



THE ISLAND BEACON

CHARLOTTETOWN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the **October 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.

October 2025 Club Meeting - Tuesday night October 7th, Stratford Town Center

Happy Fall, everyone! This month's club meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7th, 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 2024 class 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.

Fall Basic Licensing Course - start time after Thanksgiving

We're currently preparing our next basic amateur radio licensing course for this fall with a start date after Thanksgiving. The location will be the community space at the Atlantic Superstore in Charlottetown. The course will run over 8 weeks with two classes per week from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Course fees will be \$115, which includes tuition, a study guide, and a one year membership to the club. Anyone who is interested, please sign up at the bottom of [this page](#), and we will get back to you.

NEAR-Fest XXXVIII - October 3rd and 4th, New Boston, NH

Online sales have now closed, but there are still a few physical locations where you can buy tickets, one of them being the NEAR-Fest Ticket booth on the grounds. They open on Friday (the 3rd) at 7:30 AM for the 8:00 AM admission. For more information, click [this link](#).

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) - October 17th-19th

JOTA is an annual Scouting event that connects Scouts all over the world with one another by means of amateur radio. It usually takes place the third weekend in October, so this year it'll be October 17th-19th. Please check out their website for more information: <https://www.jotajoti.info/jota>.

Kingston Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - October 18th, Kingston, ON

The location is the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #560 at 734 Montreal St, Kingston. Doors open at 7:30 AM for vendors and 8:30 AM for sellers. Tables cost \$10, entrance fee for buyers is \$5 (kids under 16 are free). For more information, click [here](#).

Montreal South Shore Hamfest - October 18th, Longueuil near Montreal, QC

The location is Bingo Longueuil at 1591 Boulevard Roland-Therrien in Longueuil near Montreal. Doors open at 6:00 AM for vendors and 8:30 AM for buyers. Tables cost \$10 (admission extra), admission is \$10. For more information, click [here](#).

Contest Calendar - October

[Autumn Blaze](#) - 0000 UTC Oct 1 to 2359 UTC Oct 15, 2025

[CQ World-Wide DX Contest](#) - SSB - 0000 UTC Oct 25 to 2359 UTC Oct 26, 2025

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

Meetings and Events Calendar - October

1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

4, 11, 18, 25: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

4, 11, 18, 25: Actual real life breakfast at Sam's Restaurant in Charlottetown (121 St. Peters Rd), ~8:00 A.M. (800)

6: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW (to be confirmed)

7: Monthly club meeting

Future Events:

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.