



# THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **December 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.

## **December 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night December 2nd, Stratford Town Centre**

Happy Christmas / Holiday Season! This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2nd, 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 Fall 2025 class will automatically be members of the club for 2026. 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, Brent VY2HF will be giving us a quick update from his trip to Brazil for the IARU Region 2 General Assembly.

## **Christmas Social Dinner - December 5th, 6:00PM, Razy's Roadhouse**

Our annual Christmas social dinner will be taking place on Friday, December 5th, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Razy's Roadhouse. The exact address is 161 St Peters Rd, Charlottetown. We hope to see you and your +1 there!

## **Fall 2025 Basic Licensing Course**

Our Basic Licensing Course is doing well with the last class scheduled to take place on Monday, December 8th. The exam will follow thereafter. Good luck to all the students!

## **December YOTA Month 2025 - December 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025**

December YOTA Month (DYM) returns once again in 2025! Throughout the entire month of December, young amateur radio operators from around the world will be active on the air using special YOTA-suffixed callsigns. The goal is to promote youth activity within amateur radio and

to encourage young operators to take the microphone, key, or keyboard and enjoy making contacts.

Participating stations will use special callsigns with a YOTA suffix, operating on all bands and modes. As always, the event is open to all IARU member societies and their national youth teams. Full participation details and registration is available at [events.ham-yota.com](https://events.ham-yota.com).

### **RAC Canada Winter Contest - Saturday, December 20th**

Radio Amateurs of Canada sponsors a celebration of the winter holiday season with the Canada Winter Contest.

Bands and Modes: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 metres, CW and phone (SSB, FM, AM, etc.)

Exchange: Stations in Canada send RS(T) and province or territory. VEØs and stations outside Canada send RS(T) and a serial number.

QSOs: Contacts with stations in Canada or VEØs (maritime mobile Canadian stations) are worth 10 points. Contacts with stations outside Canada are worth 2 points. Contacts with RAC official stations are worth 20 points.

<https://www.rac.ca/rac-canada-winter-contest-rules-2025/>

### **Contest Calendar - December**

[ARRL 10m Contest](#) - Dec 13, 2025, 0000 UTC to Dec 14, 2025, 2359 UTC

[RAC Canada Winter Contest](#) - Dec 20, 2025 – 00:00:00 UTC to 23:59:59 UTC

[Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#) - 1500Z, Dec 27 to 1500Z, Dec 28, 2025

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

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - December**

1: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

2: Monthly club meeting

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

4, 11, 18, 25(?): Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)

5: Christmas Social Dinner at Razy's Roadhouse at 6:00 P.M. (2000)

6, 13, 20, 27: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

6, 13, 20, 27: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

### **Future Events:**

January 3-4, 2026 - [ARRL RTTY Roundup](#)

January 3, 2026 - [ARRL Kids Day](#)

January 10-11, 2026 - [North American QSO Party \(CW\)](#)

January 24-25, 2026 - [Winter Field Day](#)

September 12, 2026 - [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2026 Hamfest \(Advanced Notice\)](#)

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](mailto:secretary@charlottetownarc.com).