

Jürgen - DL8HC1

Unfortunately MRD 2009 took place at Easter Holidays, so many operators were busy with other business. Suggest next MRD two days, 48 hours and contest 24 hours from 12:00 to 12:00. It is hard to run a qrp rig!

Hans Christian – LA2EG

Tnx for another MRD and for our QSO during the event. I did not participate in the CONTEST version of MRD, but had a lot of fun participating in a relaxed style wishing my fellow operators Happy Easter and exchanging QSA, QRK, operators name and call of last ship. I regret that we were unable to have the ex LGN station LA1LGN on the air during this event. We hope to do better next year.

No MRD stations heard or worked outside EU. On 40 m the conditions within EU were fairly good both days, with periods of deep QSB and some QRM from another contest.

Elizabeth – VE7YL

Well MRD was just about a total loss. I managed to work only one person and that was K6KSG at 1337z 11/4/2009 40m Dick QSA5 QRK5 last ship WBVZ. That was the sum of my contacts. I listened and listened – only heard one European station all day, an M station, and he was not in the contest!! Hope those in Europe did better. Maybe next year! 73 Elizabeth VE7YL LKEY

Dick – K6KSG

Rolf, I began MRD Saturday at 1200z on 80/40. Not many signals for MRD but there was another contest going on. I later went to 20 meters and worked Sweden. The band was open for about 30 minutes then closed again.

I had 4 contacts around 7020 kHz and 7 contacts on 14052 kHz. I tried 15 and 10 several different times but nothing at all there. This year was a real bust here in the U.S.

Sylvester – DH4PB

Also this year I had much fun at MRD. Between many 599 – I was happy to receive QSA3 to 5. Sri when I missed SP – but it is so long time ago. I met many sparks-friends. It was a great success

Sylvester DH4PB (D)AN, (H)EB, (4)PB my favorites coast stations. Sri I love and remember also ICB (my first TR)

Alfredo – IK6IJF

Dear Radiomen,

also this year we spent nice time running the MRD 2009, please send your comments to this list I will relay to the others. Thanks for your participation ... MRD is our event.

We are not more pounding brass on ships but we have this occasion to meet each others like Good Old Days. Yours truly, Alfredo IK6IJF

Edmund (Eddi) – DK3UZ

my activities were rationed what with being on two "weddings", not simultaneously but one after the other. The first party took place on board mv "Cap San Diego"/DNAI where all QSO were made on 7MHz. After I got home again 40m were all but closed down for the remainder of Saturday, but I found good conditions and activity on 3.5MHz. Easter Sunday morning right after breakfast, i.e. 2 hours prior to MRD's end, hi, I managed a few more QSO on a severely crowded 7Mhz band (thank you, DK4VW, for this ns2bd new bandplan!). I particularly enjoyed LA3DX's idea of sending the MRD exchange as a telegram. How about making this a standard MRD requirement? 73, Eddi ._..

Onno – DL4BCE

Hallo Rolf,

(CC: Bernd DK1QO, Didi DL1BHM),

die Funkbedingungen auf den hohen Bändern waren schlecht. Oberhalb von 14 MHz spielte sich nichts ab.

Die Teilnehmer sind scheinbar auch weniger geworden.

Der JA-Contest (und abends auch noch ein ex Jugoslawien-Contest) hat/haben alle Frequenzen mit dicken Signalen belegt. Es war kaum eine Lücke zu finden und wenn eine Lücke gefunden wurde, war die Frequenz nicht lange zu halten.

Kann ein anderer Tag für den Contest gefunden werden? Muss es unbedingt ein Wochenende sein? In der Woche ist es ruhiger auf den Bändern. Die meisten Teilnehmer sind doch warscheinlich im Rentenalter und könnten auch in der Woche funken.

Die Regeln müssten mal überarbeitet werden. Bisher sind die Regeln 1:1 von Oliver übernommen worden. Da hat sich aber (zum Glück) noch nie jemand dran gehalten. Insgesamt zu viele Regeln und Contest-Arten

(Contest, Nat-Contest, kein Contest). Alles total überreguliert und irreführend.

Auf der Internetseite sind die Dateien schlecht als Downloadfiles zu erkennen. Erst wenn man mit der Maus drauf zeigt ändern sie ihre Farbe und geben sich als Downloadmöglichkeit zu erkennen. Der Ersteller der Seiten findet das vielleicht ganz toll, ist aber allgemein unüblich und erschwert die Navigation. Vielen Dank für Deine Initiative und für die Arbeit mit der Organisation!!!
vy 73 de Onno DL4BCE

Giorgio – I6MAT

Hi Rolf, partecipated with great pleasure to MRD for the very first time, wonder if log is to be sent to you or F6DGU. I've used the excel form available on official mrd site. I havn't been a ship/coastal r/o, but listening the maritime bands since few years back, ever admired the magic sound of your keying.Keep it alive on ham bands. Best regards, 73 from Giorgio I6MAT

Ad – PA2PCH

Hello,

I used my own callsign PA2PCH but was not representing PCH this time. There was also PA6PCH. This is a special callsign. I was supposed to be working there too but due to personal reasons i could not make it. So, i participated with my own call. I have given the following details to all counterstations " ere ex pch and last ship was A8RZ". I did not work many stations that gave a number. So, i do not think the contest part was a success. Let it stay the old informal way to communicate with other ex marine or aeronautical colleagues. I like contesting but not for the MRD. And pls let there be one party for organising this event. I know the French guy made a mess of it by not answering to any mails. I have asked him five times for my certificate from 2008 but still no reaction. However, this morning he also gave a qsl from receipt of my log.

It was a pity that we did not manage to qso. I have been active on 80 m around 3520 for a couple of hours saturday evening. 20m was very bad and lots of qrm by some contests. Also 40m was vy busy with contests.

Kind regards,
Ad

Gerhard (Gerd) – DJ3BT

I would like to say thank you to initiators and participants. All QSO's were regardfull and with excellent brass pounding. Joyful I look forward to the next MRD. After more than 28 years I met 2 old friends in MRD-QSO's, who worked for the same shipping company. Now we will meet us face-to-face. Thanks es 73 to CQ, Gerd/DJ3BT

John – M0JCD

Conditions were very poor this year well down on last year but enjoyable. I hope to do better next year with some sunspots to improve matters.

Gerner – LA6DW

Nice to meet you in the contest Rolf. As you said, the condx was not of the best. On saturday I waited for a long time before I got my first catch, and then it opened up on 40M and later on 80M. On sunday morning the opening was only on 40M.160, 15 and 10M was a big ZERO. At night time I was up at 0100 and 0400 UTC with nothing to hear.This only gives hope for better conditions in the years to come. I'm working on a new QSL-card and it will soon be in your mailbox.

All the best for now to you and your family. Wishes for a fine spring and summer.

Yusuf (Yus) – TA1AN

My Dear Friend Rolf

I thank you so so much for the quickly answer to my e-mail.Thank you very much.I wrote the Total QSO' s in below, I wish, it is Okey.Yes, I added first time the Beautifull MRD Contest, its very excellent for me and I will be ready all the MRD Contest in future if I don't die.

73's de TA1AN, Yus on the Air

Fabio – IK0IXI

Last week-end **IR0IAR** was on air during **Maritime Radio Day 2009** to remember Roma Radio - IAR. Operators: IZ0DDD (ex IAR), IZ0INZ (ex IAR) and IK0IXI (ex maritime wireless technician). Many QSOs made with R/O, Coastal Stations and Hams. QSL via IZ0DDD. An interesting way to celebrate maritime radio world....See you next year !

73 de Fabio, IK0IXI / K0IXI

Rolf – DL9CM

Sometimes I had much QRM from other contests, but nevertheless, I had a lot of fun during the MRD. Thank you very much to all participants. It is a good way to meet friends in the world. Friends like IAR, SAG, PCH, DAN and ICB. Italy was my second homeland during my seafaring days. Like Eddi, I also enjoyed the telegram send by Frode, LA3DX. We should make this standard in the next MRD's, otherwise everyone knows the last ship of each other.

73, Rolf

Dick – PA6PCH

Yes, MRD 2009 is history now. Next friday I will download the log from the computersystem of PI4RCK (= Radio Club Kennemerland in Ymuiden). These guys were very helpfull and very hospital. Conditions above 20 metres were nil. After next weekend I will send you full details of PA6PCH. This morning I worked VK5 on 40 metres, but that was the only real dx. A pity the sun was not cooperating hi, hi. Of course we worked the guys of Nordeich, Ruegen and-so-on.

I think we made about 190 MRD/RMD qso's but as I said details will follow later.
73, Dick