

Humboldt HF Emergency Phone Net Preamble

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This is (name), (callsign), Net Control for tonight's **Humboldt HF Emergency phone Net**.

This net meets every **Monday** night at **18:30** hours (6:30pm) Pacific time on **3.955 Lower Side band**.

This net is called every week to improve Operator skills and verify operator equipment in case of any emergency that may arise. **Everyone** is encouraged to volunteer to be Net Control operator in the future.

- 1- Is there any **emergency** or **priority traffic** for the net?
- 2- Any **announcements** for the net?
- 3- If you need to **break in** with **emergency** traffic, a **relay**, **information** or a **question** feel free to break in with your **callsign**.
- 4- Any stations using **emergency** or **alternative power** **Please indicate at check-in**.
- 5- Here is tonight's ROSTER.....(call the check-in roster)
- 6- Any **late** or **missed** stations?
- 7- Any **visitors**? Ask visitors if they would like to be added to roster
- 8- **Remind** members of APRS, HF digital (3.581,) Local VHF & UHF nets.
- 9- **Last call** for late, missed or visiting stations.
- 10- Hearing none, this is (name), (callsign) **closing The Humboldt HF Emergency Phone Net** and **releasing this frequency** to regular Amateur use. Thank you for your time and participation! 73

NCS are encouraged to listen for EARLY check-ins 15 minutes before formal net.

NCS will RELAY any new traffic & HF net check-in count to DEC at 7:30pm via the FWRA link! Send email to w6zzk@humboldt-arc.org for any roster changes ASAP.

Notes for Net Control Station (NCS)

Humboldt county packs a lot of training nets into a very short period of time each Monday evening:

- APRS net starts listening for calls no later than 6pm Pacific @ke6sls
- HF phone net begins at 6:30pm Pacific, listens for earlys by 6:15pm
- HF digital net begins at 6:45pm Pacific 3.581USB MFSK32
- Local VHF digital net begins at 6:55pm Pacific 146.460 FM MT63-2000L
- Local VHF FM simplex nets begin at 7:00pm <Arcata/Eureka/Eel River/SoHum>
- Local UHF FM nets start at 7:15pm Pacific 444.400+ 103.5pl
- Pick-up nets will also happen on other bands/modes
- FWRA recap net begins at 7:30pm on all FWRA links
- Packet check-ins anytime before 7:15pm at ke6sls-1

It's important to remember all these nets and encourage as much participation as we can. We all need to test our gear, hone our skills and help one another as we work each net. Yet we need to conclude the HF Phone net so stations can prepare for additional nets—so mind the time as the net quickly rolls along.

Mix up the roster, perhaps start from the bottom and work up on odd or even days.

If Humboldt county is dealing with emergency situations like flooding/fires/etc the net time may be extended for stations to pass traffic and advisories.

HF nets can often be difficult during periods of poor propagation, as NCS be ready to appoint and use RELAY stations. If you can't hear the next town nearest you and the band is "out" ask a DX station to help you gather check-ins! Also ask your RELAY station to indicate they will be the RELAY station so stations that can not hear you understand the net IS underway and they can standby to check-in with the RELAY station when NCS asks for the RELAY station to take calls.

Don't hesitate to use online SDR receivers if it helps you "hear."

If any stations check in and indicate they have traffic, stop the check-in roster and have station pass traffic. Remember to note the traffic and report it at end of your net. Once traffic is passed, resume normal roster check ins.

Encourage individual stations to consider becoming an NCS. All stations can train at home using our net resources during each net. Becoming a proficient NCS requires time and practice. As an NCS, you will likely become a more proficient MEMBER of each net you attend.

Humboldt net rosters and preambles are found on the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club's website:
<https://www.humboldt-arc.org/nets/ncs/>

