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OFFSHORE RADIO MUSEUM – A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR

It's just a year since the Offshore Radio Museum was launched – to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the arrival of Radio Caroline and the start of British offshore radio.

In that 12 months visitor numbers have far exceeded initial expectations and the Museum is increasingly being consulted by students and media outlets for information about the history of offshore radio.

The Museum itself has expanded with two new galleries opening recently. The first - **Offshore Radio on the Big (and Small) Screen** - chronicles films and television programmes which have featured offshore radio as their theme, or which have a connection with an offshore radio station.

Museum Director, Mike Leonard said "This is one of our 'Growing Galleries' where more information will be added as and when it becomes available. If anyone has information and details - in particular about television programmes which have featured offshore radio - please let us know at resources@offshoreradiomuseum.co.uk."

The second new gallery is the long-awaited history of **Offshore Television** – a phenomenon which logically should have followed on the success of offshore radio, but the technical and financial problems associated with launching a TV service from a base at sea proved to be far greater. Consequently, although many plans were announced for offshore TV services, only two made it on air and another made some small scale test transmissions. The Gallery offers a fascinating insight into 'what might have been'.

Mike continued, " In our phased development programme there are even more galleries planned which will focus on different aspects of the history of offshore radio (and TV). Over the next few months the Museum will be concentrating on adding information to its existing galleries with lots more photos, news cuttings, audio and video files. New visitors are always welcome and everyone should return on a regular basis to see what's been added . Being a web-based virtual museum we are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year – and admission is free! Find us at www.offshoreradiomuseum.co.uk."

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