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Operating position of Jan 2E0UPA aboard the lightship SULA in Gloucester Docks.

Out and about

Whilst in Gloucester, Anne and I decided to reacquaint ourselves with the historic Gloucester Docks, our last visit having been some 12 years ago. We were taking in the maritime theme when we stumbled across a light-vessel named 'SULA'; nothing out of the ordinary you may think. We last visited one in Cardiff Bay four years ago, where we had coffee on board, but this one was different. As we approached abeam the vessel, I noticed the dipole antenna between two of the lightship's masts. Upon making enquiries of a Dutch lady called Agnes, she pointed me in the direction of a Dutch gentleman, her husband, Jan 2E0UPA, who owned the retired vessel.

We had an interesting visit to the radio room/shack. The first thing we spotted was a Marconi marine TX/RX set-up, marked T1158B and R2354A, respectively. Neither Jan nor I knew much about this equipment so, if any readers can help, please let me know so we can pass on the information to Jan. This equipment was not in use but looked tidy, so I encouraged Jan to get it up and running. Hopefully, any information provided by Members will speed up that process.

Jan has been licensed for two and a half years now and says that he owes his amateur success to members of the CARA Cheltenham and District ARS and the Gloucester Club. Jan uses a Trio TS830 and another period Trio for VHF. Looking at the dipole at some 65 feet and the 2 m whip at 40 feet, he should get out quite nicely using 12 W.



The light vessel was built in Beverley, East Yorkshire in 1958 and commissioned in 1959. It was formerly known as the 'SPURN' light-vessel LV 14 and, for the latter part of its working life, formed part of the Humber Conservancy Board, <http://www.feuerschiffseite.de/SCHIFFE/ENGLAND/LV14/lv14gb.htm>. Jan and Agnes use their light-vessel as a home and place of business, running a successful Centre for Complimentary Health, including a delightful shop and light (no pun intended) refreshments are also available. My thanks to Jan and Agnes for a very interesting visit and I cannot wait to hear the Marconi on the air.

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Goodies at the War and Peace Revival

To show Members what they may have missed, below is a photo gallery of some of the goodies that were on sale at the War and Peace Revival at Westenhanger. Most of the kit had come from the Netherlands and the diversity and availability of equipment was exceptional.

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