**TM175PO / GB175PO**

**august-september 2012**

The special event call **TM175PO / GB175PO**, celebrating the 175 years of the P&O shipping company "Peninsular and Oriental Lines" in August and September 2012, over several weekends, was, and will remain unforgettable for our whole english-french team. It consisted in radio traffic transmissions during the crossing of the channel and in the harbors of between Dover and Calais.

The initiative for this special activity came from, on english side, the **Radio Club of Dover**, supported by the **RSGB** and on french side, the **CSRAL** (Scientific and Amateur Radio Club in Artois-Lys, **Radio Club F4KIS**), supported by the national french association **URC**.

The hospitality aboard the ship-ferry "Spirit of Britain" by of all staff members, at all levels of responsability (captain, communication director, technicians and service agents) is a good example of brotherhood and human understanding. Two rooms given at our disposal for traffic and rest. We also were welcomed in the staff restaurant for all meals on board with the navigation personnel.

The entire "team radio" Anglo-French for the implementation, before, during and after operations (general organization, meetings, installing antennas on deck, equipment, traffic stations) was composed with M0PAM Armando, G4LQY Erwin, M0OZH Michael and his wife Kate M3 ... and their daughter **Louise**, 10 years old, with the nice callsign **M6LYL** (youngest british amateur radio ham at that time!), Irwin, Bob and Ian (sorry for forgetting the calls), F1PSH Sylvie, Alain F6AGV, F5LTQ Patrick, F5PSI Gaby and Nicolas F4GYW, without forgetting our Qsl manager Pierre-Marie F4FCE.

**It was a nice ham adventure we'd like to live more often.**