

50th anniversary of British offshore radio

DATELINE 2nd January 2014

As the New Year dawns there are a growing number of events being planned to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of British offshore radio.

The most famous anniversary, and the one likely to attract most media attention, will be the start of Radio Caroline in March 1964. However, there are also more 50th anniversaries occurring this year including Radio Atlanta (May 1964), Radio Sutch (May 1964), Radio Invicta (June 1964), Radio City (September 1964) and the most successful of all British offshore stations, Radio London in December 1964.

Events planned so far include:-

Radio Caroline's 50th Birthday



8th March 2014 (at The Rochester Corn Exchange, Kent)

Tickets are just £30 for the whole day and evening entertainment including music by Charlie Dore and The Counterfeit Beatles.

Radio Day 2014



22nd March 2014 (Hotel Casa 400, Eerste Ringdijkstraat 4, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

The theme this year is '50 Years Ago: When British Radio Set Sail'

The Pop Pirates 50th Birthday



28th March 2014 (Walton on the Naze, Essex)

Organised by former Radio Caroline ship's captain, Tony Haggis (Captain Campbell)

For further information Email Tony at captaincampbell319@gmail.com

Pirate Radio Beat Boat Cruise



6th-8th August 2014 (from Tilbury to Antwerp and

Amsterdam)

The cruise celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Pirate Radio and the birth of British Beat & R 'n' B Boom. Former offshore DJs Dave Cash (Radio London), Emperor Rosko (Radio Caroline South) and Johnnie Walker (Radio England and Caroline South) will be introducing artists such as Georgie Fame, Chris Farlowe, Zoot Money and the Pretty Things.

In addition Chris and Jackie Dannatt's Flashback Exhibition, will be present at the Radio Caroline 50th Birthday, Radio Day 2014 and the Pirate Radio Beat Boat Cruise as well as touring many UK locations including Harwich, Liverpool and others still to be arranged.

For more information visit www.piratememories.com

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New Zealand offshore radio film released

DATELINE New Zealand, 1st March 2014

The film *Three Mile Limit*, based on the true story of New Zealand offshore station Radio Hauraki, opened in cinemas throughout New Zealand on 6th March 2014.

The film, which is produced and directed by Craig Newland in association with No.8 Films, has won official selection into seven International Film Festivals in the U.S for Best Feature Film. "We had great news on Christmas Eve after winning the Fargo International Film Festival for Best Feature Film, since then we have won selection into another six Film Festivals. I'm blown away by the interest the American Festivals have shown for our kiwi film" said Craig Newland.

"You always hope when making a local film that it might appeal to an international audience, so I'm incredibly thankful the film has reached into the North American market ahead of our

national release in March in such a positive way. It seems the festivals are reacting strongly to the untold true story.” Newland said.

Three Mile Limit is an iconic New Zealand true story based on the 1960’s beginnings of Radio Hauraki on a boat called the *Tiri* in international waters in the Hauraki Gulf in Auckland.

It's 1965 and rock music is shaking up the world but not in New Zealand. Richard Davis is a 23 year old journalist by day, but at night manages a local band called 'The Yellow Sprockets'. He is determined to break the government's monopoly on state broadcasting and bring rock n' roll and free speech to an oppressed younger generation, and at the same time hold onto the woman he loves.

A power struggle develops between the government and these free spirited individuals who set out to change a system that starved a nation of modern pop music.

Craig Newland pieced together a strong cast, which includes leading man Matt Whelan, (*My Wedding and Other Secrets*, and *The Most Fun You Can Have Dying*) who is supported by Dan Musgrove (*Underbelly*) and David Aston (*Lord of The Rings*, *Underworld*, *The Matrix*) as the Broadcasting Minister.

The screenplay written by Craig Newland and Andrew Gunn was recognised early as an international story that will travel beyond the shores of New Zealand by Ed Pressman, the legendary New York based producer (*Wall Street* starring Michael Douglas, and *American Psycho*) who loaned his support to the film and believed in its universal appeal.



The New Zealand Herald

Film Review from the *New Zealand Herald*

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/movies/news/article.cfm?c_id=200&objectid=11213008

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Caroline North revival tribute

DATELINE Liverpool, 11th February 2014

'The Lady is Fifty'

If Radio is King of the Media then the Queen of the Airwaves is surely Radio Caroline who celebrate their 50th Birthday this year.

Caroline has never closed down but has had to go off the air on a number of occasions. One of those was on 3rd March 1968 when the original Caroline ship, the MV Fredericia broadcasting as Radio Caroline North, was seized by creditors and towed from her moorings

near the Isle of Man leaving millions of listeners in the northern part of the UK and Eire with the loss of what they had come to regard as a friendly voice and part of their daily life.

With its personality DJ's the station had perfectly captured the spirit of the Swinging Sixties and added to the phenomenon of the Merseybeat Sound which ignited a revolution in music for teenagers of the time and resulted in the vibrant and successful popular music industry which continues to this day.

Now a group of radio presenters and enthusiasts want to give Caroline North listeners the chance relive those memories.

Based on the last Liverpool Lightship, the LV23 berthed in the Albert Dock in Liverpool a recreation of the station will take place for 28 days commencing 31st March.

Organiser John Dwyer said 'We felt it was important to acknowledge the Golden Jubilee but at the same time celebrate our station, Caroline North, whose part in the Swinging Sixties is often overlooked.'

'While we will not be on air for the anniversary of the start of Caroline on 28th March this was actually Easter Saturday in 1964 and since Caroline is the Queen of the Airwaves there is no reason why she should not have two birthdays and why we should not celebrate her Official Birthday over the coming Easter weekend.' 'The station will be a fully licensed broadcast.

Alan Roberts, owner of the LV 23 and skipper of the boat for the broadcast said 'I bought the Lightship to secure an important part of Liverpool's Maritime heritage and was delighted to be asked to host the event. The Lightship was built in 1960 and the last manned vessel to serve Liverpool. For it to take part to celebrate the 50 years of Britain's most famous radio station is a fitting use for the ship.'

The ship will be open to the public 10am to 6pm each day during the broadcast. Incidentally the original company set up to run Radio Caroline was Planet Productions, and the name of the Lightship is the Planet!

Caroline North will be on air from 7.00am on 31st March 2014 to midnight on 27th April 2014 on 87.7 FM; and available on the internet at www.carolinenorth.com.

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British Marine Offences Bill Minister dies

DATELINE London 14th March 2014

Tony Benn, who as Postmaster General (PMG) in Harold Wilson's Labour government introduced the Marine Offences Bill into Parliament in 1966, has died at the age of 88.

Although he will always be remembered as the Minister who introduced this legislation - which was to be the death blow for the British offshore radio stations - he was replaced as PMG not long after by Edward Short who steered the Marine etc Broadcasting (Offences) Bill through to its enactment the following year.

In August 2013 he met face to face with ex Caroline South DJ Johnnie Walker (who, with fellow DJ Robbie Dale, took Caroline South into illegality at midnight on 14th August 1967) at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Johnnie Walker told the audience at the Fringe Festival meeting "Never did I think, all those years ago, when I was put out of work by a piece of Labour party law steered by this man, that I would interview him 47 years later. He turned me into a criminal. I've been looking forward to this."

During the interview Mr Benn was typically unapologetic, claiming that, had he not banned 'pirate' radio, BBC Radio 1 would never have been created, which "brings music to far more people".

A full report of the Fringe Festival meeting can be found in the News Archive for 2013 in the panel on the right.

Born in 1925 Tony Benn had been involved in politics all his life. During World War 2 he served as an RAF pilot and entered Parliament at a by-election in Bristol South-East in 1950.

In 1960, he was disqualified as an MP when he inherited his father's title, forcing him to sit in the House of Lords. It took a change in the law two years later before he was able to renounce his Viscount Stansgate title, becoming known again as Anthony Wedgwood Benn. In 1973 he announced he wished to be known simply as Tony Benn.

Tony Benn was the driving force for socialism in the Cabinet and a strong advocate for the state ownership of industry – at one time he advocated nationalising the banks. As well as his activities in Parliament he was also well known for his work as a peace campaigner and supporter of nuclear disarmament.

Tony Benn stood down as an MP in 2001, but continued his campaigning and public speaking activities until late last year. He died on 14th March 2014

BBC News - Tony Benn: A Life in Pictures (including a shot of the Caroline South ship, *Mi Amigo*)

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Radio Caroline's 50th Anniversary - Media Coverage

DATELINE March 2014

ITV News (Granada), 31st March 2014

Feature on Caroline North tribute broadcast

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2014-03-31/radio-caroline-pirate-station-back-on-air-in-liverpool/>

Anglia TV, 28th March 2014

Interviews with ex Caroline DJs Keith Skues and Tom Edwards

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/update/2014-03-28/50-years-ago-today-radio-history-was-made-off-the-essex-coast/>

Sky News, 28th March 2014

Tom Edwards recalls his days on Radio Caroline and Radio City

<http://news.sky.com/story/1233212/radio-caroline-celebrates-50th-anniversary>

Meridian TV, 28th March 2014

From Pirate to Politician - interview with Sir Roger Gale, MP (Former Radio Caroline and Radio Scotland DJ)

http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/story/2014-03-26/radiocaroline50/#radio-caroline-birthday-feature-full-version_342443

BBC Look East, 28th March 2014

Report on the commemorative event held in Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-26791536>

BBC One 'Breakfast' , 28th March 2014

Reported the anniversary together with a live report from the Radio Caroline North RSL launch in Liverpool .

<http://www.live.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-26782083?SThisFB>

BBC Essex, 28th March 2014

A general report on Caroline's 50th Anniversary

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-26769631>

Anglia TV, 28th March 2014

A look behind the scenes on the *Ross Revenge*

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2014-03-28/the-ross-revenge/>

Anglia TV 28th March 2014

Caroline's 50th Anniversary

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2014-03-28/radio-carolines-50th-anniversary/>

The Voice of Russia, 28th March 2014

An interview with Station Manager, Peter Moore

http://voiceofrussia.com/2014_03_28/This-is-Radio-Caroline-on-199-your-all-day-music-station-50-years-later-8242/

BBC Local Radio, 28th March 2014

BBC local radio coverage via Paul Rowley:

Most of Tony's Blackburn's show on **BBC Radio Berkshire** between 1000 and 1300 was devoted to the pirates. Keith Skues and Paul were both on just after 1100.

Tony Gilham's mid morning show on **BBC Jersey** devoted to the pirates.

Paul and Tony Blackburn did pre-recorded interviews on **BBC Radio Newcastle's** mid-morning show with Jonathan Miles, which came from a boat off South Shields.

Paul was also interviewed by Ronnie Barbour on **Radio Suffolk**, and Gary Hickson of **Radio Lancashire**.

Paul did a two minute Caroline montage for **BBC Local Radio Breakfast shows**, part of which was used on **Radio 4** at 0750.

Keith Skues was interviewed by a number of BBC Local stations including:-

Solent, Stoke, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Cornwall, Derby, Wiltshire, Leicester,

Oxford, Berkshire, Cumbria, Humberside, Jersey, Tees, Suffolk and Somerset.

Ray Clark, the author of *Radio Caroline : The True Story of The Boat That Rocked* was interviewed by a number of BBC stations including:-

Ulster, Derby, Humberside, Wales, Lancashire, Manchester, Somerset, Scotland, Devon, Stoke, Foyle, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Hereford and Worcester, Cornwall, Cumbria, Suffolk, Berkshire, Norfolk and Dorset.

(With thanks to Mike Barracough and Paul Rowley for supplying this information)

Meridian TV, 26th, 27th and 28th March 2014

A report on Caroline's history

http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/story/2014-03-26/radiocaroline50/#radio-caroline-birthday-feature-full-version_342443

BBC Radio Merseyside, 26th March 2014

Interview with John Dwyer, Project Manager, Caroline North tribute broadcast

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJI02cRmoeY>

Other links to press coverage about Radio Caroline's 50th Anniversary:-

Liverpool Echo, 11th March 2014

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/radio-caroline-take-airwaves-liverpool-6795423>

Daily Express 22nd March 2014

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/466222/Pirate-that-ruled-the-airwaves-Radio-Caroline-was-the-boat-that-rocked-the-music-business>

Lincolnshire Echo, 27th March 2014

<http://www.lincolnshireecho.co.uk/Radio-Caroline-s-50th-anniversary-Memories-flood/story-20860436-detail/story.html>

Clacton Gazette, 27th March 2014

http://www.clactonandfrintongazette.co.uk/news/clacton_frinton_news/11104067.Event_celebrating_50th_birthday_of_pirate_radio_off_Essex_coast/

Famagusta Gazette (Cyprus) 28th March 2014

<http://famagusta-gazette.com/pop-pirate-radio-caroline-launched-today-in-forerunner-to-voice-of-pe-p22896-69.htm>

Il Post (Milan, Italy) 28th March 2014

<http://www.ilpost.it/2014/03/28/radio-caroline/>

Click here for translation by Google Translate

Euro Weekly News (Malaga, Spain) 28th March 2014

<https://www.euroweeklynews.com/news/uk/item/119619-happy-50th-birthday-radio-caroline>

Radio Today (Ireland) 28th March 2014

<http://radiotoday.ie/2014/03/radio-caroline-celebrates-50th-birthday/>

If you see any press or media coverage of Radio Caroline's 50th Anniversary send a link to resources@offshoreradiomuseum.co.uk so we can let everyone know !

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Offshore Radio 50th Anniversary - BBC Radio 2 Documentary

DATELINE London 5th April 2014

BBC Radio 2 is to broadcast a two part documentary - They Didn't Fade Away , 50 Years of the Pirates. - about the British offshore radio stations and their impact.

The first part can be heard on Monday 21st April 2014, with part two on Monday 28th April. Both programmes will be broadcast between 10.00pm-11.00pm

The documentary will reflect on the impact of 'pirate radio' - it's the story of the music, the stations and lives of millions of ordinary people for whom the stations were the key to freedom, expression, creativity and - after the drab Fifties - fun.

Further information available at:-

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/proginfo/2014/16/r2-50-years-of-pirates-monday.html>

The second part of the Radio 2 documentary They Didn't Fade Away - 50 Years of the Pirates is called Blind Faith, many of the interviews are with blind people who were teenagers in the 1960's.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/proginfo/2014/17/r2-pirates-monday.html>

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Second 'Lifetime' Award for Tony Blackburn !



DATELINE London 12th May 2014

Tony Blackburn picked up a special honour at The Radio Academy Awards on 12th May, marking his 50 years on the airwaves. It is the second time the DJ has received the academy's Gold Award - having originally been honoured on his silver anniversary in 1989.

"It's very kind of you," said the 71-year-old. "I want to thank the medical team that keep me going."

In his acceptance speech, Tony thanked his many employers over the years, and made special mention of Radio Caroline founder Ronan O'Rahilly. "I've never heard anyone say thanks to Ronan," he said, "but he's the man who started it all. "I'm very grateful to Radio Caroline. They brought about the radio we have now, and without them I certainly wouldn't be here... So they've got a lot to answer for."

DATELINE London 21st April 2014

Ex Caroline South and Radio London DJ, Tony Blackburn will receive a lifetime achievement award at this year's Radio Academy Awards - for the second time! He was previously given the title a quarter of a century ago to mark his 25 years on air and he becomes the first person to be honoured twice.

According to the award's organisers, Tony Blackburn's 50th anniversary "could not go unrecognised" and granting him a double was a salute to not only his longevity but also his love of radio and commitment as he still regularly works a six-day week for the BBC and in the commercial world. "Tony Blackburn is not only loved by his listeners, but also by his fellow broadcasters right across the UK," said Chairman of the committee, John Myers. "He has become an icon of British broadcasting with a commitment to and a love for radio that remains unmatched by just about anyone in the medium today."

Tony Blackburn said: "I am truly honoured to be receiving the Gold Award for the second time in my career. I can only assume the Academy thought I'd be dead by the time my 50th anniversary came around and wouldn't have to worry about me. "Ever since I joined Radio Caroline in July 1964 I have made a living out of my passion. Being a radio presenter, in my opinion, remains the greatest job in the world.

He went on to thank his loyal listeners, and added: "Without you on the other end of the microphone, I'm just a man, in a room talking to myself for hours on end."

Tony Blackburn will receive his Gold Award at a ceremony at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on 12th May.

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RNI's Larry Tremaine dies



DATELINE Los Angeles 1st June 2014

Larry Tremaine – the Geeter with the Heater - Programme Director of Radio North Sea International (RNI) in 1970 has died .

In 1970 it was Larry's idea to record an alternative version of the signature tune to BBC-TV's "Dad's Army" which was renamed "Who Do You Think You're Kidding Mr Wilson". The song was repeatedly played during Election week in June 1970 (despite government jamming) when RNI was temporarily re-named Radio Caroline. Although very popular the song was never actually issued as a record.

The lyrics of the original song were changed and the song was recorded at the IBC recording studios in Portland Place, London - a coincidence for UK commercial radio because IBC was the company, owned by Leonard Plugge, which organised the popular English language commercial radio programmes from Radio Normandy and other Continental stations in the 1930's.

Larry Tremaine (real name Larry Steinman) had an established radio career in California, dating back to 1962, before joining RNI. From 1980 he owned the Carol Lawrence Fine Art Galleries in Beverly Hills, California - one of the largest contemporary art and animation galleries in the USA - as well as recording voice-overs for commercials.

He claimed to have helped many famous names become established artists particularly the Beach Boys and Herb Alpert. He was the lead singer of Larry Tremaine and His Renegades which became The Sun Rays (*I live for the Sun* [1963]) and worked with Roger Christian writing Beach Boys' songs; Humble Harvey Miller; Wolfman Jack; Dick 'Huggy Boy' Hugg; Wink Martindale and many of the other greats in L.A. Radio.

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Radio Seagull offshore once more



DATELINE Harlingen, Netherlands June 2014

In August 2014 Radio Seagull will return to broadcast live from the LV *Jenni Baynton* (pictured), anchored 3 miles off the Dutch coast.

The broadcast is to mark the 40th anniversary of the implementation of the Dutch Marine Offences Act which forced the closure of offshore radio stations Radio Veronica, Radio North Sea International and Radio Atlantis and led to Radio Caroline moving back to anchor off the British coast.

During the broadcast from August 20th - 31st there will be the opportunity to visit the ship. Tenders will run from Harlingen harbour 3 times a day on Saturday 23rd and Saturday 30th. However, if and when there is enough demand some tenders will also run on Friday and/or Sunday.

If you want to know more or make a booking email offshore@radioseagull.com

The price is € 35 per person.

Further information is contained in Radio Seagull's Offshore Guide 2014 (PDF) [click to view here](#)

Radio Seagull can be heard online or via your mobile device 24/7 and, in the north of the Netherlands, between 19.00. and 07.00. CET on 1602AM

<http://www.radioseagull.nl/index.html>

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Early Day Motion - Radio Caroline



DATELINE London 12th June 2014

British MP and strong Radio Caroline supporter Tracey Couch has tabled an Early Day Motion in the House of Commons, congratulating Radio Caroline on achieving its 50th Anniversary and calling on Ofcom to issue the station with a medium wave licence. The full text of the Motion is :-

“That this House congratulates Radio Caroline on its 50th birthday this year; calls on Ofcom to exhaust all avenues in making the provisions available to celebrate its birthday by broadcasting on a medium wave frequency which appears unwanted by both the BBC and commercial operators as a broadcast platform; expresses its disappointment that, having pioneered commercial radio in the UK and for the past decade being a fully licensed broadcaster, Radio Caroline, a cornerstone of British radio history, until now has been denied by Ofcom the opportunity to secure a medium wave frequency from which to broadcast; and regrets that as a result its devoted listeners are confined to listening to Radio Caroline via the internet and unable to enjoy its musical offerings in transit.”

To date 17 MPs from all parties have signed the motion signifying their support.

Bob Blackman (Conservative -Harrow East)

Ronnie Campbell (Labour - Blyth Valley)

Martin Caton (Labour - Gower)

Tracey Crouch (Conservative - Chatham and Aylesford)

Jim Dobbin (Labour - Heywood and Middleton)

Jim Dowd (Labour - Lewisham West and Penge)

Andrew George (Liberal Democrats - St Ives)

Mike Hancock (Independent - Portsmouth South)

John Hemming (Liberal Democrats - Birmingham Yardley)

Glenda Jackson (Labour - Hampstead and Kilburn)

John Leech (Liberal Democrats - Manchester Withington)

Caroline Lucas (Green Party - Brighton Pavilion)

Alasdair McDonnell (Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)- Belfast South)

Jim McGovern (Labour - Dundee West)

Sandra Osborne (Labour - Ayr Carrick and Cumnock)

Bob Russell (Liberal Democrats - Colchester)

Keith Vaz (Labour - Leicester East)

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are formal motions submitted for debate in the House of Commons. However, very few are actually debated. EDMs allow MPs to draw attention to an event or cause. MPs register their support by signing individual motions.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/97>

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Radio Scotland DJ, Peter Mallan dies



Photo: 242 Magazine, courtesy Pirate Radio Hall of Fame

DATELINE Glasgow 21st June 2014

Former Radio Scotland DJ, Peter Mallan, has died at the age of 80. He was a firefighter who became one of Scotland's leading singers and broadcasters. He also recorded the song *These Are My Mountains*, written for him in 1966 by the actor Jimmy Copeland - father of *Braveheart* actor James Cosmo. It became one of the most popular Scottish songs of its time and was also recorded by other artists such as the Alexander Brothers and Daniel O'Donnell, but Peter Mallan's original version, which became his signature tune, is generally regarded as the best.

His first broadcast was on the BBC Home Service's Children's Hour with Kathleen Garscadden - known as Auntie Kathleen - and he went on to appear in a variety of radio and TV shows including *Jigtime*, *The One O'Clock Gang* and the *White Heather Club*.

He became a DJ on Radio Scotland, presenting *Mallan's Medics*, a request programme for people in hospital. Much to his regret, however, he never became part of the station's offshore DJ crew since his show was always pre-recorded in a studio in Glasgow's West End. He joined Scotland's first Independent Local Radio Station – Glasgow's Radio Clyde - in 1979 and remained there as a presenter/producer for many years.

After his radio career he went into teaching and was, for a while, principal teacher of music at Scotland's biggest comprehensive, Holyrood Secondary in Glasgow.

Peter Mallan left school at 15 and, after a variety of jobs, joined the Glasgow Fire Service at

the age of 21, but he left that role to study music at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where he gained his degree.

A strong supporter of the Scottish National Party, he stood as a candidate for them in a parliamentary by-election for the Glasgow Queen's Park constituency in 1982. coming second to the Labour candidate.

Peter Mallan, who died suddenly but peacefully in hospital on 20th June 2014, is survived by his wife Helen, son John, son-in-law Lindsay and two grandchildren Heather and Thomas. His daughter Jennie Brown, a music teacher like both her parents, died suddenly in 2006.

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Radio Caroline's ship moves to new home



Ross Revenge leaving Tilbury (Photo: Port of London Authority)



(map: www.marinetraffic.com)



Blackwater (photo Radio Caroline)

Ross Revenge at her new mooring on the River

DATELINE Tilbury, 31st July 2014

After 10 years of undergoing restoration work at the port of Tilbury Radio Caroline's ship *Ross Revenge*, has been relocated to a new home on the River Blackwater near Bradwell.

The *Ross Revenge* finally left Tilbury on 31st July 2014 and was towed to her new home by the tug *GPS Avenger*. The radio ship arrived in the River Blackwater and was secured to

her new moorings on 1st August.

Appropriately the route from Tilbury (see map) took the *Ross Revenge* near or past some historic offshore radio locations – the Thames Estuary Forts which were home to many 60's British offshore stations – Red Sands (Radios Invicta, KING and 390), Shivering Sands (Radios Sutch and City) and Knock John (Radio Essex and BBMS), as well as former anchorages for many of the British offshore radio ships off the Essex coast in the 60's, 70's and 80's.

The *Ross Revenge*'s route also took her past locations from where she had hosted temporary Radio Caroline Restricted Service Licence (RSL) broadcasts including Tilbury, Southend-on-Sea and Clacton-on-Sea.

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Offshore Radio Events

DATELINE Essex and Gloucestershire, August 2014



Harwich, Essex

From 14th- 17th August, Radio Mi Amigo will be on-air on 106.8 FM and online from Lightvessel *LV18* moored in Harwich.

There will be an accompanying display on the Ha'Penny Pier and 'Audience with the Pirates' shows at the Electric Palace Cinema. So come and meet the DJ's as they broadcast 'live' from the bridge of *LV18* with this last broadcast celebrating 50 years of Offshore Pirate Radio.

The ex-Trinity House vessel *LV18* is the last surviving example of a manned light vessel in British waters, which has been preserved in its original configuration and restored to a high standard of authenticity.

Presenters on the station will include Tony Currie, Enda Caldwell, Bart Selfie, Neon Nancy, Keith Skues, Garry Lee, Roger Day, Kenny Tosh and more.

For more information visit lv18.org



Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire

The Cotswold Motoring Museum "Glad All Over: remembering 1964" exhibition

This year's very special exhibition is taking a nostalgic look back to 1964. On display will be a 1964 Zephyr and two 1964 Royal Enfield motorcycles, as well as photographs, posters and songs from the year.

Radio Caroline is taking part with a 1964 studio exhibit. The exhibition (including the Radio Caroline exhibit) continues for the rest of this year but there will be a Swinging Sixties weekend on 16th and 17th August 2014, to relive and celebrate the iconic decade.

Refreshments will be available, as well as games, quizzes and prizes! You'll be able to enjoy 1960s cars, music and fashion, as well as juggling, hoopla and much more! While you're there, you can enter the raffle to win a Classic Car Cotswold weekend!

Located in the picturesque village of Bourton on the Water which makes a great day out with the kids or break in the Cotswold's, the Cotswold Motoring Museum is a truly fascinating journey through the 20th Century. The Motoring Museum is overflowing with vintage car collections, classic cars and motorcycles, caravans, original enamel signs and an intriguing collection of motoring curiosities, it is a genuinely captivating experience and a fun day out at Bourton on the Water in the Cotswold's. Its also home to TVs Brum.

For more information visit www.cotswoldmotoringmuseum.co.uk

Felixstowe, Essex

Felixstowe and Offshore Radio is participating in the Heritage Weekend events in the town between 12th and 14th September. Their display of Felixstowe related offshore items, including photos, videos and other archive material (some never seen before) will be at 'Fish Dish' 69-71 Undercliff Rd WEST (opposite the Pier & Leisure Centre) between 11.30am-9pm each day (8pm on the Sunday).

Radio Caroline Sales will also be there, and we also hope to have some special guests come along. In addition, Pirate Memories will be bringing their Flashback 67 display to the Heritage Weekend, and they will be based at Cotman Hall (access via Mrs Simpson's Tea Rooms), next to the Fludyers Hotel, in Undercliff Rd EAST, between 10am-5pm each day. The Flashback 67 display has a great range of material relating to offshore radio in general.

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/felixstoweandoffshoreradio>

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Michael Parkin



DATELINE Norfolk 16th August 2014

Radio Caroline's first Sales Director has died at the age of 82 after a long illness.

Michael Parkin was born in 1932 and, after attending Mill Hill School in London, he read law at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Following completion of his National Service with the Royal Irish Fusiliers he briefly worked with market research company AC Nielsen in Oxford before joining Associated Rediffusion (the ITV company broadcasting to London at the time) in 1956. He later moved to Jersey where he set up the ITV company Channel Television.

Michael Parkin joined Radio Caroline shortly after the station was launched in 1964 in the role of Sales Director.

After leaving Radio Caroline he became a highly successful art dealer with his own gallery based in Belgravia, London. Michael Parkin died on August 4th 2014.

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Bob Spencer



DATELINE Cornwall 5th September 2014

Ex Radio City and Radio Scotland DJ Bob Spencer has died at the age of 77.

Bob joined Radio City for a brief spell in 1965 then moved to Radio Scotland shortly before its launch in December 1965. He eventually became Senior DJ and Presentation Controller on the station.

After Radio Scotland closed in August 1967 Bob is thought to have spent some time skippering, crewing and delivering yachts in Florida and the South of France. He is also

thought to have worked as an airline pilot.

In 1981 Bob resumed his broadcasting career when he became involved with Radio Nova, based in Italy beaming its programmes in English, Dutch, French and German.

He retired to Cornwall, but suffered health problems and underwent a heart transplant operation a few years ago. Sadly Bob died on 3rd September 2014.

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Isle of Man Post Office celebrates Manx Radio's Golden Jubilee



DATELINE Douglas, Isle of Man 5th September 2014

Although it was Britain's first legal, landbased commercial radio station, Manx Radio has many connections with the offshore radio scene, particularly in the 1960s and 70s.

Manx Radio was launched in 1964 shortly before Radio Caroline North started transmitting from off the Island's coast in Ramsey Bay. Inevitably there was resentment about the arrival of the powerful medium wave offshore station because Manx Radio at that time was only allowed to operate on very low power in the FM band.

Some offshore DJs, including Paul Burnett (Radio 270) and Don Allen (Caroline North and RNI) broadcast on Manx Radio after 1967. Don was Senior Announcer and Programme Director on the Island station for some years. One of the station's local DJs, Louise Quirk, recorded 'Skyline' programmes for late night transmission on RNI in the early 1970s when Don Allen was that station's Senior DJ.

After Caroline North had been towed away in March 1968 Manx Radio picked up a dedicated listenership in the north of England and Scotland mainland and after Don Allen's arrival this audience grew significantly. The station conducted some late night test transmissions in 1969 with a view to increasing its audience range to the 'greater Manx Radio listening area' in mainland Britain, but this service never came to fruition.

The 50th anniversary of Manx Radio is now being celebrated by the Isle of Man Post Office with the issue of a set of eight stamps to mark the "historic landmark" of the Island's national radio station.

The stamps, which go on sale from October 1st, have been specially designed and pictorially reflect some of the key programmes and services that the "nation's station" broadcasts throughout the years.

A special presentation pack giving an account of the station's 50 year history has also been compiled in conjunction with Manx Radio. In it, journalist and broadcaster Terry Cringle details the station's turbulent history and there are also photographs of many Manx Radio

broadcasters, past and present as well as the important mint set of eight stamps

Maxine Cannon, General Manager of Isle of Man Stamps and Coins said: “We are delighted to present our latest stamp issue which celebrates the tremendous 50 year landmark anniversary of Manx Radio, the first commercial radio station to be licensed in the British Isles and the longest standing.”

She added: “Since the station’s inception in 1964 it continues to provide its listeners with the latest relevant local community news and information through its varied shows and this is something that we have replicated through the images used on our stamps in this issue.”

Manx Radio’s business director John Marsom said: “We are extremely proud to have been selected by the Isle of Man Post Office to have a series of celebratory stamps created to mark our 50th year in broadcasting.”

The presentation pack, along with first day covers and mint sets of the stamps, can be pre-ordered online at iomstamps.com or by calling the Stamps and Coins team on 01624 698430. From 1st October they will also be available at the Post Office in Regent Street, Douglas, Isle of Man.

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John Bennett



Photos courtesy of the Pirate Radio Hall of Fame



John hanging washing out on the deck of Radio Caroline’s ship, Ross Revenge

DATELINE Llandudno, Wales 7th September 2014

Former Voice of Peace and Caroline (80’s) DJ John Bennett has died in hospital at Llandudno, North Wales aged 58.

John was a nightclub DJ in Cheshire and Manchester before he joined the Voice of Peace off the coast of the Israel in 1980. From there he moved to Heartbeat Radio in 1981 and provided voice-overs for various local radio stations.

From 1984 to 1986 he worked on Radio Barlavento in the Algarve, Portugal before joining Radio Caroline at the beginning of July 1986.

Following his time with Caroline he joined Contact 94, a French-based station broadcasting to the Channel Islands, BBC local radio in Yorkshire and various commercial stations, as well as teaching radio techniques to potential broadcasters.

He was diagnosed with a brain tumour in July this year and sadly died on 6th September 2014.

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Tom Danaher



DATELINE Wichita Falls, Texas 18th September 2014

One of Radio London's co-founders and major financial backers, Tom Danaher has died in Wichita Falls, Texas at the age of 90.

Tom Danaher was a Marine fighter pilot during World War II and his lifetime passion was aviation. He owned Wichita Falls Airport and flew planes in many Hollywood films appearing with stars such as Clint Eastwood, Mel Gibson and Morgan Freeman.

However, Tom was particularly proud of his involvement with Radio London. Speaking in an interview many years after the offshore station's closure he said "All of the people, they wanted to hear the Beatles and all of those kinds of artists and, of course, the BBC wouldn't play any of that."

"It was the largest listening audience of any standard broadcast station ever-- 16 million. The scope of Radio London, what it did for so many people, is probably a lot more than anything else I've ever done," he said.

Tom died on 12th September 2014.

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Laser Hot Hits DJ dies

DATELINE Clearwater, Florida 8th October 2014

John 'Rock and Roll' Anthony, a DJ on Laser Hot Hits between December 1986 and March 1987 has died at the age of 50.

John, real name Jeff Wilson Leonardi, started his radio career in Worcester, Massachusetts on station WORC, where he met Jay Mack and Craig Novack who both later worked on Laser 558. It was through his contact with Craig that John was able to join Laser Hot Hits when that station was launched after the demise of Laser 558.

After leaving Laser Hot Hits John returned to the USA where he did club deejaying and voice-overs.

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Sir Jocelyn Stevens



DATELINE London 13th October 2014

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, one of the original backers of Radio Caroline in 1964 has died at the age of 82. When Radio Caroline first hit the airwaves in March 1964 Jocelyn Stevens provided accommodation for the new station in his *Queen Magazine* offices.

Educated at Eton and Cambridge, Sir Jocelyn served in the Rifle Brigade before launching a career in journalism and publishing.

In 1957 he bought society magazine *Queen* and it was during this time that he became a backer and spokesperson to the media for Radio Caroline.

Sir Jocelyn was managing director and deputy chairman of Daily Express Newspapers in the 1970s and 1980s and was knighted in 1996.

He was married to Jane Sheffield, a lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret, for 23 years until they divorced in 1979.

In 2008 Sir Jocelyn married Emma Cheape, a distant cousin of the Queen Mother.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/obituaries/169750/Daily-Express-legend-Sir-Jocelyn-Stevens-dies-at-82>

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Radio Caroline/Manx Radio link



DATELINE London and Douglas, Isle of Man 29th October 2014

In 1964, two events happened that were the catalyst for change - heralding a new era in broadcasting that was to have lasting repercussions; helping satisfy a new generation's demands for relevant popular entertainment – and pop music around the clock!

Exactly 50 years ago the BBC's monopoly was challenged by:-

- the opening of the UK's first land based commercial radio station – Manx

Radio in the Isle of Man

- the advent of commercial radio – Radio Caroline based on a ship anchored offshore in international waters to circumvent the law

Shortly after commencing broadcasts Radio Caroline expanded and became a network. It sailed its biggest ship North – broadcasting as it went – and dropped anchor in Ramsey Bay off the Isle of Man in order to beam its powerful signal into Ireland, Scotland and the North of England.

Nobody ever expected it to happen ... but 50 years on and Manx Radio has forgiven its cheeky competitor, and neighbour, and invited a unique partnership for one week, in order to look back – “50 years on”

The very special 50 year commemoration programmes will include:

- Historic event - Manx Radio broadcasting Chris William's “Carnaby Street” programme from Radio Caroline's newly restored radio broadcasting ship – the MV *Ross Revenge* on Saturday 15th November 2014
- Radio Caroline broadcasting via Manx Radio from Monday 17th – Thursday 20th November 2014 (special programmes nightly on FM from 6-30-9pm)
- Overnight relay of Radio Caroline Programmes on Manx Radio AM from midnight – 6am Monday 17th – Thursday 20th November 2014
- The evening programmes, on Manx Radio (and rebroadcast worldwide on-line on Radio Caroline), will include documentary programmes, archive recordings and specially re-created programming featuring 60's music and nostalgia. Hear the star DJ's of the period including Tom Lodge, Roger Gale, Mike Ahearn, and Gord Cruise. Even the “Royal Ruler” himself – Tony Prince, will return 50 years on with a special programme for Manx Radio and Radio Caroline listeners!
- The overnight programmes on Manx Radio and Radio Caroline will showcase Radio Caroline programmes for 2014.

Radio Caroline continues today – broadcasting online and on cable. Volunteers maintain and restore the station's last remaining offshore broadcasting ship the *Ross Revenge* currently moored in The River Blackwater estuary in Essex. Details at www.radiocaroline.co.uk

Manx Radio is the Isle of Man's national public service broadcaster and Britain's oldest commercial radio station. Details at www.manxradio.com

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