

NEWPORT COUNTY RADIO CLUB (NCRC)



Club Meeting: March 11, 2024
President: John Vecoli, KC1KOO



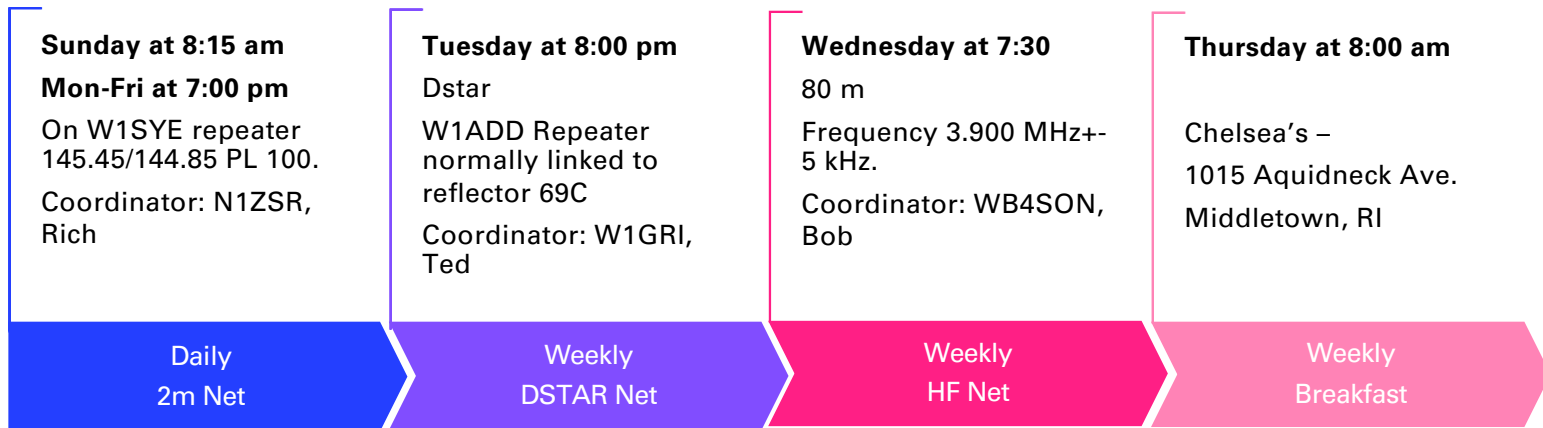
AGENDA

1. Events
2. Minutes
3. Financial Report
 - a) Dues status
 - b) 2023 Audit Status
4. Membership
5. Education and Licensing
6. Committee Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business

1. EVENTS



Daily and Weekly Events





RHODE ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE (RIARES)

MISSION

To develop and maintain an appropriately trained pool of Amateur radio operators who are available and qualified to provide situational awareness, auxiliary, public service, health and welfare and emergency communications support to any incident response agency requiring those services and to the people of RI in times of need.

<https://riares.org/>

RI ARES and RI SKYWARN

<https://riares.org/nets>

RI ARES Practice & Training Net – Tuesday, 1930

- 1st Tuesday – Repeater Net (NB1RI Repeater Network)
- 2nd Tuesday – Simplex Net (147.420)
- 3rd Tuesday – Repeater Net (NB1RI Repeater Network)
- 4th Tuesday – Repeater and Digital Net (NB1RI / Quahog Repeater Networks)
- 5th Tuesday (when there is one) – To be announced

RI SKYWARN Practice & Training Net – Wednesday, 1930

- NB1RI Repeater Network
- Activation for weather events

NCRC ARES Group

- Encourage and support members who are interested in emergency communications such as public service activities, events, emergencies, and disasters.
- Membership with the RI ARES is not required but is encouraged.
- Co-Chairs:
 - Mike Cullen N1NPT mike.k1npt@gmail.com
 - Mike Rousseau KC1NEJ TheRousseaus@cox.net

Portsmouth EMA

Thursdays at 6:30 PM Portsmouth Fire Station

Director Portsmouth EMA, Ray Perry, (KC1IPC)

rperry@portsmouthri.gov

C: (401) 477-2172

Team members:

- Brian Cottle (N1TBT)
- Paul Fredette (K1YBE)
- Mike Cullen (K1NPT)
- Mark Flaherty (W1MBF)
- Kelly Worth (K1GKW)
- Mike Rousseau (KC1NEJ)

Upcoming Events

April

- 8 – NCRC Meeting

Presentation:

Willy Maclean W1LY

NCRC, A Short
History

May

- 13 – NCRC Meeting

Presentation:

Pete Pellegrino

War Plan Orange

June

- 10 – NCRC Meeting

Presentation:

????

Field Day (June 22-23)

Field Day – Jun 23-24

PLOA – Sep 15

JOTA/JOTI - Oct 18-20

Presentations:

- February: Bob Beatty WB4SON, Alternate Power Supplies (Complete)
- March: Paul Fredette K1YBE, "A History of Electronics - Amber to Quantum Dots"
- April: Willy Maclean W1LY, "NCRC, A Short History"
- May: Pete Pellegrino, "War Plan Orange"
- June: ????, "Field Day (June 22-23)"
- July: Orv Beach W6BI, "Arden network in California"
- August: Micheal Walker VA3MW, "FLEX Radio and Remote Operations"
- September: Sean Baker K1SDB, "JOTA/JOTI (October 25-27)"
- October: ????
- November: ????, Winter Field Day
- December: ????, Year in Review (End-of-Year Party)

1. MINUTES (FEBRUARY 12)



February 12 Meeting Minutes are at:

<https://w1sye.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/NCRC-meeting-minutes-202402-final.pdf>

Secretary: Rob White, KB1ZZU

All minutes and Slide Decks at

[Current Year Minutes | Newport County Radio Club \(w1sye.org\)](#)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT (JANUARY)

Treasurer: John Jackman, N1SMX

2024 Dues Status

2023 Financial Audit Status

[Current Year Financials | Newport County Radio Club \(w1sye.org\)](https://www.w1sye.org)

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Newport County Radio Club Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Capital At February 29, 2024		Newport County Radio Club Statement of Income 2 Month Period Ending February 29, 2024		Newport County Radio Club Statement of Cash Flow 2 Month Period Ending February 29, 2024	
Assets		Income		Cash at January 1, 2024 16,479.46	
Cash.....	8,039.38	Grants.....	325.00	Cash Inflows	
PayPal.....	9,861.85	Dues.....	1,900.00	Grants.....	325.00
Total Assets	<u>17,901.23</u>	Donations.....	15.00	Dues.....	1,900.00
Liabilities & Capital		Education.....	33.00	Donations...	15.00
Liabilities.....	-	Misc.....	-	Education...	33.00
Club Equity.....	(17,901.23)	Total Income	2,273.00	Misc.....	-
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u>(17,901.23)</u>	Expenses		Total Cash inflows	2,273.00
		Grants.....	(150.00)	Cash Outflows	
		Paypal.....	-	Grants.....	(150.00)
		Supplies.....	(81.32)	Paypal.....	-
		Education.....	(105.00)	Supplies.....	(81.32)
		Utilities.....	(433.90)	Education...	(105.00)
		Insurance.....	-	Utilities.....	(433.90)
		Banking.....	(81.01)	Insurance...	-
		Total Expenses	(851.23)	Banking.....	(81.01)
		Net Income	<u>1,421.77</u>	Total Cash Outflows	(851.23)
				Cash at February 29, 2024	<u>17,901.23</u>
Newport County Radio Club Change in Capital 2 Month Period Ending February 29, 2024				Notes: Unrestricted cash	\$13,009.87
Beginning Capital.....	(16,479.46)			Restricted ARRL Grant	\$2,962.31
Prior period adjustment.....	-			Restricted Pete Lawson Fund	\$1,538.90
Net Income (Loss).....	(1,421.77)			Restricted IBM Grant	\$390.15
Ending Capital	<u>(17,901.23)</u>				

2024 Dues (Please pay your dues)

If you are not planning to pay your dues this year, please contact John Vecoli KC1KOO john.Vecoli@gmail.com

Emails went out in February to those who are in good standing (paid 2023 dues) and have not paid their 2024 dues as of the date of the email.

According to the by-laws members who do not pay their 2024 dues by 7/1/2024 will be removed from the **active roster** and added to the **inactive roster** (Not in good standing).

If you have questions on your membership status, please email treasurer@w1sye.org

Member	2024
Life	11
Paid	96
Unpaid	49
Total	146

Active Roster (Life and Good Standing)
Inactive Roster (Members who missed dues deadline (July 1))
Silent Key Roster (Members in Good Standing who have become SKs)

2023 Financial Audit

- Assign Audit Team (Bylaws - October)(Action - January)
 - John Mills K1JSM
 - Paul Fredette K1YBE
 - Nolan Byrne K1PRU
- Audit Team Brief Membership
 - (Bylaws - January Meeting)(Action - March Meeting)
 - Audit Team has not yet met. They do hold the information from the Treasurer. Expect report out at the April Business Meeting.
- Still looking for another member to help Nolan with the 2024 Financial Audit!

4. MEMBERSHIP



Vice President: Paul Fredette (K1YBE)

Membership Applicants

- Meghan Munro KC1TQG General
- Minutes has members voted-in.

6. EDUCATION AND LICENSING

+

•

○

+

○

•

EDUCATION:

Technician/ Bob Beatty (WB4SON)

Tuesday evenings April 23 – 6 weeks

General and Extra/ Paul Fredette (K1YBE)

Friday evenings April 26 – 6 week

ARTEN project (website for details)

Licensing (VE Coordinator): Mike Seil (AA1XQ)

ARTEN Mesh Project 2024

- Mesh Build activity held Friday January 19 to get the 9 Microtik AC3 radios working and deployed to members/teams that came to the meeting.
- WFD mesh rules did not fit this activity this February /March would be a mesh antenna build/test.
- February. No meetings held
 - CO₂ data sensor with Solar power is in operation near a Rhododendron in Portsmouth. Changes from around 450 ppm to 550 ppm observed.

=====March Meeting Update.=====

- March _Test YAGI Antenna on the VNA for performance to spec.
- April – do a microwave fox hunt to test JOTA plans Possibly multiband 2m and 2.4 GHz
- May/ June some additional activity during Field Day deploy nodes for the summer growing season.
- Family activity with new hams from the classes being organized
- September. PLOA mesh network for DYDX certificates.
- Make collected data available to schools
- October JOTA activities with mesh radio?
- November/ December TBD

Technician Class (Bob WB4SON)

- Start: April 23 (Tuesday – Zoom)
- Exam Review: June 4 (Tuesday – Zoom)
- **Exam:** ***June 8 (Saturday – In Person)***

General and Extra Class (Paul K1YBE)

- Start: April 26 (Friday – Zoom)
- Exam Review: June 7 (Friday – Zoom)
- **Exam:** ***June 8 (Saturday – In Person)***

NCRC Digital Exams

- **Dates: 08 JUN, 14 SEP*, and 14 DEC***
- **Location: Kempenaar Family Room, Middletown Police Department**
- Register for upcoming exams >>> HamStudy.org >>> [Find a Session](#)
- See also W1SYE.org >>> [Become a Ham](#)

*Note: These test dates are not yet in the ExamTools application index

NCRC 09 MAR VE SESSION RESULTS

1 Tech Licensee – *John Peterson*

2 Extra Class Licensees

John Brewer – N1SXB

John Flanders – KC1TVQ

Congratulations to All!!!

***Es Thank You to K1NPT, KB1ZZU es
KE1KAT who served as VEs!!!***

New Volunteer Examiners (VE) are welcome.

- See <https://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners>
- **General license minimum**
- For more information contact our VE Coordinator:
Mike Seil, AA1XQ

Current ExamTools Volunteer Examiners (VEs)

- WB4SON, Bob Beatty
- KA1ZOU, Jim Sammons
- K1YBE, Paul Fredette
- KB1ZZU, Rob White
- N1CFY, Jay Nuzum
- W1NQH, Ed Gosling
- KE1KAT, Crystal Thibault
- AC1DV, Mike Martin
- K1NPT, Mike Cullen

- These are the VEs who have established credentials in the ExamTools test environment AND the ExamTools SandBox application.
- Note the K1JSM, John Mills got the Club started using ExamTools – BZ to him

NCRC Digital Exams

- **Dates:** 09 MAR, 08 JUN, 14 SEP*, and 14 DEC*
- **Location:** Kempenaar Family Room, Middletown Police Department
- Register for upcoming exams >>> HamStudy.org >>> [Find a Session](#)
- See also W1SYE.org >>> [Become a Ham](#)

*Note: These test dates are not yet in the ExamTools application index

7. COMMITTEES



Way Forward

We are a volunteer organization! We need your help to keep our programs and club going. Every member should have a role with few exceptions. We need you to volunteer and pick the area where you think you can learn and add value. When we all lift together it is not a heavy load. When people begin to let go, the weight falls on those left behind. If you have more than 5 roles, you need to find people to pick up some of those responsibilities.

JOIN or CHAIR A COMMITTEE:

- If there is a committee chair, please contact them to volunteer.
- If no chair is identified, contact John Vecoli to volunteer.
- If you wish to be the chair for a committee, send an email to john.Vecoli@gmail.com



Field Day - Operations

June 22-23, 2024

- Chair: ?????

- **Members:**

- Site Equipment Coordinator: Willy Maclean W1LY

- Site Setup/Breakdown Coordinator: ?????

- CW Station Coordinator: Bruce Manning NJ3K

- VHF/UHF/6M Coordinator: Mike Seil AA1XQ

- GOTA Coordinator: ?????

- SSB/Voice/Digital Coordinator: ?????



Field Day – Family Outing/Outreach June 22-23, 2024

- Chair: ??????

- **Members:**

- Setup/Breakdown Coordinator: ???????

- Food Service Coordinator: ??????

- Beverage Coordinator: ??????

- Outreach Coordinator: ??????



Pete Lawson Outdoor Adventure

September 15, 2024

- Chair: Jim Sendrak, KC1LYG

860-985-8558

jimsendrak@comcast.net

- Members:

- Jim Sammons, KA1ZOU

- Willy Maclean, W1LY

- John Mills, K1JSM

- ???

JOTA/JOTI October 18-20, 2024

• Co-Chairs: Sean Baker, K1SDB
978-491-7166
sean@seandavidbaker.com

• Co-Chairs: Doug Belcher, KC1NFL
781-248-7686
dwbelcher@comcast.net

Members:

➤ Mike Rousseau KC1NEJ

➤ Paul Fredette K1YBE

➤ John Vecoli KC1KOO

➤ Matthew Hackman KB1FUB

➤ Rob White KB1ZZU

➤ Brett Marcotte (Scout Exec)?

➤ Linda Norton (Round Table)

➤?

➤?

➤?

Year-end Party (75th Celebration)

- Chair: ????

- Members:

- ?

- ?

- ?

- ?



Winter Field Day January 25-26, 2025

- Chair: ??????

- Members:

- ?

- ?

- ?



Webpage Review - Membership MGMT

- Chair: John Mills, K1JSM

- Members:

- Jay Nuzum, N1CFY

- Bob Beaty, WB4SON

- ?

- ?

Recognitions/Awards

- Chair: ????

- Members:

- ?

- ?

- ?

- ?



Hospitality

- Chair: ????

- Members:

- ?

- ?

- ?

- ?



Marketing

- Chair: Sean Baker, K1SDB
978-491-7166
sean@seandavidbaker.com

- Members:

- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?

8. OLD BUSINESS





9. NEW BUSINESS

Thank you, **John Mills** Donation of Honda Generator Set

The club requires Generator Set(s) to support field and emergency operations. John has been allowing us to use his generator set and has now donated it to the club.



Request to Purchase a second Generator Set

Motion: The club purchase a Generator Set to support field and emergency operations as described below not to exceed \$1,500.00:

- Honda Generator (model: EU1000i)
- External 6.5 gal Gas Tank
- Miscellaneous hardware to connect gas tank to provide extended operations.



EC Expenditure Policy

Motion: The EC may at their discretion by a simple majority vote to expend up to \$300 on item(s) that cannot wait for the next business meeting for the members to vote.

Furthermore, the EC will brief the members at the next business meeting the reason the issue could not wait, the amount expended, and allow the members to discuss said expenditure.

The \$300 limit is only reset after the business meeting that disclosed the expenditure.

(Example: EC spends \$110 and \$50 for a total of \$160 between business meetings, they have a balance of \$140. Once the \$160 is briefed and discussed at the business meeting, the EC cap is returned to \$300)

+

o

.



THANK YOU

John Vecoli KC1KOO
John.Vecoli@gmail.com
w1sye.org