



As I write this in February – the Amateur Radio Committee, under the leadership of Dan Schwarz, has located some great speakers for the Marine Communications 101 event on March 31. The event will cover Marine and Amateur VHF communication and feature a panel of experts to get all your radio questions answered.

2005 Yearbook

By now you have probably received your 2005 yearbook – a great reference book for summer cruising. On Page 112 you will find committee and radio use information. Here are some supplemental notes. If you are active in Amateur Radio during the winter – a good start is to tune into the NW Boaters Net. They meet every morning at 0830 on 3865 KHZ (kilohertz) – which is just above the AM radio band for short wave listeners. You can also sign up to attend the weekly Port Ludlow Amateur Radio lunch (for more information, go to: <http://www.toandos.com/nwbn.html>). If you plan on using Amateur SSB this summer you can get familiar with the check-in procedures and get to know the n- etiquette. The next listed frequency on Page 112 is the Off-Shore group on 20 meters (14.314 kHz).

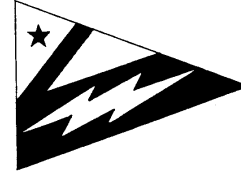
The “2-meter Repeaters” listing includes the most used Amateur Radio repeaters used by boats. Of the ones listed the 147.32 MHz repeater is the most popular in the summer. Since the repeater is located on Salt Spring Island you can get coverage in most of Georgia Straits and parts of Desolation Sound (coverage in Pendrell Sound is weak at best). The offsets listed below the repeater frequencies are the transmit frequencies (you transmit into a repeater at the offset frequency – the repeater amplifies the signal – and then it transmits out at the main frequency). Some repeaters have auto-patches – allowing for telephone calls, but cell phones eclipse much of the auto-patch use. The next section lists the SYC Amateur Radio operators, Call Signs, and Boat Name. The Pennant is described and is available at the front desk as a flag or a decal.

“Sentimental Journey”

In keeping with the Opening Day theme – here’s a snapshot from the 1981 Yearbook.

Ham Operators’ Call Signs and Radio Schedules

Yachts that have SYC ham operators aboard may fly this pennant.



Frequencies that SYC hams monitor at noon Seattle time.

3935 — 7235	— 14335
Puget Sound	— 146.01-61
San Juan Island	— 146.14-74
Gulf Islands	— 147.93-33
Simplex—No Local Repeater	— 146.52

Barrie Arnett	N7ATC	Bob Hass	N7ABG
Gene Baker	K7HHZ	David Medley	KA7CWJ
Dan Barr	WB7CSW	Paul Morris	W7GT
Ben Benton	KA7CXO	Bill Nye	W7DZ
Al Benz	W7KWH	Larry Salkield	W7LULS
Dick Brooks	K7AFA	Earl Schenck	KH6HMM
Bob Camber	WB7SYH	Charlie Sturkey	W7TNA
Bill Clum	W6RLS	Mary Sturkey	K7BGS
Mason Emanuels	N7ASP	Bob Sylvester	KA7BNR
John Ford	WB7EKI	Betty Whipple	KH6ILV
Mike Gibbons	W7KV	Bill Whipple	WA7WGG
Jay Gilmour	WB7TFU		

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The club station is set-up at the south entrance. We are planning to install a vertical antenna, which should reduce the noise levels and provide for greater efficiencies.



Join us at the next meeting: April 28, 2005, Thursday (after Ropeyarn), 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Commodores Room, and July 28, 2005, Thursday, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Commodores Room. For more information: send an email to radio@seattleyachtclub.org or tune into the Amateur Radio Committee web page in the SYC website members area.