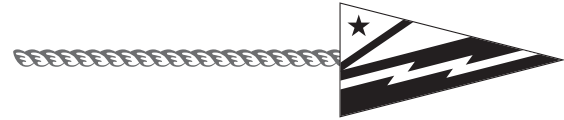


Marine Communications *by Chuck Lowry*



Radio Testing Date Set: The next SYC amateur radio licensing exams will be given on Saturday, April 4 at Port Madison. The Front Desk still has some self-study books available and on-line practice exams make this first exam easy.

Spring Radio Rendezvous: Mark April 3-5, 2009 on your calendars for the Spring Amateur Radio Rendezvous. This semi-annual event always produces a lot of fun and opportunity to learn more about various aspects of amateur radio communications from the Port Madison outstation. Prior events have provided the opportunity to communicate with other hams around the country, with Japan and Australia being the longest distances reached.

Recent Committee Activities: The Morning Puget Sound Boaters 2-meter Net went through an interesting test when the usual Green Mountain 146.880 repeater went down with what we now know is a major equipment problem. The Net Controllers Chris Warner, K7PAN, and Tom Liebert, KD7BFA,

made quick arrangements to get temporary permission to use the Queen Anne repeater, and subsequently arranged for a new long-term solution with the 146.620 repeater on Gold Mountain.

The 30+ members who check in each morning wish to extend our thanks to the current Net Control team for bringing us all together in the mornings.

During January, our most senior member Bill Whitney, WO7O, had the Clubhouse radio transceiver repaired. We expect to have the K7SYC station back up with a new antenna before this article is printed.

Monthly Meetings: The monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please come find out why over 200 SYC members are involved in this activity.

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