



# Richmond Amateur Radio Club

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Radio Course Offered by Richmond Amateur Radio Club Course Qualifies New Members to Support Community in Radio Communications Activity

**Richmond, B.C. (April 8, 2015)** – The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) is proud to announce that ten students taking the February/March radio course offered by the club have all successfully passed their exams and earned their Basic with Honours certificates. The Industry Canada Amateur radio qualification permits holders to operate on allocated Amateur frequencies with regulated operator privileges.

“Graduating new radio Amateurs introduces additional members to the Amateur radio hobby,” says Charles Cohen, VA7CPC, an executive member who is one of the club’s radio course examiners accredited by Industry Canada, “and it also qualifies more radio Amateurs to participate in radio communication activities for local emergency programs.”

RARC’s radio courses are part of the club’s training program to introduce radio enthusiasts into the Amateur radio hobby, educate public awareness of the role and relevance of Amateur radio in today’s community, and foster interest in emergency radio communications to support local emergency programs.

RARC offers Basic Qualification courses to individuals who are interested in becoming an Amateur radio operator. Each course provides about 20 hours of classroom instruction in seven weekly classes followed by an Industry Canada exam where a passing grade of 70% or higher qualifies for a Basic level certificate and a grade of 80% or higher qualifies for Basic with Honours that enables operating privileges to use additional Amateur frequencies. The radio club is also considering offering an Advanced Qualification course for later this year.

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About RARC - The Richmond Amateur Radio Club 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 communications for public service events as requested. RARC is a member of Emergency Management BC and supporter of Emergency Social Services with the City of Richmond. Programs for the club are partially funded by grants from the City of Richmond and Province of BC. Additional information about RARC is located at: [www.rarclub.ca](http://www.rarclub.ca)

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