



THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **August 2025** edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

August 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night August 5th, Stratford Town Center

We hope you're enjoying the summer! After last month's "on air" meeting, we're back to meeting again in person at our regular meeting spot in Stratford. The August club meeting will be held Tuesday, August 5th, at the Stratford Town Centre. Start time: 7:00 P.M. As always, everyone is welcome to attend, not just club members. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2024 classes are automatically members of the club for 2025. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Centre on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. This month, Joel VY2KW will be giving a presentation on the two QRP labs QMX and QMX+ transceivers he built in 2024/ 2025.

Our New Newsletter Name: The Island Beacon

As you can see, our newsletter finally has a name. Woohoo! 🎉 After two months of voting, "The Island Beacon" was revealed as the winner. As you can see, we've given the logo a makeover. The little radio guy on the right even has many seasonal and holiday outfits ready for the whole year.

Reduced Bridge Tolls and Ferry Fees! - from August 1st

Isn't this just awesome news?! The federal government will be lowering the bridge toll to \$20 for private vehicles. Ferry fees will be slashed by 50%. Mainland (and especially Costco 😊) here we come!

CARC Flea Market - Recap

This year's flea market turned out to be a great success again. We had 10 seller tables and around 60 attendees. The chili, biscuits, and cookies were delicious, and the door prizes were much appreciated. A great thank you to Ricardo VY2AN, Bill VY2WM, Tracey VY2TAZ, Arthur VY2BIT, Mike VY2MG, and everyone else who helped make this day a wonderful event. Thank you also to St. Mark's Church for allowing us to use their space. We look forward to the next CARC flea market!

National Lighthouse Day - August 7th - Cape Bear Lighthouse and Marconi Station

August 7th is National Lighthouse Day in North America. To commemorate this day, Bill VY2WM will be operating from Cape Bear Lighthouse.

International Lightship and Lighthouse Weekend (ILLW) - August 16th-17th

This year's [ILLW](#) will run from 9:01 PM ADT (21:00 ADT / 00:01 UTC) 16th August 2025 to 9:00 PM ADT (21:00 ADT / 24:00 UTC) 17th August 2025 (48 hours).

With it also being the **West Point Lighthouse's 150th Anniversary** year, Doug VY2DS will be activating the lighthouse on that weekend operating as VY2WPL.

Jim VE1JBL and Steve VE1OR will be operating from the **Cape Jourmain Lighthouse**

This is the NB side of Confederation Bridge, and only \$20 to get there now!

Contest Calendar - August

[50 MHz \(6M\) Fall Sprint](#) - 1800Z-2200Z (1500-1900 ADT), Aug 9, 2025

[North American QSO Party, SSB](#) - 1800Z, Aug 16 to 0559Z, Aug 17, 2025

Also check out <https://contestcalendar.com> for other contests.

Meetings and Events Calendar - August

4: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

5: Monthly club meeting

6, 13, 20, 27: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

7, 14, 21, 28: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

Future Events:

Saturday, September 6 2025

Ottawa (Carp) 2025 Hamfest, swap meet, and RAC Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Carp Agricultural Fairgrounds (in the W. Erskine Johnston Arena at the north end of the fairgrounds)

3882 Carp Road, Ottawa, Ontario

Commercial Vendor Setup: 07:30

Private Vendor Setup: 08:00

Flea market open to public: 09:00 - 12 Noon
Admission: \$6. Children 12 and under are free.
RAC AGM follows at 13:00

Saturday September 20 2025

MAARC Amateur Radio Flea Market

RIVERVIEW LIONS CLUB 701 Coverdale Rd., Riverview NB

Times: 08:00 for Sellers, 09:00 for Buyers

ADMISSION: \$10.00, \$10:00 for 2 tables

To reserve a table contact maarcmailbox@gmail.com

Door Prizes, Raffle Draw

DEALER : MacFarlane Electronics

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Find us over on the club's Discord server under #newsletter, or drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.