

# **GEOFF GM8OFQ**

Geoff was first licensed in 1973 with a restricted G8 (VHF only), then granted HF privileges in the late 90s. Since then been active on all bands from various locations around the world, the most memorable being from the Galapagos Islands in 2013 and 2015. Also operates from time to time /MM from a 45' sailing yacht when weather permits.

Served in the Air Force for 23 years, followed by an 8 year spell in Saudi for a defence contractor and then a period of time as a trainer in commercial aviation. Now fully retired in the Orkney Islands on the Island of Hoy at a great location where time, space and very quiet conditions permits extremely enjoyable ham radio ops. Married to the beautiful Christine who hails from San Diego.

Other activities include sailing, motor biking and Chelonian (turtles, tortoises) conservation. Next year 2019, Christine and Geoff hope to continue their volunteer program in the Galapagos, Florida and Costa Rica to assist with turtle conservation.