

pirates rule the airwaves

A pirate television station has begun broadcasting in London. Using a specially manufactured 2kW transmitter, and a link-up with an illegal radio station, the pirates are enlivening the Monday nights of those lucky enough to live within range. A presenter, Bob Edwards, told viewers that the city 'needed more than 4 channels' and that the others were 'boring'.

The channel features movies, pop music clips, community news, and seems to be popular with just about everybody except their competition. One Industry spokesman stamped his foot and complained that 'legitimate broadcasters can't compete.'

Well, they might be bastards, but they sound like clever bastards; the transmitter is suitcase-sized, and very difficult to detect. The law provides maximum penalties of £2,000 and/or 3 months in prison. The matter is expected to be discussed in the House of Commons next month.