



The Amateur Radio Committee has had two room-packing programs and another very successful annual license exam session. The first meeting program was conducted by Bill Whitney. Bill produced and delivered a very practical program on how to install a high frequency single sideband amateur radio

antenna on powerboats. Bill, as one of our most senior members, shared not only his technical expertise but his many years of experience trying different antenna types on his boats. The attendees were given a very well written set of instructions on how to install the antenna and the advantages of each type of antenna. Bill also brought different actual antennas for the members to examine.

The January 9th meeting program was given by Clint Hurd. Clint is the inventor of a small device that allows the amateur radio operator to plug the boat laptop into the single side band radio. Clint did a demonstration on how a boater can send digital communication and pictures from the boat to any other radio in the world.

On Saturday January 12th Chuck Steward and an experience crew of licensed examiners gave a record 42 exams.

They also taught a final study preparation class for people taking their first technical license exam. 100% of the new Level 1 examinees passed. Also we have six people who successfully upgraded to the Level 2 General License and one who passed the Level 3 Extra License. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

SYC now has over 200 members able to enjoy the use of the amateur radio frequencies while boating.



Bill's powerboat single sideband antenna installation program.



Bill's presentation filled the room and the bar.

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