



March 2025

*The Pacific Northwest's Largest Amateur Radio Convention*

## ***"Be-Radio Active"***

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

### **Important Upcoming SEA-PAC 2025 dates:**

- **NEW DEADLINE:** March 8<sup>th</sup> ~~SEA-PAC~~ Pin Design Contest Submissions Due!
- March 31<sup>st</sup> ~~SEA-PAC~~ Mickley/Berg Memorial scholarship Submissions Due

### **Chair's Corner:**

Now's the time to register for ~~SEA-PAC~~!

We are re-issuing the recent edition of Waves with corrections and updates. Please refer to this issue for the latest information.

~~SEA-PAC~~ the ARRL Northwester Division Convention, is just a few months away!

Join us in celebrating the fascinating world of amateur radio in beautiful Seaside, Oregon, just a few blocks from the beach! Whether you're a seasoned operator or just curious about this exciting hobby, come connect with fellow enthusiasts who share a passion for communication, technology, and exploration.

Amateur radio brings people together across the airwaves, fostering friendships, learning opportunities and even emergency preparedness skills. Let's tuna in, share experiences, and spark new connections – because the magic of radio is even better when we enjoy it together.

If you've ever thought about attending the Saturday night banquet, this is the year to come – Gordon West will be our keynote speaker! Don't miss his popular instructor Forum as well.

~~SEA-PAC'S~~ favorites are back: top exhibitors, flea market tables, Radios on the Beach and our Friday evening reception where you can meet and mingle with other hams, including national ARRL leaders.

For more information see the ~~SEA-PAC~~ website, <https://www.Seapac.org>. See you at ~~SEA-PAC~~!

Barbara Robertson (KI7BR) 2025 ~~SEA-PAC~~ Convention Chair, [chair@seapac.org](mailto:chair@seapac.org)

## SEA-PAC 2025 – May 30 – June 1

### Friday Workshops

We plan two workshops in 2025. If you have questions about either workshop, send an email to

[workshops@seapac.org](mailto:workshops@seapac.org).

- **Practical EmComm.** The morning will include several presentations on useful communication techniques with emphasis on digital communication including WinLink. The afternoon will feature practical discussions and demonstrations using WinLink workshop fee is \$25.
- **DMR Radio.** The morning will focus on how to get started with DMR from knowing little (such as I can spell it) to setting up your own system. The afternoon will focus on setting up your radio if you choose to purchase one, or see how to set up and program the offered radio. Workshop fee is \$25., and you may purchase one of the following:
  - The radio: \$275 for the Anytone AT-D878UV II Plus
  - A hotspot: \$50.00 for a Pi Zero with an MMDVM hat.
  - Both Radio and hotspot for \$325.00.

**If you wish to reserve one of the options above, please indicate your choice when you register online.** We are initially limiting reservations to one of the above options per DMR Workshop attendee. **Your reserved equipment will be held until Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.**

**After this time, reservations lapse and the equipment will be made available to any SEA-PAC attendee.** To pay for your radio, please visit the Registration desk before Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and bring your confirmation email, badge, and ID. We accept credit cards or cash. We may have additional radios and hotspots available but DMR Workshop attendees are prioritized for the purchase of one set of equipment.

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### Saturday Poster Session

We plan to set up an area in the main hall for student (no age limit) poster presentations. We hope to have several easels set up and each person can answer questions on their experiment or project. If you have something short to share, this is an opportunity (also see below for the Sunday opportunity). Send proposals to [seminars@seapac.org](mailto:seminars@seapac.org).

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### Sunday Show and Tell

As an experiment we plan to set up a room upstairs with tables and allow those who would like to share results of an experiment or project with others. Attendees can move from table to table and learn about new things. Send proposals to [seminars@seapac.org](mailto:seminars@seapac.org) for a place. The room will be open from 10-12 if we have enough presenters.

### Exhibitors

Exhibitor contracts are coming from past and new exhibitors. Those who we know about for sure include those below. Others are coming but have not submitted contracts yet.

- Elecraft
- ABR Industries
- Icom America
- Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club
- Precise RF
- Pacific Amateur Radio Guild
- Manstrant
- Fast Track to Your Ham License

### RADIOS on the BEACH:

Curious about the “beach amplifier effect”? Join us at Seaside on May 30 for an informal meetup south of the turnaround near the Shilo. We’ll help direct interested participants to different operations and modes.

Bring your own portable station if you’d like and make some QSOs! This free, casual event starts around 7:00 PM (weather permitting). Look for groups of people and antennas.

If you’re new to Radios on the Beach and have questions or you plan to bring a station, email [radiosatthebeach@seapac.org](mailto:radiosatthebeach@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](mailto:vice-chair@seapac.org).

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

**SEA-PAC 2025 – May 30 – June 1****REGISTERING for SEA-PAC:**

Secure your spot in one or more of the highly coveted events! The Friday Meet and Greet Reception, the DX and YLRL Luncheons, the Saturday evening Banquet and our Friday Workshops typically sell out before the **SEA-PAC** weekend!

If you have already registered, thank you! If you would like to add one of these onto your registration, just head back to online registration and sign up for one of these, complete the online payment process and we will consolidate all your tickets together.

As a special note, if you will register before April 15<sup>th</sup>, you will qualify to purchase an Early Bird Raffle Ticket, and enter an exclusive raffle to reward your early bird registration! Available to registrants 18 and older.

Also, by registering online you can save \$5 off the on-site price for an Adult Registration. Online registration closes on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:50 pm PDT.

**VOLUNTEER for SEA-PAC!**

**SEA-PAC** thrives thanks to its dedicated volunteers – from committee members who contribute year-round to those who assist during critical registration periods and event hours.

If you've volunteered in any capacity, you've helped make **SEA-PAC** possible and we sincerely appreciate your time and effort!

Want to be a part of **SEA-PAC'S** success? Visit the Volunteer Portal at [www.seapac.org](http://www.seapac.org) and complete the Intake Form. Even if you've volunteered before, please submit the form to ensure we have your information. We will honor any prior role commitments, and you can choose your level of involvement and preferred type of work (seated, standing, or mixed).

For questions, email [volunteers@seapac.org](mailto:volunteers@seapac.org). Thank you!

- Our new mailing address is  
PO Box 5471, Beaverton, OR  
97006-0471.

## SEA-PAC 2025 – May 30 – June 1

### Prizes & Drawings – Win Big at SEA-PAC:

One of the biggest perks of the **SEA-PAC** Convention is sales-tax-free shopping in Seaside, Oregon. Timing your radio purchase during **SEA-PAC** can save you big money – but that's the beginning! The real winners are those who hear their call sign announced from the stage and take home incredible prizes!

This year's Prize and Drawings Subcommittee has secured major prizes from top radio brands, including Icom, Yaesu, Kenwood, and Alinco. With Early-Bird, Hourly and Major Prize Drawings all weekend – plus door prizes at the Saturday Evening Banquet – there are plenty of chances to win! Non-profit organization, the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Community Service dba **SEA-PAC** is required to follow the regulations administered by the Oregon Department of Justice and the State of Oregon.

Each adult registrant will be able to purchase a single Hourly Prize Raffle Ticket. Adults who register before April 15<sup>th</sup> will also be able to purchase an Early Bird Raffle ticket. We are shifting to a chit-free system to reduce confusion and streamline the process of purchasing Hourly and Early Bird tickets. More information about our new system will be in an upcoming Waves.

Raffle Tickets will only be sold during the following dates and times:

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 6pm  
Early Bird, Hourly and Major Prize tickets available

Saturday, Jun 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 2pm  
Early Bird, Hourly and Major Prize tickets available

Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am to 11am  
Hourly and Major Prize tickets available

We have listed some of our prizes on our website, and we regularly receive donations from our vendors, even right up to the drawing times! Be sure to check the most updated prize listing that will be posted near the stage at the event. Raffle tickets are sold at the tables behind the Registration Desk in the main lobby.

One change this year: we've moved the Early Bird drawings to Sunday to give our early registrants more opportunities to participate!

Shop tax-free at the Exhibit Hall, then use your savings on raffle tickets for even more chances to win!

If you'd like to donate a prize or suggest one, contact us at [prizes@seapac.org](mailto:prizes@seapac.org).