

Kommentare zum MRD 2013

Hi Rolf

A very enjoyable MRD this year.

Thank you so much for organizing it.

I would appreciate a certificate to mark my participation.

Many thanks

73s de Robin G3OGP

Rolf

Had a great time over the two days, pity I had chores to do.

73

Alan

G3TZA/GFLU

Hallo, Rolf

Herzlich willkommen!

Hier ist, dass es gelungen ist, zu arbeiten. Verhindert die Wettbewerbe am Sonntag, magnetischer Sturm und die Arbeit am Montag :-)))

73! Anatoli UA1OIW

Hello Rolf,

Enjoyed MRD event though my contacts were inside EU + VK, did not hear NA/SA.

Hope to participate next year too.

73 Avi 4X1WQ

Rolf, many thanks for the certificate. I have printed it off on photo paper; it is very good of you to go to all this trouble, it will keep you busy sending these certs out to all who participated.

There were many people on the bands who had not registered with you - and one particular french station who was on your list but seemed oblivious to what the 'silence periods' meant;

he sent me '???' when I sent him 'SP'. He mustn't have been at sea when morse was used !

Best 73's Rolf, maybe we will QSO one day.

Ken

GD4RGR

Hi Rolf,

Here are my results. Again, it was great fun. Thanks for organizing this event again.

73

Ad

PA2PCH

Dick,

Don't give up! MRD was great in Europe. 40m was open most of the time. The Radio Officers' Association had a team covering the entire event (using M0ROA from my QTH and MX0ROA from others around the UK) and we bagged lots of QSO. Hope condx pick up for you next year.

Best regards and 73s,

Dave

G4AJY/M0ROA.

Hello Alfredo,

Was very nice to have another contact. The band was very busy which is good. All the best and lets have another QSO soon.

73, Peter VK4QC

Hello all,

it will be great if MRD participants will send their own comments on this group and comments will be good for any possible improvements of our Event for the future.

From Italy I had World-Wide contacts and excellent propagation, this year very luck with R/O's in USA and VK...

As usual we have not Japanese R/O's.....from Europe

I have no words I never seen a so great partecipation.

I enjoy myself very much to say hello to my former

colleagues and to know new friends.
Many thanks to all.
Alfredo - IK6IJF

Grüß' Dich, Rolf, und danke, dass Du MRD so gut organisiert hast. Diesmal sind es hier nur 16 Stationen geworden, weil am Montag beim QSO-fahren etliche Stunden ausgefallen waren wegen des guten Wetters sowie des TUV. Jedoch hat es richtig Spaß gemacht. Hier nun meine List. VY 73 und weiterhin alles Gute .
Ludwig, DJ 5 NL

Moin OM Rolf,
nun habe ich beim MRD viel Spaß gehabt. Nächstes Jahr dann etwas organisierter auf meiner Seite. Anbei mal mein Log. Ist nicht so viel, aber immerhin. Vielleicht als Kontroll-Log brauchbar.
beste Grüße
Paul

This was one of the best MRD event since we started. I'm very happy that some DX stations could participate. I did few QSO's on 15 m but only one on 10m. As I mentioned mni times before "you can use all bands!". mni stations used the same frequency (for example on 15m I heard them on 21052.0 MHz. Why they did not use the whole band?
There were also mni stations which did not register before, that means I have no email address to send them the "award of participation" because they are not in my list. Some of them send me their log but they did not mention their ship and it's callsign for the award.

Vy pity

About "SP"! It would be good to delete it. I heard some ship- and coast stations working in the silence period. On board we switched on the "AA" when receiving the "PX" (1 hour), we watch the "SP" only on MF, not on HF. Nevertheless, mni tnx to all of you.

Now I'm looking forward to the next "Maritime Radio Day"
73, Rolf

My time for participating in MRD was more limited than I had hoped for but my impression is that this was the best yet. I used only 7MHz and 14MHz where propagation, at least in Europe, seemed to be very good. A couple of thumping signals from the USA on both bands. The usual weekend contest QRM issues on the Sunday (and I suppose some will see MRD as part of that!!) but no such issues on the Monday when I was surprised by the continuing excellent level of participation.

From the comments I've seen I get the impression that MRD is building nicely as an event in Europe but still has scope for more promotion elsewhere in the world. Thanks to those involved in the organisation and promotion of a very enjoyable event.

Bob / GM3ZDH / GB2GKR

Vielen Dank, lieber Rolf!

Tut mir Leid, dass auf der Bescheinigung keine Russischen Wissenschaftler A.S.Popov.
Auch er hat viel getan für den Funkverkehr auf das Meer.

73! Alles Gute, Anatoly

Hallo Alfredo

Good to read that you enjoyed the MRD.

Funny to receive your email via the group, and seeing your callsign I remembered. and went through my log. And there you are. My first QSO on this MRD on 1414 Local time in the 14 MHz band.

I worked under the call PA6PCH.

The MRD crew used the radiator room of the Radioclub Kennemerland. With two transceivers, one with 1 KW and one with 600 W output. Both had their 3-el beam. Not too bad, you might say. But working the 14 MHz, I only worked European stations.

But nevertheless we enjoyed this happening. The crew consisted of three R/O's and two PCH's.

I used the egg-boiling clock from my kitchen, set on 30 minutes. So that went off precisely on the beginning of the SP. This way I tried to avoid another report from Beaumont Monitoring Station. They got me once in 1963. Those were the days, my friend. I still miss the hiss from the 500 kc/s

during silent watches, while crossing the Indian Ocean.

73 cuagn

Henk/PA0HST (PA6PCH)

Hallo Mr Rolf tnx for invitation to participation in MRD 2013 has been a great pleasure to qso with those OM's and nice to listen again those call signs. hope to participate in next events. I enclosed to you files with the logs, hopefully everything is FB.

For me the most important has been to made those nice qso with colleagues and friends.

Many thanks again

73

Alfredo EA7IXN

Hi,

In Sourthern Florida we had tunderstorms and high winds during Sunday. I was only able to QSO 4 stations, 3 ship and 1 coast station.

Propagation, locally was poor, most signals had excessive QSB and some multi-path fading.

I hope to do better next year.

73 from Ben, N6SL / WNU

In Eastern Australia, the start time for the MRD was 2200 local, so I was preparing myself for a night shift. Unfortunately no MRD stations heard on 7 and 14 MHz so tried 18 MHz. Put out a CQ MRD and the whole of EU was there but no MRD stns! Then Alfredo, IK6IJF came up and put me out of my misery with a fine signal. Tried until after midnight local, but no further MRD stns heard.

In the morning, 2100Z (0700L), I worked Les, VK4BUI up the road in Noosa, but couldn't stay as I had to take my car for service.

Back on again at 0700Z (1700L), and beaming long path to EU on 14 MHz, the fun started and managed to work 17 MRD stns. Had to battle giant mosquitoes bites, QRM from EU dxers and phone calls!

Really enjoyed hearing all the old callsigns DAN, PCH, WSC, WNE. Missed GKA but heard him through the QRM. Worked David, N1EA but very weak as my rotator is broken and I would have to go outside in the dark and swing the beam by rope (Armstrong method).

Looking forward to the next one!

73 de Peter VK4QC ex VIB

Hallo Rolf, here enclosed my MRD 2013 log.

As always, has been a real great pleasure participating to the event.

See all of you next year.

Giorgio I6MAT

Hello Rolf

My good friend, I did participate in the MRD , you know all long the weekend Mauritius and Rodrigues have been under cyclonic conditions, Cyclone Imelda was influencing the weather, the conditions were not reliable. However I worked some 40 stations, all are not participants, because as they heard 3B8FQ a swarm of stations looped over here, I try to explain the MRD and gave a number. But I did worked two stations , one Italian Navy boat and DL3KUD/matt. I heard many stn calling MRD but none reply to me, Condx were really poor, hope next time, Neptune blesses hi. regards Rolf would like to meet you on 28008 0930z . 73 88

Rachid

Hallo Rolf,

Herzlichen Dank für die prima Organisation. Konnte diesmal nur am 2. Tag für 10 Stunden mitmachen. Es hat wieder großen Spaß gemacht.

Bis zum nächsten MRD alles Gute !

CWFE 73

de Karl

Dear Rolf many thanks for nice event hope to participate in future.

Congratulations.

Best 73

Alfredo

Hi Rolf

Great certificate, my son says he missed a highlight hi.

Take care OM, sure cu soon, the wx is improving I will warm the rigs in the weekend. 73 88
3B8FQ & 3B8BA

The MRD 2013, which took place last weekend, was great.

First of all I would say is, that the silence period was heeded of nearly everybody, who had been in MRD. Discipline and hamspirit took place during the whole time of MRD. Thanks to all, specially to those, who managed this MRD. 73 to cq hpe cuagn next MRD +
Gerd/DJ3BT

It was smart to let the event take place on a Sunday and Monday as Sunday had 3 contests going with terribly QRM and only managed to work 15 MRD participants in spite of spending several hours on the bands.

On Monday most QRM was gone and I worked 35 MRD participants in spite of being busy with various other commitments at home and not continuously in the shack, only a few hours with several pauses in between.

I worked George SV1AOW, an old friend of mine who has been at sea. He gave me the call letters SYAN of ship. He had not informed you about his participation.

It was fund to meet some old and new "sparks" friends on the air. Especially happy to work David N1EA who used to operate coastal station WSC. I met him in person years ago in USA. Of course, it was also great to work yourself and other colleagues on the air, plus some shore station personnel from stations I worked a lot, i.e. DAN, PCH, LGB, GKA, DAO
Thanks and best regards. You did a great job to put this event together
73, Per, LA3FL

OK, Rolf, now I have the award certificate! Many thanks from the Radio Officers' Association (Great Britain). MRD was better organised this year, with more stations and more QSOs. Hint for next year - please avoid contests! We will participate again in 2014.

Best regards and 73s,
Dave
M0ROA/G4AJY

Quite good this year, noticed how many of us seemed to be using 14032 to 14038, maybe next year we could have a frequency per band plus/minus say 5 KHz. But that is next year !

Regards
Ross G4DTD

Dear Rolf,

Unfortunately I didn't make any qso's within MRD Day, however was QRV even on 14th. Heard several stations, tried to call them, but without result. Heard PG2W, EA8VI and some others. Well, will try in next year activity.

Best Regards,
E. Eysmond, RX6CB/MM

MRD was a great success this year. More participants, more stations, more QSOs. I have two comments:

1. If possible, we should avoid a clash with contests - it was a real nuisance this year to fight for bandwidth on the Sunday. One way is to make sure we announce the event a long way in advance in ham magazines.
2. Are we really sure we want the SP? When working HF on real ships, I usually had to ignore the SP - you can't break off in the middle of a message to GKA from VK-land and ask him to wait 3 minutes. You would lose your QRY! Many people forgot anyway. When it was kept, other people stole the QRG. I believe SP is only for MF work.

Congratulations to the organizing team for a great event.

Dave
M0ROA/G4AJY

This last edition has been very, very nice. I found many station knowing Rules of the MRD and respected the Silence Periods giving me the illusion to be and to operate on a ship, and this has been e big emotion for me.

In this event many, many Russian did not know the MRD rules. They sent RST and did not respect the S. P. In the same time, nobody say anything about my II1IGG call and nobody made QRM. I can say you that this edition has been great of sportmanship. I thank you to work to make us possible to enjoy the Maritime Radio Day. I hope you will find all correct in my log.
Ciao caro Amico Rolf.

73 DX de
joe i2AZ
II1IGG operator.

I enjoyed the SP as I often forgot and someone would remind me with SP and I'd wait. I don't care about keeping a frequency, if that were the object, I'd say we use one frequency on each band - QRM and all and work each other. Would be a bloody mess like the English Channel with all the stations calling. But it might be fun. Keep it, it does bring back some great memories!

73
DR

My best congratulations to the organizers of the event MRD. which reminded us, our good old days. 73 My best to you all and to all participants.

CT1APP – Júlio

Hallo Rolf,
ja, alles gut angekommen.
Vielen Dank für den award.
Musste aus technischen Gründen auf einen "Faustkeil" zurückgreifen.
Hat sich bestimmt "grottig" angehört, hat aber mal wieder Spass gemacht.
73 de Frank, DL1KWK

Hi Rolf,
Hope you are keeping well.
Thanks for organising MRD 2013. It was a great event. Excellent propagation and many stations active. Look forward to MRD 2014.
73 de Ned/EI5DS
Ex GTV (Gas turbine vessel) Eurofreighter/GOUS

Hi Rolf,
Yes, I will be there next year!
Very nice certificate. I will find a nice place in the shack for it.
73 de Ne

Hello Rolf,
My appologies for late submission of my MRD log.
Another very pleasant time on the air, meeting people of a like mind !
I am sorry that I did not manage to have a QSO with you – conditions to EU were very odd this year while I could hear N1EA almost anywhere I beamed !
Thanks for all your work in this event.
73, Les VK4BUI

Tks Rolf,
I experienced very poor band conditions along with very bad weather (thunder storms) so my participation was limited. However, it was fun and I will try again next year.
73's
RF

Hello Rolf:
A very successful MRD this year.
Congrats to you & your team.
It is nice when propagation conditions co-operate !.
73, John, KC4ABC

This was a real pleasure. Conditions seemed rather good, so brought my poor antenna even USA, VK, ZS, JA. Sorry no South American heard anyway. Thanks to all ops who picked me, and to the people who have to read the logs. See you again in 2014. Special thanks to

Karl/DL6MLA for sending me the necessary informations and forms by mail, for I don't use the internet.

Joachim, DJ5AA

Hi Rolf,

thanks so much for the very FB award.

I would also like to thank you so very much for all your hard work in organizing M.R.D, I know you have given many ex R/Os great pleasure.

I am moving to Devon in Southwest England in a few weeks, I hope to be able to erect a better antenna as at this QTH the garden is about 7 x 7 Metres.

I plan to try and organise a group of ex GKA R/Os for GB0GKA next year, as I shall be living much closer to the old GKA QTH it should be easier to find more operators and put on a better station. I look forward to working you soon my friend

Vy 73

Tony G3ZRJ/GB0GKA

Many thanks for the "COP" Rolf - beautiful design.

Looking forward to next MRD.

73

John KC4ABC

P.S. For your info, I would support those who say "Forget about the SP".

We never had it on HF. It's annoying.