SEA-PAC

The Pacific Northwest's Largest Amateur Radio Convention

"Making Waves"

November 2026

Mark your calendar!
SEA-PAC 2027 will be held:
June 5th – June 6th, 2027

2027 Theme:
"Making Waves"

We hope to see you back on the Oregon coast!

Online Registration Opens March 1st, 2027!

Lodging for SEA-PAC
It's not too late to start thinking about lodging reservations. Please see the lodging page on our website for links to the most popular lodging options!

Pin Design

The Pin Design contest opened October 1st for submissions (and will do so in the future). Now is a good time to begin working on your design for SEA-PAC 2027. The theme is "Making Waves".

Please go to Seapac.org and click on SEA-PAC Pins to get the rules for submitting an acceptable design to us.
GOOD LUCK!

Notes from the Chair

The planning for this year's SEA-PAC Convention is well under way. As you know, we are the Annual Northwest Division Convention for the ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio. Our Planning Team is excited about the decisions we've been able to make and the progress we are seeing. This year's theme, "Making Waves", is setting the tone for everything we do, including and especially our seminars and workshops.

There are some dates we'd like you to put on your calendar.

The Convention itself will be held in Seaside, Oregon on Saturday and Sunday, June 5th and 6th. We invite and encourage you to plan now to also join us on Friday, June 4th for our Pre-Convention events which include our very popular Workshops and our VIP Reception.

March 1st is a very important date to keep in mind. If you would like to submit original artwork for the Annual SEA-PAC Lapel Pin contest, we need to receive it before midnight on this date. The winner receives two complimentary tickets to Saturday night's Banquet (which is shaping up to be a highlight of the Convention again this year!).

March 1st is also the date when our online registration will open and you can secure your place at SEA-PAC.

I want to give a special word of thanks to our two sponsoring clubs, the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club and the Clark County (Washington) Amateur Radio Club in Vancouver. Without their

commitment and labor, it would be impossible to plan and enjoy our annual time together at the Oregon coast.

Set a tab on your browser for www.seapac.org and check in regularly to see the progress we're making on Workshops, Seminars, Luncheon and Banquet speakers, and the roster of our Exhibitors.

See you in June!
Steve Bils K3SHB
Chair, 2027 SEA-PAC

From the Vice Chair

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Brian Astle, W0AST, and I am currently the President of the Clark County Amateur Radio Club. I am also the incoming Vice-Chair for the 2027 SEA-PAC Convention. I am excited for the upcoming year! Planning for SEA-PAC doesn't really stop, and plans for the Seminars and Workshop for the upcoming year are already well under way.

The SEA-PAC planning committee will continue the tradition during the 2027 convention, of past attendees who have become Silent Keys since the 2026 convention gathering. This recognition project gathers information about these Silent Keys who have attended SEA-PAC in the past from their friends and relatives. We maintain this list and provide it to the Seaside Convention Center, to be added to the other convention information that scrolls on the rotating screens around the convention center.

We ask that you send us the Silent Key's name, call sign, and the year they passed away. For SEA-PAC 2027, we are asking for Silent Keys who attended SEA-PAC in the past, and passed away during the period of May 19, 2026 and May 18, 2027. Please send your SK information to: vice-chair@seapac.org.Thank you for helping us to recognize our attendees who have become silent keys.

Looking forward to meeting all of you in June of 2027!
Brian Astle, W0AST
Vice-Chair 2027 SEA-PAC Convention

Exhibitors

We look forward to welcoming our returning friends who have brought their exhibits to past conventions as well as new exhibitors who have just found SEA-PAC for 2027. The exhibitor packages will be emailed to our regular exhibitors in November; thanks for returning again to SEA-PAC every year. We will send packages to the new exhibitors at the same time.

If you have an interest in seeing an exhibit at SEA-PAC that you have not seen before, please let us know of your interest by email at: exhibitors@seapac.org.

If this Waves reaches any exhibitors who are interested in attending SEA-PAC 2027, please drop us an email at: exhibitors@seapac.org.

Packing the Seaside Convention Center with as many exhibitors as will fit on the floor is a great way to explore amateur radio in the 21st century and to continue Making Waves in 2027.

Friday, June 4 at SEA-PAC

Workshops: We plan either three or four workshops (all fee events) on Friday from morning until about 4:45 PM. We will continue our Emergency Communication workshop series in two Riverside rooms. The exact program is still under development and should be announced soon. Another room will hold a build activity to create a Morse Tutor that uses an ESP32 microcontroller, touch screen, and Morse code training software. A third workshop tentatively will explore Contesting and DX hunting. A fourth (tentative at present) workshop will include a hands-on build session. Most start at 0900 and end at 4:45 PM.

Radios at the Beach: Evening at the beach with a radio and friends can be fun. This is a free event west of the Convention Center. You are welcome to bring a portable station and make some contacts, watch someone else's portable station come alive, or simply enjoy the beach and converse with other hams.

Friday Reception: This is a fee event where you can meet with our ARRL guests, the SEA-PAC committee members, and friends galore. Past experience indicates this can be dinner, too.

Saturday and Sunday Seminars: We hope to have 40 or more seminars for your education and enjoyment. If you have a topic you would like to present, or an idea of one you would like to attend, please send an email to seminars@seapac.org.

Some ideas:

- Antennas (always a multifaceted topic)
- Making your first contacts with confidence
- Basic tools for a home electronics kit
- How to use popular software, such as WSJT-X, Pskreporter, digital software, antenna modeling, etc.
- How to build your own antennas
- Fun with VHF and UHF
- What to know when using an amplifier
- Paper-chasing (awards)
- Your favorite topic here....