



The Pacific Northwest's Largest Amateur Radio Convention

“Be Radio-Active”

SEA-PAC May 30 – June 1 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Chair's Corner

The SEA-PAC Convention is just a little over one month from now. Your SEA-PAC planning committee is hard at work on final arrangements to make the convention an enjoyable and smooth experience for all.

We're looking for volunteers to help out for a few hours with Registration/Will-Call, light crowd control, Exhibitor and Flea Market load-in/out, and other tasks. Roles are available for sitting, standing, or moving around—choose what suits you best.

If you've already signed up, we'll contact you soon to connect you with a team lead. If you haven't volunteered yet or have questions, please fill out the Volunteer Intake Form on the SEA-PAC Volunteer Portal (seapac.org, bottom of the left menu) or email us at volunteers@seapac.org.

To our friends outside the U.S.:

If you've registered and plan to attend, thank you—we truly appreciate the thought and effort behind your decision. If you've chosen to skip SEA-PAC this year, we'll miss you, but we understand, and we sincerely hope to see you next year. Ours is an international community, united by a shared passion that knows no borders. Until we can gather again, we'll see you on the air.

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2025 SEA-PAC Convention Chair
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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

Friday we will host two all-day workshops. Enter the Convention Center foyer and head to the Will Call table on the right. If you reserved a radio, your next stop should be the Registration desk to pay for the equipment. Note that Registration will **NOT** process non-workshop customers until after the workshops begin at 9 AM.

- **DMR Workshop:** Attendees at the DMR workshop will learn how DMR works, general principles, talk groups, how to set up and use a DMR radio system, and more. Radios may still be available for reservation. If you plan to attend but do **NOT** yet have a DMR ID, please visit dmrfordummies.com and click on the link to request an ID. You will need that if you plan to set up a radio for



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use. At the time of this writing there were a small number of seats still available. Morning will focus on concepts and the afternoon on setting up radios.

- **EmComm 2025:** Attendees will learn strategies for success with digital communications during emergencies (and maybe fun along the way). Morning will cover theory, general principles, and examples for use via several tech stacks, including WinLink and VARA. During the afternoon attendees can work with several stations and explore practical considerations. Come with questions.

Seminars

We have 35 seminars (not counting the DX and YL luncheons) on Saturday and four sessions on Sunday. The ARRL Forum starts at 1 PM where you can hear from ARRL leaders. Gordon West will present his Instructor Academy to inform current and prospective ham instructors in methods he uses teaching numerous classes. There are several industry presentations, seminars on contesting, DXing, growing your club, and many others. More details on seminars should appear on the web very soon. Schedule is on the web under Seminars in menu on left.

Friday Reception

Our Friday reception (fee event, must purchase via online registration) begins upstairs at 6:30 PM. Expected guests include Kristen McIntyre, ARRL 1st VP, Mike Ritz, ARRL 2nd VP, Director Tharp, Vice Director Sterba, several section managers, and Gordon West. Enjoy greeting old and new friends, our guests, and SEA-PAC committee members. The reception ends at 8 PM.

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

We look forward to light winds and no rain at the beach. Walk down to the beach from the Turnaround to portable stations to the west, probably a bit east of highwater. You are welcome to tote a portable station down and operate, or ogle the stations others set up to test the "salt-water amplifier effect". Make new friends who enjoy the same hobby.

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



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at 1 (503) 803-6134 evenings,
or email John at VE@seapac.org. Please bring the following:

- a photo ID
- 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

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

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 Transceiver

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

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 invite submissions no later than May 23, 2025 for Silent Keys who attended SEA-PAC and passed away between January 2024 and May 18, 2025. Please send their name call sign, and year of passing to vice-chair@seapac.org.

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