PRINCESS MARCONI VISITS CHATHAM MARCONI MARITIME CENTER
HIGHLIGHTS GRAND OPENING OF NEW EDUCATION CENTER

Princess Elettra Marconi, daughter of Guglielmo Marconi, will be the honored guest for
the grand opening of the new Chatham Marconi Maritime Center’s Education Center,
the featured event of the June 20th-22nd Chatham History Weekend 2014 festivities at
the campus on Ryder’s Cove in North Chatham.

The weekend also includes free admission to the site’s Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum
and the exhibits in the new Education Center. On Saturday afternoon, Calvin D.
Trowbridge, Jr, author of Marconi: Father of Wireless, Grandfather of Radio, Great-
Grandfather of the Cell Phone, The Story of the Race to Control Long-Distance
Wireless, will discuss the inventor’s life and impact on society.

The princess’ visit comes during the centennial celebration of her father’s company
constructing the campus on Orleans Road (at Old Comers Road) which, under the
ownership of the Radio Corporation of America (RCA), became one of the largest ship-
to-shore wireless-communications stations on the east coast.

The celebration kicks off June 20th with an invitation event in the Education Center, the
renovated building which was once the Hotel Nautilus and then a residence for site
staffers. Local, regional and state luminaries will join CMMC directors at 10 a.m.
Saturday, June 21st for the ribbon cutting officially opening the “hotel’s” doors to the
public.

In addition to being the home of CMMC’s education efforts, which are centered around
STEM programs, it will house administrative offices, public-meeting space and exhibits
complementing those in the adjacent museum.

The museum presents an interactive history of wireless communications, including
exhibits about Marconi’s ground-breaking achievements here and across the globe, a
history of the activities at this facility (including its use by the U.S. Navy during World
War II) and the Marconi company’s part in rescuing survivors of the Titanic sinking.

The displays in the Education Center, which will change and evolve over time, focus on
the present and future impact of wireless communications including one detailing
tracking sharks with satellites and another on real-time ship tracking, again through
wireless means.

Further information and specific times for all CMMC events can be found at
http://chathammarconi.org and about Chatham History Weekend 2014 at

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