



Top Ten Reasons to Get Your Amateur Radio License on January 12th

10. Camaraderie – Join over 180 of your fellow SYC boaters that already are licensed. Many members already keep in touch during the summer cruising season over radio.

9. Public Service, Emergency & Safety – Be ready when the next earthquake happens (whether you are on your boat or on land). A small handheld transceiver can provide a communication link to the rest of the world when cellular and land-line telecommunications services are disrupted.

8. Networking – Join hundreds of boaters in the Inside Passage (from here to Port Hardy) that check into the various marine boaters' nets, e.g., BC Boaters Net, NW Boaters Net. There are also nets for boaters going off-shore.

7. Fun – Amateur Radio is a fun hobby. There are over 600,000 licensed Amateur Radio operators in the U.S. Amateur Radio operators are involved in lots of communication technologies – Satellite, Microwave, HF, VHF, UHF, Internet, CW, Digital. Using repeaters – Amateur Radio provides extended signal reach and adds the benefit of communications networks specifically for boaters.

6. No Morse code – Getting an Amateur Radio License is easier today than ever. There is no longer a Morse code requirement for the Technician license class and within the next few years the FCC is expected to eliminate the Morse code requirement for other license classes as well.

5. Inexpensive communications – Compared to other wireless services that are suitable for marine use – Amateur Radio licensing and equipment is less expensive than dedicated marine or satellite licenses and equipment. Due in part to the public service nature of Amateur Radio, licensing is free once you obtain your first license.

4. Education – You will learn about electronics, radios, computers, and other technologies that are useful to boating. More information on educational programs is available at: www.arrl.org.

3. Youth – Get your kids into this fun hobby and use the benefit of being able to use the equipment in ship-to-shore applications with your family while boating. There are many more “channels” available to Amateur Operators than are available to the general boating public on marine VHF.

2. Help Desk – Radio operators are usually more than willing to assist others “on the air” with communications questions, directions, or just a signal check.

1. Easy – Call the SYC Front Office at (206) 325-1000 and sign-up for the class and exam.

Your SYC Amateur Radio Committee

W7SYC – For more information about the Seattle Yacht Club Amateur Radio Committee: send an email to Chuck Lowry, beauxarts1@comcast.net
73s – Chuck Lowry, KE7GCX, Summation



Get your Amateur Radio License!

Amateur Radio Class & Exam
Saturday, January 12, 2008
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



The Amateur Radio Committee is holding a class for all SYC members and guests interested in obtaining an FCC Technician License. The Technician license will allow you to join other boaters on the BC Boaters Net this next summer and be prepared for possible emergency communications.

For additional information or to reserve a seat - contact the Front Desk - (206) 325-1000.

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