



# The Compass!

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**Next General Membership Meeting:**  
**Thurs., Dec. 19th, 8 PM — NOTE:**  
**1 Week Earlier than Usual due to**  
**Christmas Holidays**

**Inside this issue:**

- **Pictures from the Hope for the Warriors Run**
- **New Winter Night Out Location for January 2020**

- **GSBARC General License Classes**  
**Currently in progress Tuesday**  
**nights, 7 to 9:30 PM**



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# President's Message

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**F**all has been cranking along with the temperatures and the leaves dropping. I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. It is always great when the house fills up for fun with them all. Like always, I hope you did not stuff yourselves like I did again. Sometimes you just cannot help yourself. Now starts all the crazy shopping days for the holidays not to mention all the traffic. As the song goes there's no place like home for the holidays – and the traffic is terrific? They must have been kidding on the traffic lyric, don't you all agree? I would like to thank you all once again for re-electing the current executive board and the current two directors. To everyone involved in RACES please make sure you have all your ICS course certificates printed out and email the courses you completed to us at [info@gsbarc.org](mailto:info@gsbarc.org)

Here's an update on what happened at the Hope for the Warriors run at Cedar Beach. The New York State Troopers did not permit us on the course. I did email a ton of people on this and they all agreed with me that we should have been on the course. They in turn have reached out to the New York State Troopers and as of this newsletter have not yet received a response.

I did get emails from the Hope for the Warriors staff apologizing for the way things happened. They are putting in for a change of venue for next year's run, stating all the things we talked about – including no people to cheer on the runners and no one out there for their safety.

Meanwhile, I just cannot believe how much we have all accomplished over the last 10 years, including the events we do along with the interest in projects and special events. There are the improvements to the club trailer and our repeater system not to mention the upgrades on the club station and more to come to it soon. Thank you to our VE team for all your hard work making sure there is a place once a month for all to come and take their tests. The free classes

have played a major role in us getting new members. We never force anyone to join -- they just do. The success of our club starts with the great executive board and dedicated members. I cannot take all the credit for everything we have done. It is great to see new members step up to help. Everything we do is done as a team. Be proud! We'll be doing more in the future.

The 12 Days of Christmas on-air event will be starting soon. Contact Salli K2RYD at [K2RYD@arrl.net](mailto:K2RYD@arrl.net) if you would like to be an operator for the event. This is always a great one to operate from your own station while you stay nice and warm. Have fun with it. I operated it and it was a blast! So get in touch with K2RYD.

January 4th is Ham Radio University at LIU post and there will be lots of interesting forums on a lot of topics. We hope to see a large GSBARC turnout – and make sure you wear some GSBARC apparel. The address for LIU Post is 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville.

The doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the first forum is at 8:30 a.m. Go to <http://hamradiouniversity.org/> for all the information on the event.

We talked about the Winter Night Out at the last general meeting and the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip might be the choice, but the cost is not set as of yet. We picked this venue because they have an elevator plus stairs and we need to accommodate all of our members and YLs. If you are interested please email us at [info@gsbarc.org](mailto:info@gsbarc.org) We usually get a few door prizes for the event and have a great time.

Winter Field Day is coming. Want to have some fun with amateur radio outside? Let us know! It is the last full weekend in January and that means, for 2020, it will be on the 25th /26th We are looking to have it up at Town Hall with three stations depending on band conditions -- 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 operating from the club trailer. We enter as an Outdoor Operation from a location partly or fully exposed to the elements and at least 30 feet away from your normal station location and not using any part of a previously erected antenna system or ham station. A campground, park pavilion, canopy, picnic table, tent, pop-up camper, or a backyard shed/tent/deck, etc may be used. Operation from a non-insulated car/truck/van/boat (mobile or not) is considered "outdoor."

How Winter Field Day is scored:

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO, 2 points per CW & Digital QSO... Busted exchanges will be penalized by 1 additional point for each missed exchange or call sign. Duplicate contacts (same call, band, and mode) will not be counted, but will not be penalized.

Mode and Band Multipliers: Count 1 multiplier for each mode operated per band. For example, operating CW and Phone on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters, CW and PSK31 on

20m, FM on 2 meters and 440 would be a total multiplier of 12x.

Power Output Multipliers: >100W = 1x, 100W or less = 2x, QRP = 4x (QRP defined below)

Bonus points:

You may claim 1500 bonus points if no commercial power is used in powering your WFD station. (see “alternate power” definitions below). Your logging-only computer may use any available power.

You may claim 1500 bonus points if your operation is “Outdoors” (see definition below).

You may claim 1500 bonus points if your operation is not a “Home” operation (remote).

You may claim 1500 bonus points for making a QSO via Satellite (once only, see Satellite rule).

Example: Operating outdoors on your back deck table more than 30 feet from your usual station without commercial power and using a temporary WFD antenna, set up within the allowed timeframe, would be 1500 + 1500 = 3000 bonus points (outdoors, no commercial power), while operating from a campground tent using commercial power and making one Satellite QSO would be 1500 + 1500 + 1500 = 4500 bonus points (outdoors, not home, and Satellite).

Note: There must have been at least 1 valid QSO in order to claim any bonus points. This is to ensure that someone claiming bonus points without actually making any contacts cannot win a category! Bonus points may not be claimed unless all stations covered in your entry qualify as well.

If you would like to have some fun and take part please email us at [info@gsbarc.org](mailto:info@gsbarc.org)

To stay up to date with all club meeting notices events and projects sign up for our groups.io page

Go to <https://groups.io/g/GSBARC> and join in.

As we get closer to the holidays I want to wish all our members a very happy and joyous season. As I have stated year after year to every one of our members: Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Boxing Day and of course happy Festivus to one and all.

Our December meeting will be on December 19th -- the week before Christmas – and we look forward to seeing you all there.

So in closing I hope you all have a great holiday season and I hope you get a radio gift. We all wish for more amateur radio gear no matter what holiday we all celebrate. From me and my family, 73.

73. John Melfi, W27CB 

## 2020 Winter Night Out

*Plans are underway to have our annual club “Winter Night Out” at the Irish Coffee Pub on Carleton Avenue in East Islip sometime in January of 2020.*

*Date, time, menu and cost will be announced in The Compass and on our Groups.io page.*

*Come join us for a memorable dinner and socializing away from the EOC.*



# Hope for the Warriors Run 2019





## Club Apparel

Want a shirt, jacket, hat, sweatshirt or t-shirt with a Great South Bay club logo? We now use *Mr. Shirt*, located at 80 East Montauk Hwy. in Lindenhurst ([www.mrshirt.com](http://www.mrshirt.com)). Now you can get color matched backgrounds on your logo too. Check them out... ☎

## ARES/RACES Information

### Div. 1—Town of Babylon ARES/RACES

Net: 146.685/R, Mondays 8:15 PM  
EC/RO: John Melfi, W2HCB, (631) 669-6321

### Div. 2—Town of Huntington ARES/RACES

Net: 147.210 MHz +600/ PL 136.5,  
Mondays 7:00 PM

EC/RO Steven W. Hines, N2PQJ,  
<http://www.huntingtonnyaresraces.org/>

### Div. 3—Town of Islip ARES/RACES

Mondays 8:30 PM  
EC/RO: Philip Jacobs, W2UV, 631-838-2500

### Div. 4—Town of Smithtown ARES/RACES

Net: 145.430 MHz, PL136.5, Mondays 7:30 PM  
EC/RO: Rich Johnston, KC2TON, 631-872-4039

### Div. 5—Town of Brookhaven ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Ted Debowy, AC2IR, 631-751-6576

### Div. 6—Riverhead ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Steve Casco, W2SFC, 917-701-3919

### Div. 7—Southampton ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Removed & Currently Vacant

### Div. 8—Southold ARES/RACES

EC: Don Fisher, N2QHV, 631-765-2757  
RO: Charles Burnham, K2GLP, 516-779-4983

### Div. 9—East Hampton ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Eddie Schnell, WZ2Y, 864-973-9250

### Div. 10—Shelter Island ARES/RACES

EC/RO: Vacant (Neal Raymond, N2QZA, SK)

## Suffolk County

### ARES/RACES Net:

Mondays 2100 Local—145.330/R (136.5 PL)

Alternate Frequency—146.820 (136.5 PL)

## New York State

### RACES Net (HF)

Sundays 0900 Local, 3993.5 KHz LSB

## Club Name Badges

Club name badges are available from *The Sign Man* ([www.thesignman.com](http://www.thesignman.com)) of Baton Rouge, LA.

The badges which are 1-3/4 in. x 3 in. If you visit The Sign Man's webpage you can order the badges by using a drop down selection on the orders page and clicking on "Great South Bay ARC—NY" ☎



## The GSBARC Repeater List

146.685 W2GSB - shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec

223.860 W2GSB - shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec w/ ECHOLINK

223.860 - shift 156.7 Hz Enc/Dec Local use

440.850 W2GSB + shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec

446.775 KB2UR - shift 110.9 Hz Enc/Dec

927.3125 W2YMM - shift D606 Enc/Dec

440.250 W2TOB/B + shift DSTAR REF020A Babylon

445.725 WD2NY/B - shift DSTAR REF020A Selden



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# 2019 VE Session Dates

- December 28th

All sessions are at the Town of Babylon EOC at 10 a.m., located in the basement in the rear of town hall. Please bring photo ID, a copy and your original amateur radio license (if you have one), and any CSCEs you may have.

Non programmable calculators are allowed. The exam fee is \$15 payable by cash or a check made out to "ARRL VEC."

Visit [FCC Universal Licensing System site](http://www.fcc.gov) to register for an FRN number to use on the paperwork.

# SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for Ham Radio University 2020—to be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at LIU/Post in Brookville, Long Island.

The HRU 2020 Committee has held its first meeting and is looking for volunteers to help in the planning process.

Please let us know if you would like to become a member of the Committee -- and/or have suggestions for forum topics and moderators.

You can contact us on line at: <http://hamradiouniversity.org/contact-us/>

We look forward to seeing you at HRU 2020!

