

On 9 July 2021 Dennis Jason passed away far too early having suffered from a long term cancer. Dennis had been a radio enthusiast for many years, having participated in early years with the land pirates South East Sound and Radio Jackie. In 1986, times dawned for him on the high seas when he was heard on Radio Caroline from the MV Ross Revenge in May and again later in the year. In 1987 he joined the engineering team on board the MV Communicator, which by now was used by Laser Hot Hits 576. At both offshore stations Dennis proved to be multi-talented and an all-important force. Dennis was a technician and deejay, but also an ambitious photographer and filmmaker who sometimes climbed to the top of the transmission masts.

Later, Dennis worked at ILR station Mellow 1557 and participated in the RNI revival broadcasts from LV 18 in 1999 and 2000. All his colleagues agree that Dennis was, above all, a valued employee who left a lasting impression with his quiet, modest, obliging, hardworking and reliable manner. Hans Knot and I met him several times at our Radio Days in Amsterdam when he accompanied Ray Anderson and helped him with his EAP sales booth. Then most recently in 2017 we talked to him in Harwich on the occasion of the Pirate-BBC-Essex broadcasts to mark the 50th anniversary of the MOA. A pleasant, friendly contemporary who will be extraordinarily missed, especially by many radio friends. RIP Dennis.

Martin van der Ven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOue5QPc9nc>

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Dennis Jason at RadioDay 2014 in Amsterdam (photo David van der Ven)