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YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League) USA

YL-OM Contest SSB/CW/Digital 8-10 Feb., 2020

TIME 1400 UTC February 8, - 0200 UTC February 10, 2020

ELIGIBILITY All licensed men and women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

PROCEDURE OMs call "CQ-YL" and YLs call "CQ-OM."

OPERATION All bands may be used except WARC bands. Net contacts and repeater contacts do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest.

Operating breaks should be indicated in the log

EXCHANGE Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section, VE province, or country.

Entries in log should also show time, band, and date. <https://ylrl.org/wp/yl-om-contest/>

(source - ylrl-district-5-january-news)

Brazilian YL Receives Award

Luciana De Oliveira Blaskiewiski, "Lucy", PU3LYB received the diploma from the dx century club of ARRL, after having confirmed 156 countries, achievement achieved in the mixed category, with 56 countries in phone, 25 In Digital mode and 139 on CW.

Lucy has become part of a select group of dx's as the first female amateur in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

Lucy, whose initial call-sign was ZZ3LY lives in Viamão, a small town near Porto Alegre.

Currently active in the 6 Meters Band (she loves 50 Mhz) on SSB AND CW,

You can also find her in the low bands, especially in 40 meters on cw and digital modes.

This station consists of IC-756 pro and IC-7100, boom-set plus by Heil (Hc4 E-), 40-Meter Antennas, 1-element loop and 6 elements for 50 Mhz and Dipole for the 10 meters band.

(PY2ZJ CW HAM BLOG 3 January, 2020)

" The Day of YLs " 24 & 25 May 2020 – In memory of Silent Key (F5ISY) Carine Dubois

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/746304389193363/>

Niece - KA1ULN (USA) and Jenni Jones - M0HZT (UK) are organizing a contest Group in memory of F5ISY - Carine DUBOIS who went Silent Key 3 November 2019.

Carine developed this YL contest but did not see it through to the end.- WE are now going to make this happen in her memory.

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" The Day of YLs " 24 & 25 May 2020 - HF/VHF CONTEST - THE DAY OF YLs 2020

RULES

Aim of this day : To promote YLs activity around the world.

Time : 2020-05-24 00h01 UTC to 2020-05-25 23:59h00 UTC

Bands : 3,5 - 7 - 14 - 21 - 28 MHz & for the first time VHF (no repeaters)

To help competitors to find each other we propose to use frequencies +/- 10 kHz from the following activity center frequencies:

CW: 3.533, 7.033, 14.033, 21.033 and 28.033 MHz
RTTY: 3.588, 7.044, 14.088, 21.088 and 28.088 MHz
SSB: 3.733, 7.133, 14.213, 14.240, 14.300, 21.233, 21.400 and 28.433 MHz
Modes : CW, SSB, RTTY

The same station may be worked once on each band and mode.

Exchanges : RS(T) + YL/OM (e.g. 59(9)+ YL/OM)

For OM / YL 2 points For YL/ YL 3 points For YL / OM 1 point

Log software : N1MM, qrz, lotw, eqsl.cc

more info on facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/746304389193363/>



Low Head Lighthouse - Tasmania pic above

Anne, VK7BYL, and Shirl, VK7HSC, were active for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend. August 2019.

Here is Anne's report "A heckling of hams" or "An astonishment of amateurs" Both could describe the gathering at Low Head in Tasmania for the ILLW weekend which this year coincided with the RD contest.

Shirley and I set out on Saturday morning for what was for both of us the unknown (as neither of us had been out for some years); a weekend at Low Head in the company of several others. We were promised a warm house, good food and great company and all we had to do was to take a dessert or two and ourselves.

Despite a forecast of snow and cold both days turned out to be out of the box, particularly Saturday, with blue skies, very little wind, several whale sightings and penguins at the gate. The radio gear was in a sun-room at the rear of the house and gear supplied by Ross VK7ALH was everywhere. Mostly we used a Kenwood 950 or something similar. The antenna setup was impressive with a heavy-duty H-frame mast in 3 extendable sections mounted permanently on a trailer and cranked up to carry a trap dipole from 160 through to I don't know what. I think I need to get back to study and wake up the brain which has suffered a bit through illness.

Conditions I thought were disappointing with not many contacts on either RD or ILLW. The bands seemed very quiet and the furthest DX was West Australia which we also worked on

VK7RAA on our way home anyway.

However the weekend was great fun, the scallop pies were out of this world with a full feed of Tassie scallops in each one. The company was great. The tall tales bouncing around the room had to be heard to be believed. The weather held up and only started breaking up late Sunday. All round it was a great weekend.

Present were Geoffrey VK7GW and xyl Jenny, Leigh VK7FLAR, Roger VK2RO, Gavin VK7VTX, Andrew VK7DW, Roscoe VK7ALH, Peter VK7KPC and xyl Kay visited and a couple of tourists dropped in.

On Sunday at noon volunteers fired up the foghorn and for 15 minutes at regular intervals we were deafened and entertained by a very loud noise. All radio was abandoned and conversation limited to the gaps as foghorn blasts, which can be heard for 20 miles or so out to sea, overrode everything. Sound in decibels? LOUD! 33 Anne VK7BYL
(from: alara.org.au ▪ ALARA Newsletter Issue 171 OCTOBER 2019)

Low Head Lighthouse AU0048 Location Lat: 41° 03.3355' S Long: 146° 47.3652' E

A signal station was set up at Low Head in 1805. The first light was known as the 'Georgetown Station'. The light-station, established in 1833, about 7 km (4.3 mi) north of George Town on the east side of the mouth of the Tamar River. It was the third lighthouse to be constructed in Australia, and it is also Australia's oldest continuously used pilot station. This light is now unmanned and automated.

Tasmania's only foghorn, installed in April 1929, was electrified in 1940 and discontinued in 1973 due to improvements in navigational equipment. Today, the foghorn at Low Head Lighthouse is one of only two functioning Type G diaphones in the world, and it is sounded every Sunday at noon

In 1940, electricity replaced the old vaporized oil system and mantle, and the clockwork rotating mechanism was replaced by an electric motor.

<https://lighthouses.org.au/tas/low-head-lighthouse/>

Ja-No-Well-Fine

From the above report you will realize that the weather in August in the Southern hemisphere is not pleasant! It may go some way to explaining why the South American Lighthouse Weekend in February, the southern summer, has become so popular.

Started in 2009, it is important to recognize the effort and commitment of the expeditionaries who make the event possible.

But the key to success has been the combination of the activators and the supporters (Hunters) of the lighthouses, both parties are essential.

Several YLs from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay have confirmed their participation in the 2020 event.

Thank you to Carlos Almirón (LU7DSY) of Radio Club Grupo DX Bahía Blanca, for updates, information and his on going commitment to this event. (Editor: Heather ZS5YH)

South Americas Lighthouse weekend "Fin de Semana de los Faros Americanos"

12th Annual Activation - 14-16 Feb , 2020

Argentina

BALIZA GORRO FRIGIO ARG-091 Beacon Phrygian Cap (42 ° 35 'S - 064 ° 18' W)

Laura Fanelli LU1WL who has participated in all the activation's to date, will be accompanied among others by Rita Mabel García LU7DAC.

The light is a 5m high iron tower active since 1944 whose lamp has a range of 6.2 nautical miles. It is located a few meters from the New Gulf in the vicinity of Puerto Pirámides, access by gravel road.



FARO CABO BLANCO ARG-001 Lighthouse Cape White (47 12 S- 066 44' W)
Included in the team from Radio Club Commodoro Rivadavia, will be Anabel Alvarez LU2WWA and Gabriela Sinski LU9WZM. Using the Club call-sign LU2WA they will be active on all bands and modes.

The Lighthouse Cape Blanco, is located at the southern end of the Gulf San Jorge, on a rocky promontory about 90 km north of Puerto Desierto, Santa Cruz, Patagonia.

Slightly higher than 40 meters, to reach the lighthouse you have to climb a spiral staircase of 100 stone steps.

An important reserve of marine birds and sea lions.

CAPE SAN PABLO BEAM, ARG-074, Cape San Pablo Arg.

The Radio Club Ushuaia will have a double activation from Tierra del Fuego by two of its members, Miriam Cami LU2XWL and Walter Heredia, LU1XP

Miriam Cami LU2XWL, (wife of Walter), will activate the beacon Cabo San Pablo, Arg-074, using her own callsign. This beacon is situated a few meters from the original, now historic lighthouse.

CABO SAN PABLO LIGHTHOUSE (historic), ARG-031 (54 ° 17.0 'S - 066 ° 41.0' W)

Walter Heredia LU1XP, will activate using his personal callsign The lighthouse has been inactive since the earthquake of December 17, 1949, After more than 70 years, it remains in the same position, located, about 60 km. southeast of Río Grande, and 116 km. from the city of Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego.

In the photo you can see in the foreground the historic lighthouse and further back the beacon of the same name.



FARO RIO NEGRO ARG-012 Lighthouse Black River (41° 3.0' S - 062° 48.0' W)
Marina Diaz LU1VYL, with team members Alex Rocca LU8VCC and Jorge Gandini LU1YJG,
using LT5V will activate SSB, CW and digital modes, with 2 simultaneous stations.
This is the oldest lighthouse in Argentina and the first one built on the coast of Patagonia;
located on the west side of the mouth of the Río Negro, near Viedma, capital of the Río
Negro province.

FARO QUERANDI ARG 007 Lighthouse Querandi (37° 27' 52" S, 57° 06' 51" W)
Alejandra Calla LU8DN, joins the team of the Radio Club Pinamar,
Erected 1922 it is an active lighthouse located 30 km from the town of Villa Gesell, in the
Province of Buenos Aires. The area around the lighthouse was set aside in 1996 as the
Reserva Dunícola Faro Querandí. Located atop a forested dune complex about 15 km (10 mi)
south of the Mar Azul beach resort; accessible by 4WD vehicles on the beach. The light
station is staffed.

Brazil

FAROL DA BARRA RIO GRANDE BRA 245 Lighthouse of Rio Grande (32° 07' 10" S,
52° 04' 37" W),

yl Andy Becker PU3SEA and om Adriano Becker PY3AK will activate with the prefix
PV3SEA .

It is located near the town of Povoação da Barra. 15 km south of the city of São José do
Norte, in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

It is the oldest cast iron lighthouse in South America and one of the oldest in the Western
Hemisphere.



Chile

FARO PUNTA CALDERA CHI-065 Lighthouse Pt Caldera (crater) (27 03.1'S - 070 51.1 ' W)

Maritza Fredes CE1RFI and Delcy Maldonado CE1RFN, from the Chilean YL Radioamateur Group, will participate using their own call-signs.

It is located on a promontory about 5 km NW of Caldera city, in the Atacama Region of northern Chile. It is the only lighthouse built in wood in Chile and was restored in 1987.



Mexico

FARO ISLA PEREZ MEX-085 Lighthouse Island Perez (22 24.0 'N - 089 ° 42.' W) IOTA NA-153

Paty Mohedano XE1SPM, will be team leader of the expedition to Perez Island in the Gulf of Mexico. For a week, 11-17 February, a team of the radio club Puebla Dx with the prefix 6F3a will activate the dx-pedition to the Island Perez IOTA NA-153, which also includes the Lighthouse Island Perez Mex-085. Since 2015 it will be the 6th consecutive participation of the radio club Puebla Dx in this event. They will also be active in the CW ARL Contest as 6F3a.

Patricia "Patty" Mohedano XE1SPM will accompany Ismael Martínez Vizcarra XE1LAY, King David Ramirez XE1SRD and Ricardo Orozco Campos XE1SY (qsl manager). They are planning to work all the bands (6,10,12,15,17,20,40 and 80 meters, as well as satellite) with 3 simultaneous stations, powered by portable generators and deep cycle batteries. They will have three teams of 100 watts of output power, two antennas antennas of 6 Bands, a rotary dipole for the bands of 12 and 17 meters, as well as 2 dipoles, one for 40 meters and one more for 80 meters.

Pérez Island is a Mexican island in the Gulf of Mexico, facing the north coast of the Yucatan Peninsula and belongs to the Arrecife Alacranes National Park, being the main island of the reef. It is only 1 km long by 500 meters wide, with very little vegetation, inhospitable for human life, it is an important refuge of maritime fauna.



Uruguay

FARO CERRO DE MONTEVIDEO ARLHS URU-009

Lighthouse Montevideo (34° 53,18'S - 056° 14.34 ' W). (GRID SQUARE: GF15UC)

Margarita Gentile Berberich CX1AZ and Alicia Gomez CX4DW will accompany the team of the Uruguayan Radio Club, event callsign CW1C

Lighthouse is located on the top of a hill in the Fortress of Montevideo, Uruguay. This is the oldest lighthouse in that country, built by Spain before Uruguay became independent. It was

inaugurated and illuminated for the first time on April 4, 1802. After restoration, the fortress was reopened in 1939 as the military museum Fortaleza General Artigas.



online registration form and the official list of participants on the front page of the RC GDXB website <http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar>

YL's in Deutschland - German YL's

<https://web.facebook.com/groups/381861375308258/about/>

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Calendar February 2020

Feb 7 -9 HAMCATION in Orlando Florida, USA

Feb 8 - 9 SARL National Field Day and CQ WPX RTTY

Feb 8-10 YLRL YL-OM Contest SSB/CW/Digital

Feb 9 YL CQ Day SUN, FEB 9, 9:00 AM UTC+09 – 4:00 PM UTC+09 JLRS (Japan)

Feb 9 AMRS Frauenreferat – OE - YL Runde Sonntag, 16:30 Uhr LT (Austria)

Feb 13 World Radio Day, UN

Feb 14-16 12th Annual South America Lighthouse weekend

Feb 10-17 17th Antarctic Activity Week, 2020

Feb 15-16 ARRL DX CW

- Feb 19 AMRS Frauenreferat – YL round, 20:00 pm It., on the DMR Reflector 4185
- Feb 22 Scouts & Guides celebrate Founder's Day, birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell,
- Feb 22-23 TDOTA (Thinking Day On The Air) Saturday
- Feb 23 SARL Digital contest
- Feb 29 SARL 95 40 m Club Sprint

March 8 International Women's Day

