

The 2012 Maritimes QSO Party

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Promoting Radiosport in Canada's Maritime Provinces

Contest Website

OBJECTIVE

To encourage and promote contesting within the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

(New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.)

DATE

The contest will take place each year during the first weekend of June. In 2012, this will be
02-03 June.

HOURS

The contest will run for 15 hours: 1200 GMT Saturday to 0300 GMT Sunday.

OPERATING BANDS

160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2metres. No repeater use or cross-band contacts allowed.

Suggested Frequencies for all home stations:

- Operate consistent with ARRL/RAC band plans and your license privileges from 2m though 160m. No WARC bands.
 - PH Operation centered around 1.865, 3.755, 7.255, 14.255, 21.255, 28.455, 50.155, 144.200
 - CW Operation centered around 1.815, 3.555, 7.040, 14.055, 21.055, 28.055, 144.200 (same as PH)

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Mobile Window:

- For Low Power Mobile/Rover/Portable CW stations in the Maritimes:
 - 10 kHz in the general bands.1.800-1.810, 3.540-3.550,7.025-7.035,
 - 14.040-14.050, 21.040-21.050, 28.040-28.050, 50.090-50.100,144.200For example 14040 to 14050 only mobiles/rovers/lp portables call CQ.

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- 2. For Mobile PH stations: 10 kHz in the general PH band.

1.840-1.850,3.740-3.750,7.240-7.250,14.240-14.250,21.240-21.250,
28.440-28.450,50.140-50.150, 144.200(same as CW)

(E) Please Note:

- a. Fixed stations (except portable/rover ops) please do not call CQ in the recommended mobile window.
- c. Avoid The Maritime Net on 3.750 at 7:00PM AST.
- d. The 6m DX Window from 50.100-50.125
- e. Be considerate of other official nets or DX operations and windows that may be operating during our event. All subject to change depending on condx and other contest operations. Thanks!

OPERATION

As per described Category and Class. Use of DX Alerting systems (Telnet, Skimmer, Cluster, etc) is permitted in all classes. However, no self-spotting. Mobile type operations to activate MAR counties are encouraged.

Participants outside of the NS, NB, and PEI area contact NB, NS, and PEI area stations only. Participants inside the NS, NB, PEI area contact everyone.

Operations from CY0 (Sable Island) and CY9 (St. Paul Island) are considered to be operating from Nova Scotia. CY0 is in Halifax County, CY9 in Victoria County.

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CATEGORIES

The Contest will be divided into the following categories:

FIXED STATION: from a location, which can not be moved while operating during the contest. This includes portable operation from a fixed site such as a cottage, camp, other home, building, etc.

MOBILE / ROVER STATION: from a location which can be moved, while operating within the NB, NS, PEI area. This includes /m, /mm and /am operations. Note: Drivers are allowed.

Anyone, from anywhere, can participate.

CLASSES

- A) Single-Op: CW, PHONE, or MIXED
- B) Mobile / Rover: No Mode Categories
- C) Multi-Op: MIXED (any number of operators and transmitters)

SCORING

Fixed Stations (Class A and C)

One QSO point per completed QSO with a PHONE station. Two QSO points per completed QSO with a CW Station. The same Station can be logged and counted, once on PHONE and once on CW, on each band of operation.

Mobile/Rover Stations (Class B)

One QSO point per completed QSO on PHONE. Two QSO points per completed QSO on CW. The same Station can be logged and counted, once on PHONE and once on CW, on each band of operation.

Mobile/Rover stations can be worked again for additional points and multipliers if they move to a different county. Also, if the Mobile/Rover station is at a county line/border which enables them to operate from multiple counties without moving, each QSO with the new county multiplier in the exchange will count as a new QSO Point / Multiplier.

Mobile/Rover Stations may have more than one operator (and/or driver) or transmitter, but only one transmitted signal is allowed at any given time.

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EXCHANGE

Participants within the NB, NS, and PEI area: MAR County (See list below).

Participants outside the NB, NS, and PEI area: US State / Canadian Province-Territory / DXCC Country

Eligible Canadian Provinces/Territories are: NF, LB, QC, ON, MB, SK, AB, BC, NT, YT, and NU.

MULTIPLIERS

Multipliers count once per mode on each band.

The 36 Counties of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island will count as multipliers. Refer to the attached list of counties for abbreviations to use when logging.

Stations within the NB, NS, PEI area also count each new Canadian Province/Territory, US State, or DX Country. The USA and Canada do not count as country multipliers.

Participants within NB, NS and PEI, do not count NB, NS, and PEI as multipliers. Recognized Canadian provinces/territories are: NF, LB, QC, ON, MB, SK, AB, BC, NT, YT, and NU.

Mobile/Rover stations claim the sum of multipliers worked while issuing each different county location multiplier.

BONUS POINTS

Contacts with MCC Club Stations VE9MCC, VA1MCC, and VY2MCC, count as 100 BONUS points each, per mode and per band. Maximum of one QSO per mode per band.

FINAL SCORE

(QSO Points x NUMBER of MULTIPLIERS) + Bonus Points = SCORE

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LOGGING

The log must clearly indicate the following: Single-op CW, PHONE, or MIXED operation; Mobile or Multi operation. The log must show:

- STATION WORKED
- DATE / TIME of contact (GMT)
- EXCHANGE (multiplier, etc)

SUBMITTING LOGS

Contest entrants will have ONE MONTH to submit logs after the contest. Submissions should be made in the Cabrillo format (preferred method). e-mail to: va1mcc@rac.ca
Please include your callsign in the SUBJECT line of the email.

Paper logs are also accepted.

Mail to:

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1610 Cow Bay Road,

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CERTIFICATES

Winners of each Class in each Canadian Province/Territory, US State and DX Entity will be awarded a certificate.

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CLEAN SWEEP CERTIFICATES

Any Station making contact with all 36 NB, NS, and PEI Area counties will be issued "Clean Sweep" certificate.

Other special prizes may be awarded as warranted.

All winners will have their results announced on the MCC official web page and submitted to TCA for publication.

Further information concerning this contest and the Acadia-New Scotland Award can be found on the MCC website: <http://www.maritimecontestclub.com/>

CONTEST COMMITTEE

The contest committee, composed of five MCC Members, will make the final decisions in all matters regarding this contest.

The Committee for 2012 is:

VE1OP (Scott), VE1RGB (Gary), VE9HF (Rick), VE9AA (Mike), and VE1NB (Bruce)

The contest Committee would like to thank the developers of SD, N1MM and Writelog for their support of MCC, and including this contest in their respective Logging programs.

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New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Counties

County Name	Province	Abbreviation
Albert	NB	ALB
Carleton	NB	CAR
Charlotte	NB	CHA
Gloucester	NB	GLO
Kent	NB	KEN
Kings	NB	KIN
Madawaska	NB	MAD
Northumberland	NB	NOR
Queens	NB	QUB
Restigouche	NB	RES
Saint John	NB	SAI
Sunbury	NB	SUN
Victoria	NB	VIB
Westmorland	NB	WES
York	NB	YOR
Annapolis	NS	ANN
Antigonish	NS	ANT
Cape Breton	NS	CAP
Colchester	NS	COL
Cumberland	NS	CUM
Digby	NS	DIG
Guysborough	NS	GUY
Halifax	NS	HAL
Hants	NS	HAN
Inverness	NS	INV
Kings	NS	KIS
Lunenburg	NS	LUN
Pictou	NS	PIC
Queens	NS	QUS
Richmond	NS	RIC
Shelburne	NS	SHE
Victoria	NS	VIS
Yarmouth	NS	YAR
Kings	PEI	KIP
Prince	PEI	PRI
Queens	PEI	QUP