# RADIO MILANIGO INTERNATIONAL The Legends return to Radio Mi Amigo

#### 'BAKEN 16' returns to Mi Amigo MARC JACOBS is back!

Under his real name Rob van Dam, Dutch viewers know him as news anchor and presenter at RTL, Veronique, RTL radio and TV Noord.



The many Mi Amigo fans however, know Marc as the ever-cheerful live DJ and presenter of 'BAKEN 16', the daily 2-hour live program from the mv Mi Amigo in the North Sea!

### BAKEN 16 - Every day

In case you missed it in the 70s: you'll get the chance to experience the magic during the last week of August, when Marc Jacobs will return to Mi Amigo, bringing a suitcase full of tunes, jingles, hits and lots of great stories and memories from the history of 'Baken 16'. Get ready to make new memories with us during Offshore Days 'Light' 2020, live, as close to the sea as any former offshore radio station can get these days: our brand new Mi Amigo Pavilion at the Zeedijk in Blankenberge, right at the pier entrance



The original plan we had in mind for the 'Offshore Days' event was to liven up the annual Blankenberge 'Havenfeesten', with an exciting offshore broadcast, utilising the MV Castor as a temporary radio ship. Mi Amigo would return to the high seas and play music on-air as we sailed from Rotterdam to Blankenberge, stay out one night at sea, and then sail into in port whilst still broadcasting.

Our studio would then be the centre of the 'Offshore Days' event, where for a week, many prominent guests and big names from the Offshore Radio era would broadcast Live from our radio ship. Then Covid-19 arrived and spoiled it all...

But the improvisational talent of the offshore crews and DJs is legendary and Radio Mi Amigo International still has many of them on board, which quickly led to a solid 'Plan-B'...

A lighter version of 'Offshore Days', just as an alternative radio event, turns out to be a good second option. And so, after the Belgian lockdowns, the Mi Amigo International Pavilion at the foot of the Blankenberge pier, has rapidly been brought online to facilitate live broadcasts.

And with that, a 'lite' version of the planned Offshore Days event is still possible in this weird summer of 2020!

Across four weekends, we tested the new studio and equipment with great success and without any technical glitches. Modern communication technology, combined with a vintage analogue studio, even with original cart machines for the jingles, provides a comfortable, familiar setting for DJs and their live shows in a socalled horizontal schedule, planned for the coming week.

Additionally, three of our British jocks will be live from their home studios in the UK, providing our evening English service, just like it was in the old days on the good ship Mi Amigo.

For a full week, many familiar voices will be heard, and many stories will be told. Free radio - back for a full week, like it used to be in the old days of pirate radio.

Drop by and check it out for yourself. You are certainly welcome!

#### Newsletter

# Greetings from Blankenberge!

This summer, we opened up the brand new 'Radio Mi Amigo International Pavilion', our own permanent studio right at the foot of the sea pier in Blankenberge.

From this glass pavilion, various disc jockeys will present Live programs every other weekend, in front of a live audience of summer tourists.

Well protected from any Covid issues, we are safe behind glass but there is always serious danger of being infected with the 'Radio virus'. You are warned!



The Mi Amigo Pavilion is fully equipped with modern communication equipment, linked to an **'Old Skool'** radio studio, with cart jingle machines and an analogue mixing console, in order to provide the best atmosphere and sound of the 70s and the onboard studios of the legendary offshore stations..

The Pavilion will become the new base for Mi Amigo's summer live broadcasts, recordings and live events. The perfect spot to entertain both our listeners and ourselves, playing those summer sounds with the familiar view and smell of fresh air of the North Sea in the background.

#### Offshore Days 'lite' 2020

is produced by Eric Hofman, in close cooperation with Radio Mi Amigo International and the City of Blankenberge.



## MV Mi Amigo featured in the new shirt design New T-SHIRTS arrived!

Especially for both our crew and our fans, we designed a new Radio Mi Amigo International T-Shirt, one that features the great radio ship 'mv Mi Amigo', home of Radio Caroline and birthplace of our own station as well.

What a great way to honour the radio ship that served the longest of them all, and remember the 'Golden Era of Offshore Free Radio'. Buying one is also a great way to support the station that keeps that feeling alive, even in 2020.

The front features the words from the famous Mi Amigo slogan 'De laatste de beste...' (*the last... the best*), that proudly sums up Radio Mi Amigo's unique status among the Dutch and Belgian offshore radio stations in the 70s: it was the sole station that continued broadcasting when the others closed down in 1974.

The back features our current Logo and the iconic silhouette of the ship from where it all started, and after which our station is named: the **MV Mi Amigo**.

Treat yourself to a high quality fabric T-SHIRT while supporting your station, and order one online today. Shirts will also be for sale at our live studio in Blankenberge, where you can buy them directly of our DJs for only 25 euros.

Order them online via our website: <u>http://radiomiamigo.international/english/shop.html</u>

### Wherever you go go go ...

Today, we don't carry large transistor radio's around anymore. Yet, as we all carry smart-phones wherever we go, Radio Mi Amigo International can be listened to in cars or on-the-go by more people than ever before. Remember: Mi Amigo's online 24/7 web stream is never more than one app click away...

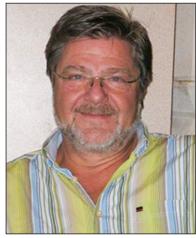




Ferry Eden



Frans van der Drift



**Ton Schipper** 



#### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE OFFSHORE DAYS 'LITE' 2020**

#### Monday, August 24 till Sunday, August 30, 2020. Live from the Mi Amigo Studio Pavilion in Blankenberge at the Pier.

Listen via Radio Mi Amigo International 's Shortwave **6085** kHz and online via the links at: <u>www.radiomiamigo.international</u>

#### **MONDAY till FRIDAY**

Dutch service:

- 07 09 OOK GOEIEMORGEN JOHAN VERMEER
- 09 10 GOOD MORNING EUROPE LION KEEZER
- 10 11 KOFFIEPAUZE ERIC HOFMAN
- **11 12 KEUKENPRET TON SCHIPPER**
- 12 14 BAKEN 16 MARC JACOBS
- 14 16 FERRY EDEN SHOW
- 16 17 HELLO EUROPE LION KEEZER
- 17 18 POPRADIO ERIC HOFMAN

#### English Service:

- **18 19 LIVE FROM LONDON: PAUL NEWMAN**
- 19 20 Live FROM Blankenberge: BOB NOAKES
- 20 21 LIVE FROM CORNWALL: STEVE FOSTER

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2020

- 07 09 OOK GOEIEMORGEN JOHAN VERMEER
- 09 11 FRANS VAN DER DRIFT
- **11 12 KEUKENPRET- TON SCHIPPER**
- 12 14 BAKEN 16 MARC JACOBS
- 14 15 FERRY EDEN SHOW
- 15 16 THEO VAN DE VELDE
- 16 17 HELLO TO THE WORLD! LION KEEZER
- 17 18 POPRADIO ERIC HOFMAN

#### **English service**

- 18 19 LIVE FROM LONDON: PAUL NEWMAN
- 19 20 Live FROM Blankenberge: BOB NOAKES
- 20 21 LIVE FROM CORNWALL: STEVE FOSTER

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2020

- 09 11 FRANS VAN DER DRIFT
- 11 12 KEUKENPRET TON SCHIPPER
- 12 14 BAKEN 16 MARC JACOBS
- 14 15 DE PENSIONADOS WILL STEENTJES, NORBERT, FERRY EDEN.
- 15 16 THEO VAN DE VELDE
- 16 17 HELLO TO THE WORLD! LION KEEZER
- 17 18 POPRADIO ERIC HOFMAN

**18:00** regular programming resumes.

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