

The Commission here goes beyond what is needed to allow a natural and market driven expansion of efficient digital modes on Maritime Radio frequencies. One effect of that over-action is to suppress activities such as the Maritime Radio Historical Society, which preserve the past of Maritime Radio in a form that reminds its users now of their obligation, not merely to Rules, but also to the spirit of those rules and their history, to be competent and considerate user of allotted spectrum. The Commission could and should remedy the overstep by simply making available frequencies it wishes open to digital modes under the same conditions other modes using affected channels must observe.

Respectfully submitted,

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