

## SETTING UP YOUR WINLINK MAP AND GPS LOCATION

#### **KB7RHI**

#### **WI-FI Access**



### The Winlink program has several mapping features

- When using a GPS Location, you will want to first select a map to download and save while you have an internet connection
- Lets look at the steps to set up your map choice

#### Winlink has a built-in mapping feature, you can select which map you want to use...click on the Globe icon

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# The Winlink program needs a data point first

Winlink program needs a data point first before you can open up a **map to display** 

You need to have at least one **Winlink message** sent your inbox first

Someone can send a Telnet message to your inbox

Once you have a Winlink message in your inbox...proceed to the next slide



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#### The Winlink Program can download and store a map provider of your choice while you have internet...I would recommend "Google Terrain"

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# Here are the map provider choices... the default map is Bing

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Map provider:	Google Terrain	
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#### Once you select your map provider, then click on "Display Map"...this will download your map while you have internet...do this before an event

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Set Filters Zoom-In Zoom-Out Summary Save as jpeg Print map





Use mouse wheel to zoom in/out. Right click map and drag to scroll. Click marker for details.

# To move the map around, right click and move your mouse

Map of Messages

Set Filters Zoom-In Zoom-Out Summary Save as jpeg Print map

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Use mouse wheel to zoom in/out. Right click map and drag to scroll. Click marker for details.

### You can Zoom-In with the map by clicking on the Zoom-In tab, or scroll your mouse



Use mouse wheel to zoom in/out. Right click map and drag to scroll. Click marker for details

# Saving your map with the Winlink program

- The Winlink program will download the map to the "Display Map" area you select...limited area
- Next go into airplane mode with your laptop, open up the map again, and see what area looks well defined?
- If you move the map outside of the area downloaded, you will just see a very simple map

# The Winlink program can show user location information on a map

- The Winlink program has several different types of mapping features
- The Winlink program can now embed your
   location information into messages you send
- Other Winlink users can receive an email from you with your location information and open up a map to see where you are
- The accuracy of your location depends on one of three location methods being used



# Your Winlink email messages will show your location one of three ways

- \* 1) If a GPS is present, Winlink will use GPS Lat/Long
- \* 2) If no GPS present and "Use position report location..." is checked, Winlink will use Position Report Lat/Long
- \* 3) If no GPS is present & "use position report location..." is not checked, Winlink will use Grid Square/Call sign location

#### 1) GPS Location...Open up Winlink Express and go to Settings, then select GPS/Position Reports in the drop down menu

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## Shortcut to GPS, click on Position Report icon

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GPS Speed: 0.04 Knots GPS Course: 131 True
Automatically update grid square from GPS position: CN85RS
Position Report
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Use GPS Position Use Current Time
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Latitude: 45-46.88N Longitude: 122-31.24W
Speed: 0.1 Knots Course: 0 True
MGRS coordinates: 10TER3726169864 Use MGRS
Comment - 148 Characters Maximum: Using a BU-353N GPS puck
Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location



# The lower section is the **Position Report** section

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GPS Speed: 0.04 Knots GPS Course: 131 True
Automatically update grid square from GPS position: CN85RS
Position Report
Use GPS Position Use Current Time
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Latitude: 45-46.88N Longitude: 122-31.24W
Speed: 0.1 Knots Course: 0 True
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Comment - 148 Characters Maximum: Using a BU-353N GPS puck
Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location



#### In the GPS present section, you will want to find and then select the Com Port that your GPS is using, (Baud Rate is usually set at 4800)

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Find a Com Port...Right click on the Microsoft Windows icon in the lower left corner of your computer screen, then scroll up and select Device Manager...Windows 10 example



#### In the **Device Manager**, scroll down alphabetically to **Ports** and click on the right arrow to open up and see your active ports

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Using the "GPS Serial Port" drop down menu, just select the COM 3 for your GPS...note, your GPS may require a driver be installed first before the GPS dongle will work?

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GPS Serial Port
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IP Address: COM2 IP Port 15555
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Use GPS Position Use Current Time
Report Date/Time: 2025/05/10 02:53:58 UTC
(Latitude/longitude may be entered as DD.DDDD, or DD-MM.MMx, or DD-MM-SSx)
Latitude: 45-04.00N Longitude: 123-31.23W
Speed: 0.1 Knots Course: 0 True
MGRS coordinates: 10TDQ5902490488 Use MGRS
Comment - 148 Characters Maximum:
Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location



Your "GPS Status" should show an updating string of information, and GPS Lat and GPS Long boxes should populate with your location info, select "Set" if no data flowing after the dongle has a satellite fix

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Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close								
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location								



Once your GPS lat and long box populates with location information, your GPS is present, your Winlink email messages will now show location = (GPS)...when using Winlink for viewing messages

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#### Winlink message sent with GPS Present...Location = (GPS)

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### 2) The lower part of the GPS/Position Report screen shows Lat/Long information that can be manually entered or populated with a GPS dongle

Position Report									
Your last position report was posted at 2025/05/16 14:41:40 UTC									
Use GPS Position Use Current Time									
Report Date/Time: 2025/05/19 12:52:08 UTC									
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Latitude: 45-46.88N Longitude: 122-31.24W									
Speed: 0.1 Knots Course: 0 True									
MGRS coordinates: 10TER3726169864 Use MGRS									
Comment - 148 Characters Maximum: Using a BU-353N GPS puck									
Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close									
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location									

### With a GPS present, you can populate your Position Report section using live GPS data by selecting "Use GPS Position"

S GPS / Position Report ×								
GPS Serial Port								
GPS Serial Port: COM3 V GPS Baud Rate: 4800 V								
IP Address: 127.0.0.1 IP Port 15555								
GPS Status								
\$GPRMC,131051.000,A,4546.8807,N,12231.2398,W,0.04,131.01,190525,.,A*70								
Last fix at 2025-05-19 13:10:51 UTC								
GPS Latitude: 45-46.88N GPS Longitude: 122-31.24W								
GPS Speed: 0.04 Knots GPS Course: 131 True								
Automatically update grid square from GPS position: CN85RS								
Your last position report was posted at 2025/05/16 14:41:40 UTC								
Use GPS Position Use Current Time								
Report Date/Time: 2025/05/19 13:10:04 UTC								
(Latitude/longitude may be entered as DD.DDDD, or DD-MM.MMx, or DD-MM-SSx)								
Latitude: 45-46.88N Longitude: 122-31.24W								
Speed: 0.1 Knots Course: 0 True								
MGRS coordinates: 10TER3726169864 Use MGRS								
Comment - 148 Characters Maximum: Using a BU-353N GPS puck								
Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close								
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location								



### You can also manually enter **Position Report** Lat/Long location information...Note that Lat/Long may be DD.DDDD, DD-MM-MMx, or DD-MM-SSx



# Using a GPS enabled phone, you can use the Android app HAMGPS

- EA4EOZ is a electronic enthusiast who developed the app to provide GPS location information when you have no cell coverage and you are off grid
- \* HAMGPS app uses four constellations of satellites
- \* 1) US operated GPS
- \* 2) GLONASS...Russian
- \* 3) QZSS...Japanese Government system to augment US GPS
- \* 4) Galileo...European global satellite system



#### **Android phone HAMGPS Icon**





### Clicking on the bottom screen section will sequentially walk through different GPS data screens...Grid Square display





#### GPS DD.DDDD display, this is the screen that is easiest for me to use





#### If you are camping in a remote area with no cell coverage, WiFi, or internet connection...try HAMGPS, if you do not have a GPS dongle

- Camping in a remote location, I used HAMGPS to find my location
- \* I used the DD.DDDD display to enter coordinates
- Entered Lat as DD.DDDD N
- Entered Long as –DD.DDDD W
- \* Enter your minus in front of the Longitude
- \* Remember to enter the Lat "N" after DD.DDDD "N"
- Remember to enter the Long "W" after –DD.DDDD "W"
- The Position Report will remove the minus sign in front of Long after it is entered...its ok

## **DD-MM.MMx display**





## **DD-MM-SSx display**





### And finally MGRS display, then back to Grid Square, tap the box to rotate to your desired display





#### Winlink will use Position Report location information if there is no GPS present and you check the "use position report location..." box

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## When you use the Position Report section to provide your location, your email will say, "Location" is (SPECIFIED)

	Use GPS	S Position	n	se Current	e Current Time			
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Speed:	0.1		Knots	Course:	0		True	
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Comment - 1 Characters Max	inum:	Using a I	BU-353N GPS puck					
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### Winlink message with no GPS present, Position Report box is checked...Location = (SPECIFIED)

Winlink Express 1.7.23.1 - K7CLL									
K7CLL • Add Callsign Settings Mess	age	Atta	achments Move	e To: Saved Items	; `	Delete	Open Session:	Telnet Winlink	✓ Logs Help
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No active session.									
System Folders		1	Date/Time 🔍	Message ID	Size	Source	Sender	Recipient	Subject
Inbox (4 unread)		<b>2</b>	2025/05/19 22:51	WCBX1YHQ3JVX	306	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	No GPS present, Position Report "use position report location" box checked
Read Items (0) Outbox (0)		<u>=</u> 2	2025/05/19 1	4ESWSXTCQ	233	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	gps to position report and removed
Sent Items (23)		<u>=</u> 2	2025/05/19 1	LDCWUPEDH	195	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	ham gps used
Saved Items (0)		<u>=</u> 2	2025/05/19 1	U0HNWU33D	187	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	box checked
Drafts (0)		<u> </u>	2025/05/19 1	JULP82WAA37I	232	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	box unchecked, no gps
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		<b>₽</b> 2	.025/05/19 11:57	EF5Q26XR105E	218	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	click and unclick gps box
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### If you want to clear the Lat/Long data in your Position Report...with no GPS present, just click on "Use GPS Position"

GPS / Position Report			;						
GPS Serial Port									
GPS Serial Port: COM3 ~	GPS Baud Rate:	4800							
IP Address: 127.0.0.1	IP Port	15555	Set						
GPS Status									
Error opening GPS connection: The port 'COM3' does not exist.									
Error opening GPS conn	ection: The port 'CO	M3' does not exis	st.						
GPS Latitude:	GPS Long	gitude:							
GPS Speed:	Knots GPS Co	urse:	True						
Automatically update grid	Automatically update grid square from GPS position:								
Position Report									
Your last position report w	as posted at 2025/0	)5/16 14:41:40 U	тс						
Use GPS Position	Use	Current Time							
Beport Date/Time:	2025/05/19 22:3	1:32 UTC							
(Latitude /longitude may be entered as	s DD.DDDD. or DD-	MM.MMx. or DD-	MM-SSx)						
Latitude: 45-46.88N	Longitude:	122-31.24W							
Speed: 0.1 Kr	nots Course:	0 T	rue						
MGRS coordinates: 10TEP272	06169964	Use MCRS							
Comment 140	0103004	Use Maria							
Characters Maximum:	J-353N GPS puck								
Add Marine Weather Report	Post Report	a	lose						
If no GPS position, use po	osition report location	as my current lo	cation						

#### Lat/Long is cleared, there is some place holding data in MGRS and any Comment is still there

🗱 GPS / Position Report	×
GPS Serial Port	
GPS Serial Port: COM3    GPS Baud Rate: 4800	
IP Address: 127.0.0.1 IP Port 15555	•
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Error opening GPS connection: The port 'COM3' does not exist.	
GPS Latitude: GPS Longitude:	
GPS Speed: Knots GPS Course: Tr	ue
Automatically update grid square from GPS position:	
Position Report	
Your last position report was posted at 2025/05/16 14:41:40 UTC	
Use GPS Position Use Current Time	
Report Date/Time: UTC	
(Latitu <u>de /longitude may be entered as DD.DDDD</u> , or DD-MM.MMx, or DD-MM-SSx)	
Latitude: Longitude:	
Speed: Knots Course: True	
MGRS coordinates: 31NAA6602100000 Use MGRS	
Comment - 148	_
Characters Maximum:	
Add Marine Weather Report Post Report Close	
If no GPS position, use position report location as my current location	



# 3) Third default position location determination is Grid Square

- \* If there is no **GPS present**
- If the Position Report "use position report location"
   box is not checked
- Your default position location will be the Grid
   Square location noted in your Settings menu in Winlink

### You can double check what grid square location you have set...in the main Winlink screen, go to "Settings"

🗱 Winlink Express 1.7.23.1 - KB7RHI									
KB7RHI   Add Callsign Settings Message Attachments Move To: Saved Items  Delete Open Session: Telnet Winlink  Logs Help									
No active session.									
System Folders Date/Time v Message ID Size Source Sender Recipient Subject									
Inbox (4 unread)									
Read Items (0)           Outbox (1)         Image: Description of the sector o	r STATUS - 05/09/2025								
Sent Items (357)									
Saved Items (0)									
Deleted Items (17) Drafie (0) 2195 K7YFJ K7YFJ K87RHI Winlink Check-in EXERCISE - K7YFJ - example 1									
Personal Folders 2025/05/08 05:26 42SC6CDRPYC2 272 SYSTEM SERVICE KB7RHI Automatic System Message									
2025/05/08 05:25 TLE2MRFWH171 272 SYSTEM SERVICE KB7RHI Automatic System Message									
2025/05/08 05:24 W70534R422M6 272 SYSTEM SERVICE KB7RHI Automatic System Message									
Message ID: SZVBOSA5YLAZ									
Date: 2021/01/18 17:30 (UTC)									
Global Folders From: W7SLS									
SEAPAC2025 (0) Source: W7SLS									
Downloaded-from: Telnet:cms.Winlink.org									
Subject: thanks for call, your plan is good									
Hi Mark									
Contacts									
A periodic test message, plus kudos on your plan re call last night.									
73									
Scott W7SLS									
I II									

# Select "Winlink Express Setup..."

Winlink Express 1.7.23.1 - KB7RHI										
KB7RHI   Add Callsign St	ettings Message Attachments Move To:	Saved Items		Delete	Open Session:	Telnet Winlink	∼ Logs Help			
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No active session.	Font for text									
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Inbox (4 unread)	Set color themes	NOFL2KQ	248	WZ8T	WZ8T	KB7RHI	test message			
Read Items (0) Outbox (1)	GPS / Position Reports	2597VDP7	7243	K7HTZ	TIGERTEAM	TIGERTEAM	RMS Winlink Gateways, Digipeaters and Repeater STATUS - 05/09/2025			
Sent Items (357)	Winlink Catalog Requests	AXQ9YZC0	1774	SYSTEM	SERVICE	KB7RHI	INQUIRY: WL2K_NEARBY			
Saved Items (0)	GRIB file request	DQSBPKJO	2170	K7CLL	K7CLL	KB7RHI	Winlink Check-in EXERCISE - K7CLL - example 2			
Drafts (0)	Preferences	WRWN5JUO	2195	K7YFJ	K7YFJ	KB7RHI	Winlink Check-in EXERCISE - K7YFJ - example 1			
Personal Folders	Message Notification and Forwarding	6CDRPYC2	272	SYSTEM	SERVICE	KB7RHI	Automatic System Message			
	CMS Forwarding and User Ontions	MRFWH171	272	SYSTEM	SERVICE	KB7RHI	Automatic System Message			
	Form settings	534R422M6	272	SYSTEM	SERVICE	KB7RHI	Automatic System Message			
	Auto session open on startup	LAZ								
	Contacts	0 (UIC)								
Global Folders	Group Addresses									
SEAPAC2025 (0)	Group Addresses	ations Winlink org								
	Add Personal Folder	all, your	plan	is good	1					
	Add Global Folder									
Contacts	Hybrid Network Parameters									
	Propagation calculation parameters	ge, plus kudos on your plan re call last night.								
	View Usage Statistics									
	View background tasks									
	Backup and restore databases									
	Exit									
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#### In the lower left hand side of the screen you will see "My Grid Square", the grid square information you put in the box, will be what shows up in your messages, only 6 characters used

Winlink Express registration	on key:	
vice Codes		
PUBLIC EMCOMM		
PUBLIC EMCOMM Use PUBLIC for ham call f you change service cod	signs. Separate multiple service les, you must update the list of ch	codes by spaces.) annels.

# **GRID SQUARE** information

- When a GRID SQUARE is used, a randomized location within the grid square is created using **both** the grid square and the call sign
- This prevents multiple stations from piling up in the middle of the grid square

### Winlink message with no GPS Present & Position Report "use position report location" box is not checked...Location = (GRID SQUARE)

Winlink Express	1.7.23.1 - K7CLL
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K7CLL	•	Add Callsign	Settings	Message	Attachments	Move To:	Saved Items	~	Delete	Open Session:	Telnet Winlink	$\sim$	Logs	Help
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No active session.

System Folders	Date/Time	Message ID	Size	Source	Sender	Recipient	Subject	
Inbox (0 unread)	2025/05/11 15:40	37ZSVHQGLN7H	247	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	Test message without using a GPS dongle	
Read Items (0) Outbox (0)	2025/05/10 03:05	SOTJ71HLBEBY	237	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	Test message with a GPS dongle attached	
Sent Items (7)	2025/05/08 14:09	ZW3PTFJSHJJU	180	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	test	
Saved Items (0)	2025/04/01 23:14	GI6VH8KS0VIG	101083	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	test send	
Deleted items (0) Drafts (0)	2025/04/01 22:33	4HXNIMJU7AMS	46218	KB7RHI	KB7RHI	K7CLL	test	
Personal Folders								
	Message ID: 37ZSVHQGLN7H							
	Date: 2025/05/11 15:40 (UTC) From: KB7RHI To: K7CLL							
Global Folders								
SEAPAC2025 (0)	Source: KB7RHI Downloaded-from: Telnet:cms.winlink.org Location: 45.770833N, 122.541667W (GRID SQUARE)							
	Subject: Test message without usin <mark>g a GPS dongle</mark>							
Contacts	test							
I								

## Recommended GPS dongle on Amazon



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## **GPS dongles**

- There may be less expensive dongles available such as on Amazon
- I do not have any experience with other dongles and can not make a recommendation