

# Marine Communications *by Chuck Lowry*



The Amateur Radio Committee held its last meeting of the Spring. When we all return from cruising in September, we'll begin another year of monthly meetings. During our May meeting, 37 people were treated to another demonstration of world-wide communication with just a hand held radio. Dave Badley did a wonderful job of

explaining and demonstrating the IRLP technology that makes this possible.

I would encourage you to learn more about the benefits and fun of being an amateur radio licensed operator as you cruise this summer. With about 200 of your fellow SYC members also out cruising, ask one to let you listen in during the daily BC boater's net. The BC boater's net occurs just before Greenbox time. You can find out how full a distant outstation may be or what the Strait of Georgia really looks like from a fellow SYC member in mid crossing.

The Amateur Radio Committee has also started to become involved in learning how to serve the community with emergency communications. Please join us at our next regular meeting on September 10th in the Heritage Room and enjoy the fun. Also, make plans now to join us for the Fall Amateur Radio Rendezvous on September 20-21.

Happy Cruising!

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