

DGPS CLE 205 - Co-ordinator's (mini-) Comments

It is over a week since the DGPS CLE ended and I am only now sending a few follow-up comments. I have been AWOL all this weekend due to several commitments, including a Golden Wedding on Saturday and a 70th Birthday today (neither of them mine!).

I thought CLE205's Combined Results table showing the number of DGPS Stations logged on each frequency was interesting. Between us, there was at least one report of a Station on **all 42 of the whole frequencies** from 284 kHz to 325 kHz.

On the **31 'half-frequencies'** (only used in Europe, between 283.5 kHz and 314.5 kHz) we failed to find any DGPS Stations on 284.5, 300.5 and 306.5. (Maybe someone will fill in one or two of those gaps quite quickly?).

At the other extreme the results show that there were four listeners who managed to decode **three Stations sharing a frequency**:

On 286.0 kHz: Dave in MO
On 286.5 kHz: Milos in CZE
On 297.5 kHz: Hartmut in DEU
On 301.0 kHz: Dave in MO
On 307.0 kHz: Dave in MO
On 314.0 kHz: Dave in MO
On 319.0 kHz: Dave in MO and John in NH

No-one managed to decode **four Stations on the same frequency**. (I think that might just be possible on one or two frequencies from the 'right' location in North America).

Returning briefly to that question of the **reference file for DSCdecoder** (dgpsstn.txt) it looks like it may be helpful next time for Alan and me again to **provide an updated version of that** for Europe and probably the version for North America too?

With that in mind, it would be very helpful if I could know of any Station's entries in the Europe and 'Rest of the World' versions which failed to provide the correct details in CLE205 (if you were decoding from Europe or from North America).

We know about what should have been **288.5 kHz #470 Otterbacken (SWE) (738** and **302 kHz #359 Cabo de Palos (ESP) (518** If you found others, please could you send me details of the problems - e.g. direct to ndbcle@gmail.com Thanks.

As usual after a DGPS CLE, we invite NDB List members who enjoyed DGPS decoding for the first time to consider joining the dgpslist.

And if you are only a dgpslist member, maybe you have developed a taste for CLEs? If so you could join NDB list, where your appetite can usually be satisfied once every month!

Finally, these are the provisional dates for the coming CLEs for NDB List members:

CLE206 22 - 25 April

CLE207 27 - 30 May

CLE208 1 - 4 July

CLE209 22 - 25 July ('Barn Door' - for anyone who likes using non-selective receivers - basic home brews (e.g. regen), antique sets, simple portables, etc.).

Good listening

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