



# Richmond Amateur Radio Club

## NEWS RELEASE

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### More Radio Operators are Qualified to Participate in Amateur Radio Communications to Support Community Activities After Taking Radio Course with Richmond Amateur Radio Club

**Richmond, B.C. (March 31, 2015)** – The Richmond Amateur Radio Club (RARC) is pleased to announce that ten students taking the radio course offered by the club have all successfully passed their exams last weekend and earned their Basic with Honours qualification. The Industry Canada Amateur radio operator certificate permits holders to use Amateur radio frequencies with certain operator privileges.

“Graduating additional Amateur radio operator certificate holders not only introduces new members to the Amateur radio hobby,” says Charles Cohen, VA7CPC, one of Industry Canada’s Amateur radio operator certificate accredited examiners for RARC, “but also qualifies more Amateur radio operators to participate in radio communication support for emergency programs in the community.”

RARC regards its radio course program as a vehicle for introducing radio enthusiasts into the Amateur radio hobby, promoting public awareness of the role and relevance of Amateur radio in today’s community, and fostering interest in volunteer activities to support the local community through radio communications.

RARC offers Basic Qualification radio courses to individuals (without any age restriction) 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 certificate and a grade of 80% or higher qualifies for Basic with Honours certification with operating privileges to use additional Amateur frequencies. The radio club is considering an Advanced level qualification course 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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