



THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **June 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.

June 2026 Club Meeting - Tuesday night June 2nd, Stratford Town Centre

And here we are in June already. Let's hope the weather will finally pick up! ☀️ This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, June 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 are automatically 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 where we learn about a broad range of subjects, anything from antenna design to the installation of solar panels.

Brent Taylor VY2HF [SK]

It is with the greatest sadness that we had to say goodbye to our dear friend Brent Taylor, VY2HF, who passed away on May 21, 2026. Brent has been an integral part of our club, beloved by all. He will be so very missed by all of us. Brent was a gifted teacher and mentor, always ready to help and put others before himself. Thanks in a big part to Brent, numerous hams on PEI were able to earn their radio licences. His joy for all things radio was contagious and has had an impact on many of our radio journeys.

Brent was a major contributor to this newsletter since we first started it four years ago. I'm very thankful that I had the privilege of working with him every month to put the newsletter together. Our hearts go out to his wife Janice and son Neil at this most difficult time. [Brent's obituary](#) I would like to share the message posted by the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) where Brent was Vice-President: <https://www.rac.ca/rac-vice-president-brent-taylor-vy2hf-sk/>.

Summerside Club Spring Licensing Course 2026

It's a wrap! After meeting every week since the end of March, the Summerside club's spring licensing course has successfully completed. The five participants are now ready for their exams, and we may see a few new or upgraded hams over the next few weeks.

[Annual Downeast Flea Market - June 6th, Waverley, NS](#)

This will mark the 36th annual flea market organized by members of the Halifax and Dartmouth Amateur Radio Clubs. The exact location is: The Royal Canadian Legion, 2234 Rocky Lake Drive, Waverley, NS. Sellers may set up after 8 AM – Buyers allowed in after 10 AM.

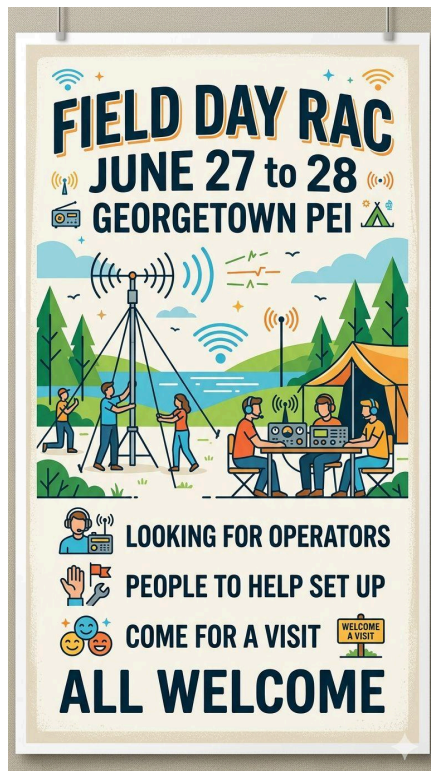
General admission is \$5.00, seller tables are \$10.00 for a 3' X 6' selling space - 46 available, 23 with power. To reserve a table please contact Ken VE1PDL, kaspsey@icloud.com or call/text 902-471-6443.

[Kemptonville Hamfest and Flea Market - June 6th, Kemptonville, ON \(near Ottawa\)](#)

If you happen to be in the Ottawa region on June 6th, why not drop in to the Kemptonville Hamfest and Flea Market? Entry is \$5 for anyone over 15. Those 15 and younger are free. Tables are \$15 and include the entrance fee. There are door prizes and a lottery.

Field Day 2026 - June 27th-28th, Georgetown PE

This year, field day will be held down at the Georgetown Civic Centre (139 Kent Street). All are welcome, no ham radio experience required. Set-up should be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27th. Come on down earlier if you want to help set up. (Image thanks to Doug VY2DS)



[2026 World Soccer Tournament](#) - Special Event Station, June 11th- July 19th, 2026

During this special event, amateur radio operators in the 16 World Cup host cities across the USA, Canada, and Mexico are activating special callsigns (W6C, W5C/H, W5C/D, W2C, VB7F, 4A1CMX, 4A1GDL, 4A1MTY, VC3F, ...) to celebrate this summer's 2026 World Soccer Tournament. Join in and operate VHF, UHF, and HF, analogue and digital.

Contest Calendar - June

[ARRL International Digital Contest](#) – 1800Z, Jun 6 to 2400Z, Jun 7, 2026

[Atlantic Canada QSO Party](#) – 1400Z, Jun 7 to 0100Z, Jun 8, 2026

[ARRL Kids Day](#) (currently unconfirmed) 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 20, 2026

[ARRL Field Day](#) – 1800Z, Jun 27 to 2100Z, Jun 28, 2026

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

Meetings and Events Calendar - June

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

2: CARC Monthly club meeting (in Stratford)

3, 10, 17, 24: 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 8:00 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:

July 1: [RAC Canada Day Contest](#)

July 11–12, 2026: [IARU HF World Championship](#)

July 25, 2026 (tentative): CARC Flea Market

August 15-16, 2026: [International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend](#)

September 12, 2026: [Ottawa \(Carp\) 2026 Hamfest](#)

October 2-3, 2026: [NEAR-Fest XL \(Fall Edition\)](#)

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