

Exercise Sea Over Sand (GB4CLB)

Location, RNLI, Cromer Life Boat Shed - end of Cromer Pier
When? - 28th, 29th, 30th January, 2011.

It is highly possible with the economic cutbacks taking place in the country at the moment that Norfolk County RAYNET might be called upon, in an emergency, to provide communications over an extended period of time. In our last emergency, a control station was provided both at County and Gt Yarmouth along with several rest centres for a period of around 10 hours. The next similar event to this could easily last for a longer period, meaning that we would need to operate in shifts and could not rely totally on the few members who turn out for our normal exercises to see us through this period.

Exercise Sea Over Sand is

- 1) a resilience exercise to test the capabilities of Norfolk County RAYNET in being able to run a manned "control" station over 3 days, giving as many operators as possible the opportunity to work in a more formal situation.
- 2) part of the RNLI SOS week to raise funds for the RNLI (there are prizes for the group who raise the most money for the RNLI).

How can you take part?

Decide when you can give a few hours - look at the chart below, decide when you can come, email your local friendly Coastal Controller ("RAYNET Ex SOS" in the subject line) and give the time code and day you want to come. He will acknowledge your email and then all you have to do is turn up at said time. Please give more than 1 time if you can, just in case there are too many.

You are welcome to come as many or as few slots as you wish, every day or just 1 day - the choice is yours.

PLEASE DO NOT just say "whenever you want" or "when you want me" or something similar. I would prefer to know in advance and not have to "slot" people in.

We will need operators and log writers (including QSL cards) (you can swap roles) for each time slot, currently we are planning to have at least 2 set ups on air (FT900AT, and FT897) most of the time. We hope to work the open SSB HF bands and different modes if possible. We will also from time to time give people the possibility of HF pedestrian mobile outside the shed as well. So you can see that ideally we should like to have 2-4 people (or more) at any time.

Time Slots

Thursday 27th Set up - 13.00 to 16.00 (set up masts / aerials outside Boat Shed - likely to be v. cold!)

| Time | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------------|--------|----------|--------|
| 09.00 - 11.00 | Slot A | Slot A | Slot A |
| 11.00 - 13.00 | Slot B | Slot B | Slot B |
| 13.00 - 15.00 | Slot C | Slot C | Slot C |
| 15.00 - 17.00 | Slot D | Slot D | Slot D |

Notes:-

- 1) When emailing give day and slot
- 2) Slot D on Friday and Saturday will also include the lowering of mast(s) and securing aerials overnight. Slot A on all 3 days will involve the raising/setting up aerials
- 3) Sunday. It is very likely, depending upon propagation, weather etc. that we will close GB4CLB sometime in either Slot C or Slot D, so be aware that transmission times may be shortened during this period / not take place.
- 4) All times are local and approx!
- 5) Making contact. The station will be set up in the Boat Shed Crew room, this is not open to the public. (if operators want to operate within the boat shed, please state and we will do our best, but it's not heated and if there is a callout you will be in their way!). To gain access to the station, you will need to call in on 144.650MHz - MONCR/P. You will then be let in.
- 6) Car parking. The nearest car park is on the 1 way system and is a short term car park for up to 3 hours (£1.70 for 3hours I think) Longer term parking can be found in Cadogon Road (on left just past old bus station) Parking here is £1 for 2 hours, £1.70 for 3, £2.40 for 4, then increasing by 70p per hour. There is free parking up the cliff, but it's an even longer walk and another long term car park on the top of the cliff (even further away). Disabled / hard of walking - there is limited parking near the pier, but this is difficult to get to. There are a lot of steps / steep slopes down to the pier.

The controller and/or the deputy controller will be at the station at all times. This means that any class of licence can operate the station.