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VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update). The VK9MT Pilot station sent out the following important updates over the past 24 hours:

Mellish Reef Update - April 4 0910 (local)

The weather continues to be extremely windy, with occasional heavy rain. The antennas are taking a severe beating in the wind but they are still working. The operating tents are shaking and very noisy so the op might have trouble hearing your call. Today at noon (local) the skipper will decide if we stay until tomorrow or leave today. He would like to keep us transmitting as long as possible, yet maintain a margin of safety.

Team Mellish 2014

Mellish Reef Update April 4 12:50PM (local)

The skipper is watching the weather maps throughout today and into the night. He'll reassess the situation tomorrow morning and make a decision. The tents are holding up well, but with the wind noise and flapping of the tent walls is quite noisy we're having some difficulty with the noise. The antennas continue to play well, however they are somewhat bent over by the high winds and need continual maintenance. The team is holding up very well, other than one cut finger, no other injuries. We're working on the logs and will send an update shortly after this bulletin goes out. We're making about 7,000 Qs a day, propagation drops out several times a day. The productive bands are the usual HF frequencies. The Pilot reports are coming in on a regular basis and we review at each shift change.

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Mellish Reef Update April 4, 2130 local

1. The winds continue to be very strong.
2. We experienced antenna damage and are reassessing the antenna situation, we have alternatives.
3. We are running 4 stations tonight due to antenna damage.
4. The generators and radios are doing well.
5. The KPA-500 Power Amplifiers are doing well.
6. The operating tents are holding up well, but the break tent is damaged.
7. We are on a different operating plan, with frequent breaks because of the weather. You will hear us QRX for up to an hour, then return.
8. We are receiving requests for specific geographic / band operation. Under the circumstances these will be almost impossible to fulfill.
9. The skipper will assess the weather situation throughout the night and decide if it's safe to remain at Mellish Reef.
10. At the moment we're on the island and operating.

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