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ere it is July 4th weekend and everyone is itching to be boating somewhere, but the weather is just trying to make that hard to enjoy. If you're leaving soon don't forget your **2010 SYC Book.** On page 119 in the **W7SYC Amateur Radio References** is the frequency list of the **Puget Sound Repeaters** and the **Vancouver** 

**Island Trunk System** frequencies. At least listen in to the activities and make a mental note of where you were at the time so that we hopefully can create an area coverage map this fall for one of these articles.

August 19-20, 2011 – Mark your calendars for an annual amateur radio weekend event. The Seattle Yacht Club Amateur Radio Committee in partnership with Northwest Seaport will activate Lightship #83, SWIFTSURE for the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW).



The start time is Friday evening at **1700 PDT** for the US West Coast. This is an international event created to promote public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and their need for preservation and restoration, to promote amateur radio and to foster International goodwill. http://illw.net/

The purpose of this event is to contact as many other amateur stations operating from lighthouses or lightships as possible. Following the event we will send a photo QSL postcard to stations confirming the contact.



The Swiftsure is a 107 year old lightship that is part of the NW Seaport Historic Fleet located at Lake Union Park, Seattle, WA. Visit their website at: http://www.nwseaport.org/ lightship83.html#

We will be looking for volunteers with or without radio licenses to participate in this event. We will have our station equipment set up in the aft house that was the original radio shack. It's possible that some of her historic radio equipment could be put back on the air for this event too.

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**W7SYC** – For more information about our radio activities, the Seattle Yacht Club Amateur Radio Committee or getting an amateur radio license, call Dan Withers at (206) 947-2303 or email dwithers@ rodaxwireless.com



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