

SAMBENEDETTORADIO - IQP

ADRIATIC SEA CENTRE

1855 KHZ

(SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO – AP – ITALY)

Sambenedettoradio was born in 1945 for initiative of local shipowners, above all of Sambenedettese merchant marine, thriving and full expansion in those years. It was inaugurated in the summer of 1949. It was the first coastal radio station to be opened in Italy in the postwar period and Mr. Serafino Romani was the first operator. The radio station was in the north-west of the old football field “F.lli Ballarin”, in Morosini street, one hundred meters from the sea, in a small brick cottage with only one room for all radio equipments.



IQP - SAMBENEDETTORADIO - 1950

The radio station was controlled by an ex R/T operator of the Italian Royal Navy Mr. Eliseo Bianco, a man of great technical ability, pioneer in the maritime communications sector on behalf of the S.I.R.M. (Society Italian Maritime Radio). The station was operated 24 hours at day, it regularly transmitted meteo bulletins for supporting a safety navigation in the Adriatic Sea, a guarantee for all sailors in those years. The R/T Eliseo Bianco was helped from an operational staff composed of Mr. Giuseppe Mosca (today I6TIH), Mr. Serafino Romani and Mr. Nereo Gropaiz.

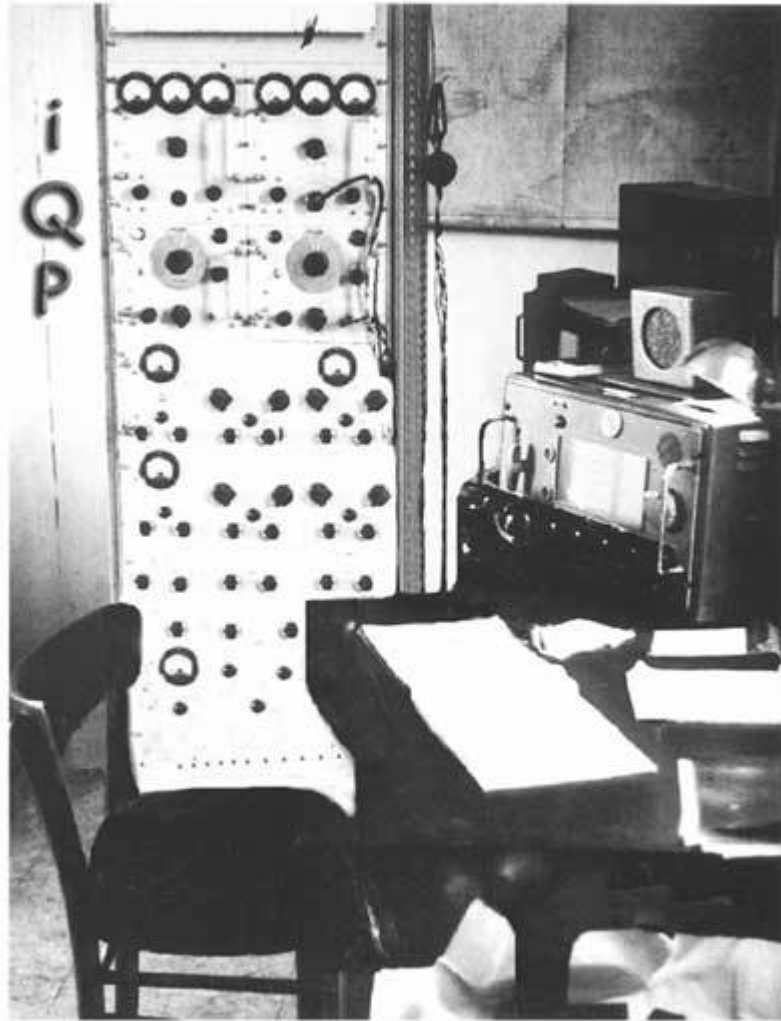


IQP - SAMBENEDETTORADIO - 1950



***IQP - SAN BENEDETTO RADIO - 1949
OPERATED BY GIUSEPPE MOSCA TODAY I6TIH***

Sambenedettoradio was a support point for all shipowners, especially for those involved with oceanic fish. This radio station frequently transmitted to unthinkable distances reaching ships in the Atlantic Ocean during night time using Amplitude Modulation.... really extraordinary.



IQP - SAMBENEDETTORADIO - 1968

In 1965 the Italian Government stopped S.I.R.M. (Society Italian Maritime Radio) financing and a lot coastal stations were closed. Only few radio stations remained operational, the most important between the main Italian fishing harbours is San Benedetto del Tronto better known as SAMBENEDETTORADIO (IQP) it was famous for its first Italian fishing-boats and for its presence in the Atlantic Ocean, so Sambenedettoradio remained opened and passed under the control of the Italian Post and Telecommunications Office (Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni),



***THE SMALL BRICK COTTAGE WHERE IQP
SAMBENEDETTORADIO BORN IN 1945***



***IQP - SAN BENEDETTO RADIO - 1949 AND THE RADIO OPERATORS
FROM LEFT : NEREO GROPAIZ - GIUSEPPE MOSCA I6TIH - SERAFINO ROMANI***

the small and romantic coastal radio station, built on the beach near the harbour, was transferred into a new building of the PP.TT. (Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni) located in the center of the city. Here the receiving and transmitting equipments were systemaized. I remember the enormous pylon on the stable summit and the long aerials on each quadrant. After some years the transmitter was set in Grottammare two km for from San Benedetto del Tronto, in the Montesecco area (on the top of a hill) about 150 mt. slm. IQP.



MONTSECCO AREA AND THE AERIALS IQP - SAN BENEDETTO RADIO



IQP - SAN BENEDETTO RADIO - 1958

FROM LEFT THE TECHNICIAN RADIO GIUSEPPE MOSCA I6TIH

Sambenedettoradio has been for half of a century a reference point in the Adriatic sea for the whole local merchant marine and for all the ships that transited in this area till the advent of cellular phone which upset everything and everybody.



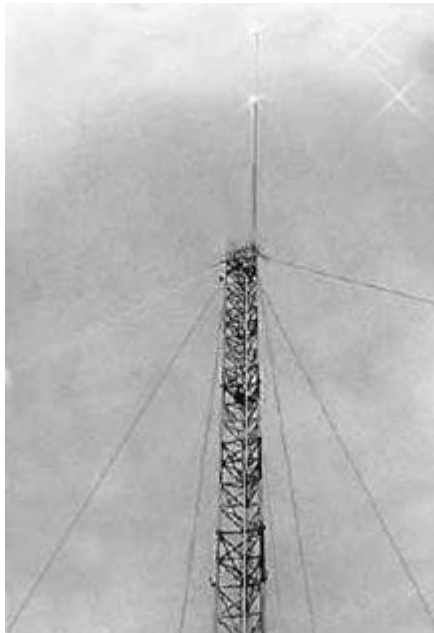
***IQP-SAMBENEDETTORADIO-1950 AND Mr. ELISEO BIANCO
EX R/T OPERATOR OF THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY***

Today IQP – Sambenedettoradio- is still "ON THE AIR" and it is remoted controlled by IAR- Rome Radio- that manages and directs the following coastal radio stations:

IQP	San Benedetto del Tronto Radio	1855 kHz
IQX	Trieste Radio	2624 kHz
ICB	Genova Radio	2672 kHz
IPD	Civitavecchia Radio	1888 kHz
IPL	Livorno Radio	2591 kHz
IDC	Cagliari Radio	2680 kHz
IPA	Ancona Radio	2656 kHz
IZN	Porto Torres Radio	2719 kHz



***THE NEW BUILDING WHERE SAMBENEDETTORADIO - IQP
WAS TRANSFERRED IN 1962 TO THE SECOND FLOOR***



IQP - THE AERIALS



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Domenico Caselli