

Basic HF Operating Skills

Course Description

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Our class is meant to give you the skills to get on the air and start making contacts on HF radio. Once you have obtained your General Class amateur radio license, and have assembled a working HF radio station, you will arrive at a very exciting juncture: your first HF radio contact! And you'll probably be asking yourself, "How do I go about this?"

We will show you how to first listen to, and make sense of, the sounds coming out of your HF receiver. Then we will take you through the steps to make your first call and hopefully complete that first HF QSO. Once you have made that first contact, you will record it in your station log.

We will explain the different types of HF contacts and how to understand and use the proper protocol for each type. We will describe the various communication modes available on HF, starting with single sideband (SSB) voice mode, the most straightforward method of communicating. Then we'll discuss other modes of operation available to you, such as CW (Morse code) operation and various Digital modes. Finally we will offer a variety of additional resources to assist you in finding, contacting and logging more and more HF contacts.

Sheryl was first licensed in 2012 as KJ6UXU and Steve in 1961 as WV6SVY, so we bring a wide perspective on amateur radio to share with you. We expect to launch you into your first of many HF QSO's!