



# Richmond Amateur Radio Club

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## NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Club Radio Station on Gulf of Georgia Cannery Site to be Used for Exercising Emergency Communications Capabilities by Richmond Amateur Radio Club During Field Day on June 22-23

**Richmond, B.C. (May 16, 2019)** – ARRL Field Day 2019 for Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) will take place at the club's Amateur radio station on the grounds of Parks Canada Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site in Steveston, Richmond during the weekend of June 22-23 from, 11 AM Saturday to 11 AM Sunday. The 24 hours of radio operations and related activities will involve testing emergency radio communications as well as showcasing different aspects of the Amateur radio hobby.

American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur radio in the USA, has been organizing Field Day since 1933. Every year on the fourth complete weekend of June, RARC members join more than 35,000 Amateur radio operators from across Canada and the U.S. in "ham radio's open house" to demonstrate the science, technical skills, community service, and emergency preparedness of Amateur radio.

Field Day at the RARC station is an opportunity for club members to:

- Exercise capabilities of the club's radio station and its communications equipment,
- Inform the public about the role of Amateur radio in emergency communications, and
- Demonstrate different activities in the Amateur radio hobby.

On Saturday afternoon of June 22, visitors in the Steveston Village area will be able to drop by the parking area of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery (GOG) and see how radio contacts are made using different modes of Amateur radio operation from High Frequency (HF) transmissions to Morse code (CW) to bouncing signals off satellites using VHF frequencies. The club's emergency radio go-kit will also be available for demonstration.

"RARC's radio station situated at GOG has been regarded a viable communication relay location for Amateur radio traffic between the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island," says Urey Chan, president of RARC. "Field Day presents a great opportunity to exercise the station's communications capabilities as part of the assessment for planned future upgrades."

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**About the Richmond Amateur Radio Club** – RARC is a registered BC Society to promote the interests of Amateur radio, assist in the provision of communication services in the event of an emergency, and provide radio communication for public service events as requested. RARC is a supporter of Emergency Management BC and City of Richmond Emergency Programs, and an affiliated club with Radio Amateurs of Canada. RARC programs are partially funded by grants from City of Richmond and Province of BC, and in-kind contributions from local businesses.

Additional information about RARC is located at: [www.rarclub.ca](http://www.rarclub.ca)  
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