



# THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **January 2026** 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.

## **January 2026 Club Meeting and Annual Meeting - Tuesday night January 6th, Stratford Town Centre**

Happy New Year, everyone! Wishing you all a wonderful 2026. 🎉

With it being January, this month's meeting will be both our regular monthly meeting as well as our annual meeting. It's scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, 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. Last month's info exchange was postponed due to bad weather and poor driving conditions, so this month, Brent VY2HF will be giving us a quick update from his trip to Brazil for the IARU Region 2 General Assembly.

## **Senior College Presentation - January 14th, 2026, St Pius Catholic Church, Charlottetown**

Bill VY2WM and Brent VY2HF will be giving a presentation to the Senior College on January 14, 2026 from 9:00-11:00 AM. The presentation will talk about what ham radio is, what different things you can do as an amateur radio operator, and how to get licensed. The location will be St Pius Catholic Church on St Peters Rd in Charlottetown.

## **Winter Field Day - January 24th-25th**

It's that time of year again: setting up for field day in the snow and ice. ❄️😊

We'll be talking about club activities at the January meeting. Keep your eyes peeled for more info. For more details and rules - some of which have been updated - check out [winterfieldday.org](http://winterfieldday.org).

### **Contest Calendar - January**

[ARRL RTTY Roundup](#) - 1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4, 2026

[ARRL Kids Day](#) - 1800Z-2359Z, Jan 3, 2026

[North American QSO Party \(CW\)](#) - 1800Z, Jan 10 to 0559Z, Jan 11, 2026

[North American QSO Party \(SSB\)](#) - 1800Z, Jan 17 to 0559Z, Jan 18, 2026

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

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - January**

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)
- 5: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)
- 6: Monthly club meeting AND annual meeting
- 7, 14, 21, 28: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

### **Future Events:**

February 7, 2026 - [NPARC Big Event 45 Hamfest & Flea Market](#), Niagara Falls, ON

February 6-8, 2026 - [Canadian Ski Marathon \(CSM\) 2026 Radio Ops](#), Montebello, QC

February 21-22, 2026 - [ARRL International DX Contest \(CW\)](#)

March 7-8, 2026 - [ARRL International DX Contest \(SSB\)](#)

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

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