



Western Washington Repeater Association
PO BOX 1001, Silverdale, WA 98383-1001
VHF 146.620 MHz & UHF 442.650 MHz Repeaters (tone 103.5 Hz)

WWRA Net OPERATIONAL Procedures Net Preamble, Net Operations, Use of Tactical Call-signs & Net Closing

OPENING YOUR EVENT: Prior to your event or net we would ask you to please make the following announcements.

Note: The actual internal structure of your net may differ according to your requirements however we would ask that you comply with our operational procedures for acknowledgements to the WWRA Membership referring listeners to the WWRA website, **only when opening and closing your net** with this acknowledgement.

Please ensure the frequency is clear and make the following

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT PART I:

May I please have your attention? This is, (your call sign), Net Control for the following [event] _____ this is (your call sign), Net or event Control, standing by. Is there any emergency traffic at this time?

Pause briefly - OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT PART II

We are opening the [event]_____ and all stations please contact (your call sign) (tactical name i.e. Net Control) when I have completed this announcement. Please join with me in thanking the WW7RA repeater supporting members for allowing us to use their VHF system. The WW7RA VHF repeater is membership supported and if you have any questions regarding the WW7RA repeater system please find information on their website at ww7ra.org. All users and members of the WWRA should know that the VHF repeater is not closed to their or other traffic during our [event]_____ but is OPEN to all users.



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All are invited to use the repeater during our event however allowing sufficient times between transmissions to allow our net to break-in with [event] _____ coordinating traffic.

DURING YOUR EVENT:

In the past long duration events repeater users have been intimidated by the official sound of net control talking to other stations and have avoided using the VHF repeater during nets. Please encourage others to utilize the VHF repeater especially on a weekend when these events take place. The 62 repeater is considered a "rag-chew" repeater, does not have many nets and if you keep your net control business brief, to the point with consistent reports and check-ins this will allow long periods of silence other users may feel comfortable calling and chatting with their buddies, otherwise they will remain silent. Please accommodate other users by encouraging them to utilize the repeater by announcing periodically during your long duration net but also leaving silent times for them to do this.

PERIODIC ANNOUNCEMENT: *All users and members of the WWRA should know that the VHF repeater is not closed to other traffic during our [event]_____ but is OPEN to all users. All are invited to use the repeater during our event however allowing sufficient times between transmissions to allow Net Control and our other net stations to break-in with [event] _____ coordinating traffic.*

We will leave it up to Net Control but would ask that this announcement be made periodically throughout the day during your event. Thank you very much and enjoy your ham radio event. Your cooperation in this matter will be most appreciated.

USE of TACTICAL CALL SIGNS:

Use of tactical call signs such as; Director, Control, Tac-1 and geographic locations are allowed only when used in conjunction with FCC assigned call signs. The procedure to be followed is at the end of each QSO, short or long,



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or every 10 minutes which ever comes first. Transmitting on the repeater with "Bill this is the Director" with nothing following is an illegal transmission. If Bill does not reply then this is "W7XYZ clear" is the appropriate sign off. If Bill does answer and a QSO follows then both stations must sign off with their individual call signs. Third party use of the repeater system must be in accordance with FCC required procedures and appropriately identified as such.

CLOSING YOUR EVENT: Users and listeners to the WWRA VHF repeater system need to know when your event ends.

Net event coordinators need to give a final closing report. We would ask that when your event has ended that a FINAL announcement be made closing out the [event] _____.

NOTE: Once you close your net this does not exclude you from calling other stations. If you have any follow-on communications you will be able to use the repeater as any other user. Please do not use the term "net control" once you have secured the net.

This is, your call sign, on behalf of the contributors and supporters of the [event] _____ would like to thank everyone for participating. And, a special thank you to the WWRA Membership for allowing us to use their VHF repeater system. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the WW7RA repeater system please find information on their website at ww7ra.org. This is (your call sign- Net Control, etc.) closing the [event] _____ at (time) and returning the repeater to normal operation.

We hope that the above protocol will fit in with your event and is not inconvenient. In accommodating the WWRA VHF repeaters users we are grateful. We also would like to acknowledge and thank you for your notable contribution to the community in helping others and keeping our amateur radio hobby out there in the public forum. Thank you.

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