

The Maritime Contest Club

The Maritime Contest Club (MCC) was founded in 2005 to advance the sport of amateur radio contesting in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. By 2011 the club membership had grown to 32 men and women from the three Maritime Provinces with a combined total contesting experience of upwards of 750 person-years in every known mode of transmission. Growth in size and experience level has now generated an aggressiveness that regularly shows MCC as punching above its weight in all forms and modes of contesting. The MCC Web site (see below) is a one-stopping-shopping source of a wealth of information about contesting and shows records held by MCC and MCC members in a wide range of contests

MCC has chosen to make a contribution to contesting within Canada by taking on the role of collecting contest results for publication in Canada's national amateur radio magazine, TCA. This is no small task. Furthermore, in 2010, MCC began two activities to encourage the Sport of Radio Contesting in the Maritime Provinces. Namely: 1) sponsorship of the Acadia-New Scotland (ANS) Award Program to encourage and promote Contest activity by MAR area stations by recognizing those who participate, whether club members or not; and 2) implementation of a QSO Party (contest) to promote local activity. That resulted in the Maritime QSO Party (MQP). Both of those programs are now in place and the first MQP has been run, very successfully. See the MCC web site (below) for more details.

Meanwhile, the overall strength of the club is growing at a significant rate as the contesting resources of new members get added and as serious improvements continue to be made in the individual capabilities of a number of very active groups and individuals within MCC: new gear; new antennas; new systems; new station accessories; more experience; improved logging programs; better sharing of knowledge amongst the members; etc. MCC is already being noticed and yet it is still early in the development of the club's ultimate capability based on plans for station improvements already announced by various MCC members new and old. All this and rumours of yet even more very cool things to come.

MCC is now affiliated as the junior partner with the Maritime DX Forum sponsored by the Halifax Amateur Radio Club, contributing both financially and by the provision of other resources to MDF to maintain liaison and support roles. MCC has the final call for one of the principal presentation positions in the MDF schedule of events which, unsurprisingly, is usually weighted heavily to their specific interests in contesting. To ensure adequate attention, an MCC member is planted on the MDF committee.

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