



# THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **November 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.

## **November 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night November 4th, Stratford Town Center**

Well, November has arrived, and it's definitely sweater weather out there! This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, November 4th, 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 a presentation on the Marconi Station at Cape Bear Lighthouse as well as give us a quick update from his trip to Brazil for the IARU Region 2 General Assembly.

## **Clock Change - Fall Back one hour**

Don't forget to put your clocks back tonight, Saturday, November 1st, as we *fall back* one hour at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 2nd.

## **Fall 2025 Basic Licensing Course**

Our Basic Licensing Course started on Thursday, October 16th, and will be running for 8 weeks until Monday, December 8th. The exam will follow thereafter. This year's cohort is a small but very keen group. At the time of writing this newsletter, the group has had four teaching sessions, the last one being on propagation. Monday's session will be on antennas. Thanks so much to Bill VY2WM, Aaron VY2EK, Ricardo VY2AN, Brent VY2HF, Joel VY2KW, and Nathan VY2OE for taking the time teaching and making this course possible. We know some of you are driving

all the way from Summerside to make it happen. Thanks also to the Superstore for allowing us to use their facilities, and of course thanks to Mike VY2MG for coordinating the students.

### **Club Members Take Part in the CQ World Wide DX Contest**

Over the weekend of October 26–27, 2025, several members of our amateur radio club joined hams around the globe to take part in one of the biggest and most exciting events in the amateur radio calendar — the CQ World Wide DX Contest.

This annual event draws thousands of operators from every corner of the world, all eager to make as many international contacts as possible within a 48-hour period.

These ham radio contests take place throughout the year and offer multiple modes of operation — SSB (voice), CW (Morse code), and digital modes such as RTTY and FT8 — so there's something for every operator, no matter your preferred style of communication.

For those new to the hobby, especially anyone licensed within the past three years, the CQ WW contest is a fantastic way to get on the air and experience the thrill of working stations across continents. It's not uncommon to log new countries, add to your DXCC totals, or simply enjoy hearing the band come alive with signals from every time zone.

Our participating members reported an exciting weekend full of pileups, propagation surprises, and plenty of friendly competition. Beyond the scores and contacts, the contest spirit was alive and well — connecting operators across borders and reminding us what makes amateur radio such a remarkable hobby.

If you didn't get a chance to participate this time, mark your calendar for next year's event — and consider joining us for a club contesting session. Whether you're chasing multipliers or just calling CQ, it's an experience you won't forget!

### **Contest Calendar - November**

[ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB](#) - 2100Z, Nov 15 to 0300Z, Nov 17, 2025

[CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW](#) - 0000Z, Nov 29 to 2400Z, Nov 30, 2025

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

### **Meetings and Events Calendar - November**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

3: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

4: Monthly club meeting

5, 12, 19, 26: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

6, 13, 20, 27: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)

**Future Events:**

December 13-14, 2025 - [ARRL 10m Contest](#)

December 27, 2025 - [RAC Canada Winter Contest](#)

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 \(Advanced Notice\)](#)

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