

FMARC VHF/UHF 1.25m/2m/70cm/ CLUB CONTEST

January 3-5, 2025

Introducing the second FMARC club competition 2m VHF/UHF contest (A learning opportunity for the ARRL VHF/UHF contest that takes place two weeks later)

Date Range: Start – Friday, January 3 at 7:00pm local time (00:00z)
End – Sunday, January 5 at 7:00pm local time (00:00z)

Bands: 1.25m (220); 2m (144); 70cm (440)

Modes: FM FMARC Simplex/FM FMARC Repeaters

Frequencies:

SIMPLEX: 146.475 (Ch2); 146.580 (Ch4); 146.460 (Ch6); 146.490 (Ch8);
146.550 (Ch10); 146.520 (NCF); 446.000 (NCF)

REPEATERS: 147.165 (Ch1); 146.820 (Ch3); 147.345 (Ch5); 146.880 (Ch7);
147.225 (Ch9); 145.170 (Ch20); 146.685 (Ch22); 147.285 (Ch25);
224.520; 442.450 (Ch26); 443.800 (Ch35)

Exchange: Your callsign; the year you were first licensed.

Power Levels: QRP – 10 watts or less (hand held radios fall in this category)
Low Power – 11 to 50 watts
High Power – 51 to 100 watts

NOTES: The highest power used during the contest is the power level category even though the operator might have some at QRP or Low. For reporting purposes, the highest power used during the contest is the power category.

DO NOT USE ANY FMARC REPEATER ON SATURDAY FROM 8:00am to 11:00am

QSY COURTESY RULE: In an effort not to monopolize any particular frequency, after making a set of five (5) contacts, CQing participants are asked to announce, “QRZed does anyone wish to take over the frequency?” Move to another frequency if the answer is yes. Return when the frequency becomes available.

Scoring: One point per contact per frequency used. Please add up your points and include it with the Log report. See example below.

Duplicate Contacts: There are 18 possible frequencies and each callsign can be recorded once per frequency for a maximum of 18 duplicates of the same callsign.

Important Clarification: Contacts that are received either simplex or on a specific repeater, are logged to that system. Example: contacts made on the 147.345 repeater are logged to contacts made on that specific 147.345 repeater.

Logs: Typed, or handwritten logs scanned as a pdf, should be emailed to contesting@fmarc.net no later than January 8, 2025. Only FMARC members are eligible for log submission, but any contacts with amateur radio operators count. In your submission, please record the following:

- Your name and callsign as you wish it to appear on the certificate of participation and/or applicable awards;
- Your power level (QRP, Low, High);
- Your year first licensed;
- Your email address;
- The contact log should include date; time (local approximation); frequency (simplex or the repeater frequency as listed above); and the exchange;
- Your calculation of points.

EXAMPLE OF SCORING CALCULATION:

Total contacts are 125 equals 125 points

Awards: Each participant will receive a downloadable certificate

Rewards: Bragging rights for first place in each category with special mention in FMARC social media as well as a downloadable certificate.

An example of how to contest:

INITIAL CALL: CQ CQ contest this is <your callsign> QRZed?

Respondent will give their callsign

FIRST RESPONSE: <their callsign> please copy <your callsign> <year first licensed>

Respondent will give you a report (their callsign and year first licensed)

SECOND RESPONSE: Roger. Good luck in the contest. This is <your callsign> calling CQ contest.

NOTE: Interference with a QSO in progress or a Net, in or soon to be in progress, is not permitted.

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