a combined membership for the Big L 270 Fan Club

from which his pirate Radio 270 operated.

The station ceased broadcasting six months ago. It was then put on the market as a fully equipped radio station for £22,000.

"But there doesn't seem to be much of a market for a pirate radio ship these days," says 46-year-old Mr. Proudfoot ruefully.

"In March we will decide whether to carry on trying to sell the ship as she is—or dismantle all the radio equipment and offer the boat as a bargain-priced yacht at £8,000.

"I'm sure we would have no difficulty in getting rid of it. There are not many yachts around which sleep 20 people and are big enough to park a caravan on deck.

"But it is sad if we have to do it this way, because I passionately believe in private enterprise radio stations.

"I am not giving up hope. In fact at the moment I have several inquiries, including one from somebody who says he has got permission from a foreign Government to operate in the European area."

PIRATE'S FATE



NEXT MONTH will be decisive for former Tory M.P. Wilfred Proudfoot who has been seeking a buyer for *Ocean Seven*—the vessel

Ship still for sale in February 1968



Radio 270 ship Ocean-7.

A piece of history is trawled up

Fishermen aboard the trawler Success have recovered a piece of Scarborough's history.

Skipper Tommy Williamson and his crew caught in their nets a 30-ft length of mast which was cut from the floating pirate station Radio 270 one stormy night 23 years ago.

Radio 270, run by a group of local businessmen, operated from about four miles off Scarborough and boasted top DJ Paul Burnett among its staff.

The find brought memories flooding back for Bob Sabin,

who was a deckhand on the Radio 270 ship Ocean-7 and helped to cut the mast down.

"It was poor weather, blowing up to a gale. We were about three miles east of Scarborough and some of the stays had parted on one side, which broke the mast," he remembered.

The skipper ordered Bob and another crew member to chop through the wires to get rid of about 50ft of the total 154-ft mast in case it fouled the propellers.

"It was quite a night," said



Former deckhand Bob Sabin with recovered section of mast

Bob (51), of Albemarle Crescent, Scarborough, who now works as a deckhand on the dredger Skarthi.

The length of mast was brought back into Scarborough Harbour by the Success and was due to be sold for scrap this afternoon.

Scarborough councillor Tim Jackson, representing the Danby area, was chairman of Ellambar Investments, the company which ran Radio 270.

"It was great fun and all completely legal then," he said.

November 1989 was the month a part of the former mast from the Ocean 7 was recovered by fishermen after 23 years in the North sea.

memories despite false start

RE memories of Radio 270:

The ship's name was Ocean 2 and on the official opening night at 270's offices in Scarborough radios were turned on and the result — nothing.

Radio 270 had got off to a false start.

Some of the presenters were:

1 Dennis the Menace

2 Vince "Rusty" Allen (controller of programmes)

3 Ros Randell

4 Paul Burnett

5 John Ashton

6 Mike Hayes

7 Bob Snyder

I can't remember any of the others but I can remember two of the news-readers:

1 Albert Hough; he had a voice that seemed to come from his boots and

2 Phil Hayton, who went on to become one of BBC TV's top newscasters.

I for one was most upset when the station had to close.

The ship was berthed on the river Esk at Whitby after closure and I bought one of the turntable units.

I would be very interested to know what happened to the rest of the presenters.

Paul Burnett joined Radio One, but I don't know what happened to the rest of them.

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Even in 1993 a listeners from the sixties revealed his memories