

W9JOZ

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Meeting

Next meeting is on June 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Knox Community Center on Lake Street, Knox, IN.

Fox Hunts on the first Sunday of the month, weather depending. Check into the Saturday night nets to find out if there will be one.

2023 Dues are being accepted. Still \$12.00 per year.

Newsletter will now be Bi-Monthly.



Meetings are at the Knox Community Center on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of December.

The Community Center is located on the corner of Lake and Pearl Street.



Are you on the air?

QSL CARDS

If you have QSL Cards that need to be checked for an ARRL Award, contact John and he will put you in contact with an ARRL Card Checker in our area. Steve, KD9HL is the card checker.

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Events

Meeting at Knox Community Center

Corner of Pearl and Lake Street

June 15, 2023

Time will be 7:00 pm

Birthdays

May 6 – Linda, KC8PKY

May 24 – Bart, KC9FQA

June 4 – Tom, W9QN

If your birthday has not been listed, it is because I do not have the date for it. If you would like it to be included in a newsletter, please email me the date. Thanks w3ml@w3ml.com

Starke County Amateur Radio Club Weekly 2 Meter Net is on every Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Central time.

DAY OF WEEK: Saturday 8:00 p.m. Central time

HOST: KN9OX Repeater

FREQUENCY: 145.410 - 600

PL TONE: 131.8

For Sale Items

See all the For Sale Items at

<http://www.w9joz.org/forsale.htm>

There are a lot of them there. Updated regularly.

See the For Sale Page on the Club website. If you have items to sell email me a list with prices and contact information.

Notice for 2023

**** Dues for 2023 remain at only \$12.00 a year. ****

Please be a member and pay your dues for 2023. Dues are used to pay for insurance, website, and incorporation fees.

Dues may be mailed to:

John Poindexter
204 South Main St.
Knox, IN 46534

Checks can be made out to the Starke County Amateur Radio Club. \$12.00

Power Line Interference

How To Quickly Locate And Fix Power Line Interference

by Gene Preston K5GP

<https://www.ctdxcc.org/powerlines/>

RF Calculator to make sure you comply with the FCC rule that is being enforced on exposure.

<https://rsgb.services/public/software/emccalculator/>

Select Amateur Radio Box for most commonly found signals on the Ham Bands

https://www.sigidwiki.com/wiki/Signal_Identification_Guide

[DXMAPS 4.2 - QSO/SWL real time information](https://www.dxmaps.com/spots/mapg.php?Lan=&Frec=&ML=&Map=&HF=&DXC=ING2&GL=)

<https://www.dxmaps.com/spots/mapg.php?Lan=&Frec=&ML=&Map=&HF=&DXC=ING2&GL=>

This is a good map to see if 6 meters is open, along with other bands.

Solar Conditions & Ham Radio Propagation

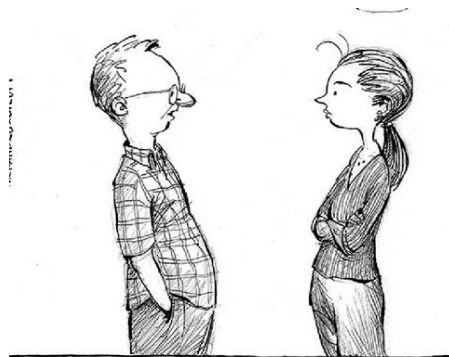
<https://solar.w5mmw.net/>

This page is updated every few minutes.

Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications

The Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications is a library of materials and collections related to amateur radio and early communications.

<https://archive.org/details/dlarc>



"How can I possibly annoy you by disappearing into my radio shack for hours on end?"

Delete Scarborough Reef (BS7) from the List of DXCC Entities?

Years ago, there were DX entities like Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (East Germany), Walvis Bay and the Panama Canal Zone. The world changed, the Berlin Wall fell, the Canal Zone reverted to Panama and as luck would have it, these DXCC entities were deleted. The politics of the world creates a constant state of flux in the sovereignty of geographical areas,

Often the ARRL is on top of these situations and has added and subtracted entities as the situation demands. There is one current entity that seems to have escaped the ARRL's notice-Scarborough Reef (BS7).

The Permanent Court of Arbitration (a United Nations Agency) has ruled that Scarborough Reef is under the sovereignty of the Philippines. Because of the Philippine sovereignty, the reef may no longer meet the criteria as a separate entity.

Recently a proposal was made to the DXCC Advisory Committee to delete this entity.

A Proposal for the Deletion of Scarborough Reef (BS7) from the ARRL List of DXCC Entities

The ARRL DXCC program is an amateur radio operating award program administered by the American Radio Relay League. It aims to encourage DX (long-distance) communication between amateur radio operators around the world. The program maintains a list of entities, which are defined as political entities or geographic locations that have a distinct IARU prefix.

Scarborough Reef, also known as Panatag Shoal, Bajo de Masinloc, Huangyan Island or the Scarborough Shoal, is a disputed area in the South China Sea. It is a triangular-shaped chain of reefs and rocks surrounding a lagoon, and it lies within the Philippine EEZ. However, China also claims the area as part of its "nine-dash line" claim, which encompasses almost the entire South China Sea.

The area is claimed by, among others, China, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

The inclusion or exclusion of Scarborough Reef in the DXCC list is ultimately up to the discretion of the ARRL DXCC program administrators.

The ARRL has stated that it follows the United Nations' list of non-self-governing territories to determine DXCC entities. Scarborough Reef is not currently on that list, but it remains a valid entity for DXCC credit.

It's worth noting that the political status of Scarborough Reef has been subject to ongoing international disputes and negotiations, and changes to its status affect its inclusion in the DXCC list.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling on Scarborough Reef, which was issued on July 12, 2016, has a significant impact on the Philippine claim over the area. The ruling recognized the Philippines' sovereign rights over the waters within its 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and rejected China's historic rights claim to the waters. Scarborough Reef is within that 200 nautical mile of EEZ.

The PCA ruling clarified that Scarborough Reef is a "rock" under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which means that it cannot generate an EEZ or continental shelf. However, the ruling also stated that the area does have a territorial sea, which extends 12 nautical miles from the reef.

THIS MEANS THAT THE PHILIPPINES HAS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO EXPLOIT THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF SCARBOROUGH REEF AND ITS SURROUNDING WATERS.

The PCA ruling also invalidated China's claim to historic rights to the waters within the nine-dash line. This means that China cannot claim sovereignty over Scarborough Reef or any other feature within the Philippine EEZ based on historic claims.

In summary, the PCA ruling verifies the Philippines' claim over Scarborough Reef and clarifies the legal status of the area under UNCLOS.

We should note that China has rejected the ruling and continues to assert its claims over the South China Sea, including Scarborough Reef.

RATIONAL FOR DELETION:

1. The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) has verified the Philippines' claim over Scarborough Reef. China's claims have been rejected.
2. The ARRL DXCC Rules state "A new entity results in the case of an island under any of the following conditions: The island is separated from its Parent, and any other islands that make up the DXCC entity that contains the Parent, by 350 kilometers or more." (ARRL DX Rules 2, b,1 "Island Areas (Separation by Water)")

Scarborough Reef is less than 350 kilometers from the nearest Philippine land mass (Luzon Island).

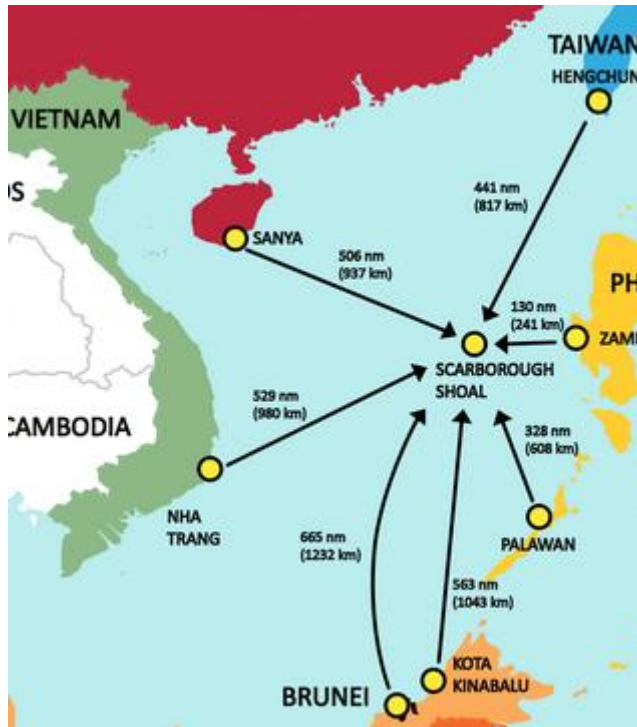
3. Scarborough Reef is NOT on the United Nations' list of non-self-governing territories that the ARRL uses as criteria for determining DXCC status.

- 4 Scarborough Reef no longer meets the ARRL criteria as a separate entity, as it is now part of the Philippines.

PROPOSED:

Scarborough Reef should be deleted from the list of active DXCC entities because it no longer meets the criteria for inclusion under the ARRL DXCC Rules.

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The DXCC Advisory Committee is just that, an advisor to the ARRL Board of the Directors and has no authority to make changes to the program. Having said that, the DXAC does have influence with the Board. It will be interesting to see how the DXAC and the ARRL Board react to this proposal.



For Sale

Selling Everything - It All Must Go

Paul, N9QYK is selling off all his stuff he has collected over the years. If you are interested in knowing what he has, give him a call at 574-772-2021.

There are still items for sale on the website. www.w9joz.org

If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to me at the club email.

See you at a meeting.

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John, W3ML

