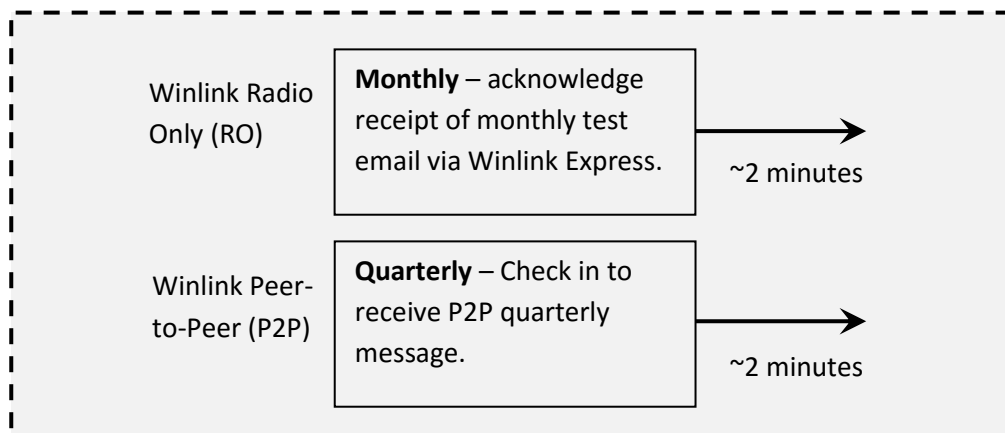


What You Need to Know to Participate in the (voluntary) NH-ARES Winlink Exercise / Test Plan for 2018 !

The NH-ARES exercise /test plan for 2018 will be a two part ongoing exercise and will focus on HF operations. The first part (Part A) will be the continuation of the monthly check-in session, broadcast on or about the first of the month; operators are requested to simply respond to a monthly broadcast currently administered by N5EI. The second part (Part B) will be a quarterly P2P check in which operators are requested to make a connection to P2P host WQ2H, within a pre-determined or re-scheduled time slot, and download the quarterly test message. The time required for an operator to complete both of these tests is estimated to be about **5 minutes per month**. While it's understood that all operator cannot make all check-ins, it is recommended that each operator complete as many test sessions as feasible. Statistics will be compiled, presented, and utilized to hopefully improve and streamline the 2019 plan.



Plan Logistics

Practically, this plan will serve three important functions; 1) to maintain the operator's access to the Winlink system (periodic access is required by Winlink.org to maintain a valid *.org address), 2) to familiarize operators with the routine and continued usage of Winlink as a potential EMCOMM tool (monthly practice does makes perfect), and 3) to keep the operator's software current through automatic updates offered by the Winlink system.

In the event of a widespread power, internet, or Winlink CMS outage Winlink becomes more difficult to implement as a way of transferring messages or emergency data. Interest in P2P scheduled "Mesh Nets" has grown nationally in recent years because it does not rely on the internet or a remote CMS station to get the message through. It uses a network of independent P2P stations, between the sender and the receiver, who communicate regularly on a

predetermined scheduled. The P2P quarterly check-in could act as the foundation for such a mesh net network.

The P2P host station for testing purposes will be activated during a specific time window and will follow a schedule of call signs and corresponding activation / accessibility times. If a station ever has a conflict, or an operator misses their day, arrangements can be made to have the test rescheduled for another time. A quarterly test message will be left for each station on this list. Operators need only connect to the P2P to receive the test message and, although not required, leave a message.

As of the date of this writing, the following roster of 34 stations will be included for both parts of the test plan for 2018. Additional stations or station deletions should be addressed to the steering committee as soon as possible. An updated roster will be maintained and updated monthly. Test cycles for;

- Part A begins on or about the **1st of the month, beginning 15 JAN 2018 and continuing through Dec 15 2018.**
- Part B (P2P) check-in begins on the **1ST of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov for 2018.** Note that the normal check in time for the P2P is anytime during your assigned day (see Table 1), until further notice mode is WINMOR 1600, and the frequency is Dial 3582.0 kHz (CF 3583.5 kHz).
(Example; Feb cycle, first check in would be February 1st, and the final check in would be March 5th)
Alternate procedure for Part B: If a station is unable to make their time slot - at any time during the quarter connect P2P to WQ2H and leave a message. This will also fulfill the quarterly requirement.

P2P Quarterly Schedule

Day of Month	Time of day	Call Sign	Description
First Day of Month	Any time	AA1KL	Op
+1	Any time	AB1AV	Op
+2	Any time	AB1ST	Op
+3	Any time	K1CHR	Club Call - Cheshire ARES
+4	Any time	K1MWV	Club Call - Mt. Wash Valley ARES
+5	Any time	K1SGA	Club Call - S. Grafton ARES
+6	Any time	K1WRK	Club Call -W. Rockingham ARES
+6	Any time	KA1VGM	EC/Op
+8	Any time	KL1WD	Op
+8	Any time	K1ACL	Op
+10	Any time	K1FDP	Op

+11	Any time	K1HIL	Club call - Hillsborough ARES
+12	Any time	K1MHT	Club call - Manchester ARES
+13	Any time	K1PJS	SM/ASEC
+14	Any time	W1ROC	Club Call - E. Rockingham
+15	Any time	K1STF	Op
+16	Any time	KB1CFL	NH SEC
+17	Any time	N1AMD	Op
+18	Any time	N1CKM	SEC/Op
+19	Any time	N1GB	Op
+20	Any time	N1MEO	EC/Op
+21	Any time	N1RCQ	EC/Op
+22	Any time	N5EI	Op
+23	Any time	W1CEN	Club Call - Central ARES
+24	Any time	W1CPL	Club Call - Capital ARES
+25	Any time	WA1OEZ	Op
+26	Any time	WA1YZN	Op
+27	Any time	WA1ZCN	Op
+28	Any time	W1COS	Club Call - Coos ARES
+29	Any time	K1CMD	Command NH-ARES
+30	Any time	W1PID	Op
+31	Any time	W1SEC	Club Call - NH-ARES SEC
+32	Any time	WX1GYX	NWS Gray ME
+33	Any time	KD1TD	Op
+34	Any time	KB1HNZ	Op

Note that the NH-NBEMS Digital Net meets on the P2P test frequency (Dial 3582.0 kHz - CF 3583.5 kHz) from 1130Z-1230Z on Saturday mornings.

While it's certainly unreasonable to expect all stations to make all assigned check-in times for both parts of the test, we do hope that stations will participate to the best of their ability.

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