# RADIO MIGO INTERNATIONAL

### **WELCOMES HANS HOGENDOORN!**

Radio Mi Amigo International is extremely proud and happy that Hans Hogendoorn of RNI and NOS fame is joining our crew of former offshore radio jocks!

To many listeners in the Netherlands, even to this day, the distinct radio voice of Hans Hogendoorn, brings back happy

In the early 70s, Hans was part of the original Dutch radio crew on board RNI's colourful ship MEBO II.

Dutch pirate radio 'Godfather' Joost den Draayer (Radio Veronica's former PD), who had also joined the ranks of RNI, discovered Hans' talent and had sent him out to the ship, first as a newsreader.

Under the pseudonym Hans ten Hooge, his recognizable voice could be heard reading the daily news, but soon Hans and other DJ's on board created the immense popular drive-time show 'Driemaster', a daily live show with updates on life on board the ship.

Hans' time on board the MEBO II were the best years in the station's history. The ship was famous for being the best equipped and maintained radio ship, and was managed by a large Dutch music publishing company. Hans left a few months before RNI's close down, when it already became clear that Dutch offshore radio no longer had a future.

After the offshore stations Veronica and RNI closed down, Hans became the continuity voice-over for NOS radio (the Dutch BBC) and its prestigious daily evening radio show 'Eyes on Tomorrow', a 'New Night' type programme, that he also directed.

More on Hans Hogendoorn here.



memories of the station where he began his impressive broadcasting career: RNI - Radio Noordzee Internationaal.

His Dutch version of the famous pirate era jingle 'Going Back in Time on the Sounds of the Nation, It's a Caroline Flashback' already had his legendary signature voicing that later got him his job as official voice-over for NOS radio (The Dutch BBC), where he can still be heard today.

Hans fits the Mi Amigo International team perfectly, as it mainly consists of DJs, who have learned the 'Free Radio trade' themselves on notorious offshore radio stations such as Radio Caroline, Radio Mi Amigo, The Voice of Peace, Swinging Radio England and Laser 558.

He will be the first RNI DJ to make that impressive list of station complete and help the team to do an even better job on 'Bringing Back the Golden Era of Offshore Radio'.

Even broadcasting to Europe on Shortwave comes natural to Hans Hogendoorn, who for many years presented and directed the international programs of 'Radio Netherlands World Service', something the Dutch fondly remember as well: listening to shortwave transistor radios during happy holidays to catch the news, weather and messages from home.

His first music show on Radio Mi Amigo International will air this weekend, see the new program schedule on our website: <a href="www.radiomiamigo.international">www.radiomiamigo.international</a>

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Extra edition Newsletter



'Free Radio', presented by DJs who invented and lived it!

# **Radio Mi Amigo International** broadcasts from **9** in the morning till **19:00** in the evening. On Shortwave for Europe, in the 49-meter band, 6085 kiloHerz. And for the World: 24/7 via 3 online streams on the Internet.

# FRIDAY till SUNDAY: LIVE PROGRAMS

From Fridays 9:00 hrs [CET] till Sunday evenings you can enjoy our presented live music programs in 4 European languages: *Dutch, English, German and French*.

Every day there's another presented live show: 'Hello Europe' at 14:00 and 19:00 hours.

Visit our multi-language website: www.radiomiamigo.international

Even our music is international: a unique collection of the greatest music, records made and broadcast between 1958 and 1989: 'The Golden Era of Offshore AM Radio'.

#### The best oldies station in Europe

Because of our history, our Shortwave broadcasts, plus the fact that our unique music selection is presented by DJs, who themselves where there, on those very ships, when it all first happened, DJs who lived and invented 'Free Radio, our station distinguishes itself big time from all other 'oldies' stations in Europe and even in the world...

All great reasons why Radio Mi Amigo International is currently seen as:

'Europe's Best Oldies Station'.

Just in: ...more offshore jocks joining Radio Mi Amigo Int.!

#### And... WELCOME BOB LE-ROI!



Former Caroline shipmates Bob Le-Roi and Johnny Lewis, reunited in 2018 on Radio Mi Amigo International

Another offshore radio jock of name and fame will be joining Radio Mi Amigo this weekend: Bob Le-Roi, a presenter who has been in broadcasting virtually his whole working life, starting out on Radio City, on one of the legendary offshore radio forts off the coast of his native Whitstable.

Since then, Bobs voice has been heard on a long list of radio stations: BBC Radio Medway, ILR Invicta Radio. Radio Fax in Ireland, Juke Box Memories, European Classic Rock. Radio Seagull and the Voice of Peace, just to name a few.

Whilst still at the BBC he became involved in supplying the Ross Revenge through 1983 - 1990, an illegal operation that was universally known as 'The Whitstable Navy'. He later joined Radio Caroline, working out of the Maidstone TV Studios and later in Larkfield.

Radio Mi Amigo International - home of many former Offshore Radio pioneers - is proud to add Bob Le-Roi to its current crew of Free Radio presenters. From mid November Bob can be heard weekly as part of Mi Amigo's live weekend programs.

More on Bob Le-Roi on our <u>website</u>, see our new <u>broadcast</u> <u>schedule</u> for air times.



## Our Winter Competition will start Friday, November 23.

Great prizes are to be won, such as a SDR Shortwave receiver, and 2 trips to Radio Caroline's operating radio ship 'The Ross Revenge'. <u>Visit our website</u>'s competition page and see how you can enter the competition and win!