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Flying the Flag

Broadcasting from the Thames Estuary Red Sands Radio might be all at sea but its HQ is in Whitstable & it's serviced from the harbour there. In the mid 1960's Radio Sutch, the first station to use a Fort later Radio City settled on Shivering Sands. Meanwhile Radio Invicta later KING then Radio 390, took over the Red Sands. They too were supplied from Whitstable Harbour; Fred Downs owner skipper of the 'Harvesters' looked after the needs on Shivering Sands whilst Vic Davies served Red Sands with his 'Mallard'

Operating outside then British Territorial waters both stations kept a low profile, the Forts were unlit as shown on the Admiralty charts, & no flag ever flew from their radio towers. Now in 2008 broadcasting & operating within British law Red Sands Radio has commissioned its own flag to fly from the Fort top

Said media designer 'Kathia' "Initially the idea was to use the overall layout plan of the Forts, but artistically I created a design based on a red background that encompassed the Fort's elevation in yellow surrounded by the distinctive well know life ring"

Radio Red Sands launches on 4th July 2008. For more information contact Red Sands Radio, PO Box 299, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2YA or telephone 07961 601 893

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