



SEA-PAC WAVES



The Pacific Northwest's Largest Amateur Radio Convention

“Be Radio-Active”

SEA-PAC May 30 – June 1 REGISTRATION ENDS May 20th!

Chair's Corner

The SEA-PAC Convention is just over a week away, and excitement is building! Your SEA-PAC planning committee is hard at work putting the finishing touches on what promises to be a fantastic event.

A heartfelt thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer—we truly appreciate your support! If you're still thinking about getting involved, we'd love to have your help. Just a few hours of your time can make a big difference with Registration/Will-Call, light crowd guidance, Exhibitor and Flea Market load-in/out, and other event tasks.

Whether you prefer sitting, standing, or staying on the move, there's a role that will suit you. If you haven't volunteered yet or have any questions, please visit the Volunteer Intake Form on the SEA-PAC Volunteer Portal (seapac.org, bottom of the left-hand menu), or feel free to email us at volunteers@seapac.org.

We can't wait to see you at SEA-PAC!

Barbara Robertson, KI7BR
2025 SEA-PAC Convention Chair
chair@seapac.org

Registration

Registration ends **May 20th at 11:59pm**. After this time, please purchase your admission on-site at the Registration desk. Save \$5 off the Adult Admission by registering online!

Picking up Your Credentials

Things to know...

If you are attending one of the Friday Workshops, **ONLY** your Workshop credentials will be available to you at the Workshop check-in starting at 8 AM. The Workshop check-in is just inside the main doors. The rest of your credentials will be available after 9 AM at Will-Call.

If you are not attending a Friday Workshop, please pick up your registration credentials **AFTER** 9 AM on Friday.

Workshops

This year we will offer two workshops. Sadly, the DMR workshop reached capacity quickly, but there is still room for additional participants in the EmComm workshop. There is a fee of \$25 for each workshop that lasts from 0900-1645 with a break for lunch.

DMR Workshop. The DMR workshop in the morning will cover operating methods, how to set up your DMR radio, and attempt to answer questions. In the afternoon the team will work with participants to program their radios and hotspots. If you are interested in a radio but are not able to join the workshop, radios and hotspots will be available for sale at the OTVARC flea market table.



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EmComm Workshop. In the morning there will be several presentations on how to send images, equipment needed, and station suggestions. Presenters will also likely relate their personal experience using the airwaves to share images and text for emergency responders. In the afternoon there will be several stations set up for participants to gain experience sending text and images between stations. Each station will show different ways each station was built.

Seminars

We have a full suite of Saturday seminars for your educational benefit. Seminars cover antennas (rather important for radio success), contesting, DXing, ideas to improve your club, engaging youth, repeaters and remote stations, getting started with LoTW, emergency preparedness, home brew ideas, and working satellites. This year Gordon West, WB6NOA, will present his Instructor Academy to provide ideas for teaching ham license classes.

On Sunday we offer four seminars that cover how to use VARA and other methods to send images over the airwaves, clandestine radio, antenna basics, remote operating, and a show and tell experiment (see below). The VARA session will also feature multiple stations set up differently to work under various conditions including solar power.

Pick one or many seminars and we hope you leave SEA-PAC with more knowledge and excitement for the possibilities for your amateur radio experience.

NEW THIS YEAR! Mini Presentations about projects of any size, Sunday June 1

Do you have some knowledge or experience to share with other hams? Many of us aren't comfortable giving a presentation of 30-45 minutes in front of an audience we don't know. This year, SEAPAC is offering a venue for smaller, less formal discussions requiring less preparation. Have you built a novel antenna that might interest someone else? Have you restored an old radio, cosmetically and/or functionally, using techniques you figured out yourself? Have you built a radio station that resembles one that was used for a historically

significant event? Are you creating or using radio apparatus that provides data for, or otherwise supports, scientific research? Have you designed a clandestine antenna that might help another ham get on the air from a covenant-restricted residence? Are you engaged in a program that gets residents of senior care homes on the air? Have you created hidden transmitter hunts that have motivated children to think geometrically and run around outdoors while experiencing the magic of radio? Have you created artwork that utilizes colorful electronic components of various sizes and shapes?

These are just examples, but hopefully they may portray some of the myriad ways that hams apply their hobby to enrich their life or lives of others. Come tell each other about it!

Make a poster. Gather some equipment. Organize a brief summary. Bring small (you decide how small) items that will help you tell your story.

Come to Seaside A and B at 10am on Sunday. Set up your materials on one of the tables. Chat with other interested hams about your project. Make new friends. Find collaborators.

Optional: Send an email now describing your project to seminars@seapac.org to reserve a spot and perhaps get some advance publicity.

It's also okay to just show up. It's a big room; there should be plenty of space for everybody.

And if you don't have something to show, come anyway, see what some other hams have been up to, and have some in-person QSOs

Friday Reception (fee event)

On Friday evening many attendees will gather for a social upstairs in the Convention Center for finger food and conversations with ARRL guests, SEA-PAC Committee members, and other hams. If you do not know anyone there, introduce yourself and learn about others. This event has proven popular and is a fun way to meet new to you hams in a friendly social setting. Register on-line for the event if you want to attend but have not signed up yet.



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YL and DX Luncheons on Saturday

The luncheons start at noon. The DX luncheon features Mike Ritz, W7VO, on changes in the DXCC program starting this year. Come with questions. The YL luncheon features Vicki Zumwalt, N6KLS, who will speak on operating ham radio from Egypt. Both should be interesting. The menu includes roast beef, potatoes, gravy, veggies, and probably something sweet.

Banquet

The banquet Saturday evening gathering starts at 6:30 PM in the long hall. When everything is ready we can enter the hall, choose a seat and greet others nearby. We will have music during dinner by Jim Fisher followed by short presentations by Kristen McIntyre, K6WX and Mark Tharp, KB7HDX. Our keynote speaker is Gordon West, WB6NOA. Should be a fun and entertaining evening for attendees. Seats are still available.

Radios at the Beach

SEA-PAC is the only hamfest/convention we know about that is close to the beach where you can test the "salt-water amplifier effect". From the Convention Center, walk south two blocks to Broadway and west to the turnaround overlooking the beach. There will likely be several stations set up on the beach, weather permitting, (or bring your own portable station) to enjoy. This is a fun event with portable stations and innovative antennas. One year a drone pulled a long wire antenna up since the planned kite did not find any wind (a rather rare occurrence).

Flea Market

Saturday many flea market tables will be covered with treasures to purchase and take home to your station. Radio Club of Tacoma will staff the Country Store that can sell some of your past treasures on consignment. They will also be prepared to test the equipment you want to buy from other flea marketeers.

Solder kits

We have solder kits available for purchase at Registration for \$7, and the opportunity to build it at the soldering station on the west side of the Convention Center. Registration will give you a ticket to exchange at the soldering station for the actual kit.

Exhibitors

On the main floor the exhibitors will have their latest products on display and want to discuss how their products and improve your station and help you enjoy amateur radio more. Please visit each one and learn about their products. Also, stop by the ARRL booth and the Collegiate booths to discuss ARRL support for amateur radio, meet ARRL leaders, and look over ARRL products offered.

VE Testing – Saturday!

VE Testing will be conducted at the Lutheran Church across the street from the main entrance of the convention center.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
320 1st Ave
Seaside, OR 97138

There will be one session at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 31st 2025.

- Seating is limited so reserve your place by registering now.
- Pre-Registration preferred - Walk-in's allowed dependent on available seats!
- Registration deadline: May 26th, 2025.

[Printable Pre-Registration Form](#). Mail the completed form to: John Bucsek, KE7WNB
P.O. Box 220333
Milwaukie, OR 97269
Or email all information to: VE@seapac.org Questions? Call John Bucsek at [1 \(503\) 803-6134](tel:15038036134) evenings, or email John at VE@seapac.org. Please bring the following:

- a photo ID



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- the original plus a photocopy of your current license
- the original plus a photocopy of any CSCE that will apply to the upgrade
- and a check for \$15.00 payable to OTVARC or SEA-PAC

Anytone AT-D878UV II Plus VHF/UHF digital HT
SDRPlay RSP1B 14bit SDR Receiver
2 x hotel gift certificates

Sunday Major Prize Drawing

Sunday, June 1st 1:15pm

Yaesu FTDX-10 HF/50MHz transceiver
Icom IC-705 QRP HF Transciever
Kenwood TH-D75A 144/220/430 digital HT
Icom ID-52A PLUS VHF/UHF digital HT
RigExpert Stick 500 0.1 to 500 MHz antenna analyzer
Anytone AT-D878UV II Plus VHF/UHF digital HT
3 hotel gift certificates

Prizes!

There will be 5 minor prize (formerly hourly prizes) drawings with 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Each paid adult registration will have the opportunity to purchase 1 prize ticket for each paid registration.

The minor prize list is not yet set but does include items such as ARRL Handbooks, power pole sets and other items useful around the shack.

Below is the list of the larger prizes we currently have. Items will be added as many vendors support SEA-PAC with prize donations.

If you see a Prize Donation sign at a vendor's table be sure to thank them for supporting us.

Early Bird

Sunday, June 1st 1:00pm

If you registered on or before April 15th you will be able to purchase 1 entry to the Early Bird drawing for \$2.00.

Icom ID-5100AD VHF/UHF mobile
Yaesu FT-5DR VHF/UHF HT
Anytone AT-D878UV II Plus VHF/UHF digital HT
Icom IC-T10 VHF/UHF HT
SDRPlay RSP1B 14bit SDR Receiver
hotel gift certificate
Larson Antennas gift certificate

Major prize tickets will be available for \$5 each with no limit on the number you can purchase.

Saturday Major Prize Drawing

Saturday, May 31st 2:45pm

Icom IC-7300 HF/50MHz transceiver
Kenwood TH-D75A 144/220/430 digital HT
Icom ID-52A PLUS VHF/UHF digital HT
Yaesu FTM-150RASP VHF/UHF mobile transceiver

Two Experiments

Saturday – Student Poster Sessions

Throughout the day students will present short poster sessions near the east glass wall. Stop by and support new hams.

Sunday – Northwest Project Showcase

In Seaside Rooms B and C, we'll host a "show and tell" featuring ongoing projects from across the Northwest. Stop by—you're sure to see something interesting! If you are interested in showing a project, send a message to seminars@seapac.org.

SEA-PAC Silent Key Recognition Project

SEA-PAC is launching a new initiative to honor our attendees who have become Silent Keys. During SEA-PAC their names, call signs, and the year of their passing will be displayed on rotating screens throughout the convention center.

We recently found that the Seaside Convention Center needs our Silent Key file by May 20. Please send your submissions no later than May 19 to vice-chair@seapac.org. We ask that you submit the name, call sign, and year of passing of Silent Keys who attended SEA-PAC and passed away between January 2024 and May 18, 2025.

Thank you for helping us remember and honor our fellow amateur radio operators.