## MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE

## Week ending Sunday 31st August 1986

Possibly due to the raid on Radio Julie last Sunday night, very few stations have been noted this week.

LIVERPOOL PIRATE RADIO 1179kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD. This station signed-on at noon on Monday, and were heard clearly but weakly for a period commencing 12:10pm. After three or four records and a couple of jingles, they seem to have drifted into one of the stations on either side of them, and weren't heard again. They were not heard on Sunday although 1179kHz seemed to be much clearer than normal.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.
This station's carrier was noted briefly around 8:20pm on Monday, but programming did not start till 10:15pm. Noted were:

Monday: 10:15pm Jim Lowe; 11:15pm Tom Webb; 12:15-12:30 close down Webb and Lowe Show. They were not noted on Sunday.

CENTRAL RADIO INT 1404kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF. This station was noted from Noon on Monday with Jim Browne and Mark Evans doing "turns apiece" but with irregular periods. They closed down at 2:35pm as the DTI were known to still be in the area. They were noted briefly from 2:21pm on Saturday to 2:30pm closedown. Jim Browne says he only came on the air for a few minutes to do a short link with Anfield Community Radio and exchange reception reports. They were back on again at Noon on Sunday, but were noted with a slight "warble" on modulation. Jim Browne was on the air till 1:30pm, when Joe, the station's engineer, turned up to do some transmitter modifications, and they weren't noted again, although they almost certainly would have "tested" the transmitter at some time during the afternoon. On-air announcements seem to be suggesting that Liverpool Pirate Radio had deliberately opened at noon on the same frequency, but there was no sign of the latter, even with Central Radio off the air.

RADIO VERONICA 104.7MHz: 81, Lark Lane, Liverpool L17 8UP.

This station rang through the week to say that they wouldn't be on the air on either Friday or Saturday this week. Reception on Sunday was much worse than expected, with Radio Julie off the air. The signal was accompanied by a loud "hiss" which presumably was splatter from BBC Lancs on 104.5MHz. Heard were:-

3pm Neil Frazer; 3:37pm WRLI "Tender Trip" programme; 4:22pm Neil Frazer; 5pm Off-Shore Radio Show; 6pm Adrian Cooke; 7pm Steve Harper; 8:12pm Radio Rainbow Free Radio Show; 9:12pm-9:28pm close-down Neil Frazer.

On Wednesday night, Granada TV carried "Rock around the (Albert) Dock" in conjunction with Radio City. I am reminded that Radio Veronica broadcast this concert the night after it took place, thus beating the station that promoted it by two or three weeks!! Great stuff if you like rock, but my taste in rock only runs to the pink cylinders with "Blackpool" down the middle.

## MERSEY FM ?? 103 · 2MHz

For a large part of Sunday afternoon and most of the evening, a very weak station was noted on approximately 103.2MHz. IDs were impossible, and the station was thought to be Irish. However, later in the evening, Radio Commodore reported that Mersey FM had been heard on this frequency at an unspecified time.

SLAG OFF INT 103.5-103.6MHz: 16, North Road, Tranmere, Birkenhead, Merseyside L42 7JE. On Friday, this station was noted from 7:30pm, with Mike Hammer, Mike Hughes or "whatever you want to call me". He was still on the air at 11:15pm, although the signal in the mean time had been intermittant and off the air at periods. At 10pm, they featured a newscast, by Paul, a format formerly broadcast by Radio Commodore. The station said that they would be on the air on Sunday and Monday, but haven't since been heard.

## RADIO COMMODORE 103.4MHz: No mailing address noted

This station was noted on Sunday around 3pm and 4:20pm. On both occasions, the signal was intermittant, and soon disappeared. From 10pm, Dave Moore was heard, announcing a "test transmission". He also mentioned that Slag-Off were operating near to his frequency and suggested that they "move". They also said that they were on the air on Friday and Saturday, with increasing power, but weren't noted here. Power on Sunday was said to be "about 12".