

## The Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs

### Guest Amateur Radio Operator Policy VO1AA, Cabot Tower, Signal Hill National Historic Site

In the spirit of friendship and cooperation, and with the knowledge that Amateur Radio Operators Worldwide desire to visit Cabot Tower Signal Hill National Historic Site to operate Amateur Radio Station **VO1AA**, the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs have developed the following policy. For definition purposes "Guest Amateur Radio Operator" shall be defined as any licensed **Amateur Radio Operator** who is not a member in good standing of **SONRA**.

1. All requests to operate must be submitted to the **VO1AA** Station Manager or club Executive
2. A copy of a Canadian **Certificate of Proficiency in Amateur Radio**, a US Amateur Radio License showing HF qualifications or an International Amateur Operator License with HF qualifications (CEPT or equivalent) must be submitted prior to operation.
3. Callsign **VO1AA** must be used at all times. The only exception to this condition is during operation of **VO1IMD** on International Marconi Day each year.
4. No modification or substitution of existing radio, power supply or antenna will be permitted but operators may use their own Morse code key or microphone if it conforms to the station setup. Maximum output power from station is 100 watts.
5. Approved requests to operate will fall within Cabot Towers' normal business hours and only when Tower is open for its normal operating season. Special circumstances will also be considered on a "per request" basis.
6. No Amateur Radio Club Events are permitted at VO1AA except those sponsored by SONRA.
7. All contacts must be properly logged via computer in order to ensure proper times, modes and bands. Altering of the log is not permitted.
8. The Station Manager or designate will be present during Guest Amateur Operator visits. Every effort will be made to accommodate all requests to operate and, respecting the fact that SONRA members are volunteers, they will make themselves available when convenient to them for as long as they are able. Special circumstances will also be considered on a "per request" basis.
9. QSL requests for **VO1AA** are handled via the QSL Bureau or direct to our postal address with an SASE.

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#### **Current Station Information:**

- Station Manager – Paul Fisher VO1UF <vo1uf@rac.ca>
- Station QSL Manager – Paul Piercey VO1HE <vo1he@rac.ca>
- Rig – ICOM IC-756PROIII
- Antenna – Multiband Dipole
- Logging – HP Computer with N1MM, rig interface or CW keying interface.

The SONRA **Guest Amateur Radio Operator Policy** is intended to provide access to the SONRA Amateur Radio Station at Cabot Tower, Signal Hill National Historic Site, to monitor operations during **Guest Amateur Radio Operator** visits, and to protect the longevity of the valuable Amateur Radio equipment that was so graciously provided to SONRA by Icom Inc.

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