



# *The Short Circuit*

December 2024

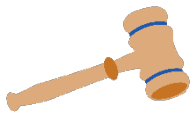
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The December General Membership meeting will be held together with the Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Think Café, San Pedro. The December Executive Board meeting will be held on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Skype. A link to the *General Meetings* will be sent via e-mail to the membership. Anyone having trouble using Skype, please [contact Tom K6IGY](#) for assistance.



## **Prez Sez**



We have our slate of officers for 2025, elected by acclamation at the November General Membership meeting:

President: Steve Mandich

Vice President: Martin Hochman

Treasurer: Gary Forister

Secretary: John Linder

Directors: Gina Mandich, Scotty Butler, Tom Marinello, and Bill Heather

We are nearing the end of 2024, and we had a good year at URAC. We had a very successful Field Day and a very fun Lighthouse Weekend and Annual Picnic.

Along with these field events, we operated events at our station, including Museum Ships Weekend and Museums On The Air. Our station is staffed and operated weekly by our members, and we make many DX contacts.

Our Second Thursday Luncheons are well attended, with our members sharing news and technical help.

Don't forget our Holiday Luncheon, which is to be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the Think Cafe. If you haven't yet RSVP'd to Gina, please do so as soon as possible so she can give the restaurant an accurate headcount.

When considering your year-end donations, please include our station's host, the Los Angeles Maritime Museum. They appreciate our help.

Best wishes to all in this holiday season and the New Year.

Steve Mandich, K6NT

President



## Field Day 2024

I did some number crunching on the recently released field day scores for URAC. Data points:

In class 3A/LAX, we were number one of four entries.

In class 3A3AB/3AC across the entire country we were number 10 out of 376, which equals were in the top 2.6% of all 3A Scores.

Total points-wise across the entire country we were number 50 out of a total of 4320 entries. That puts us in the top 1.5% of all scoring in the country.

Well done, URAC!

73, Ray, N6HE



## URAC Club Station: K6AA at the Maritime Museum

Dear K6AA

I hope you all had a very happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Here at the museum, we are very thankful to our volunteer corps for all of the hours they have donated in order to help spread the word about HAM radio (to visitors) and about the museum (to contacts near and far).

I am happy to announce that we have hired a full-time Park Services Attendant to join the staff. Anthony Rodin comes to us with many years of experience helping to manage Angels Gate park, and is very familiar with the local community. Anthony has strong family ties to the fishing industry, which made him especially interested to work here! His schedule is:

Tuesday-Saturday. Please be sure to say hello!

See you at the Museum!

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Marifrances Trivelli


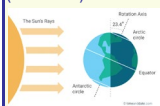
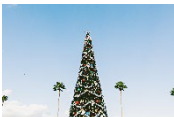

Director, Los Angeles Maritime Museum



**Parking:** Update as of now (December 1)










The lot owned by West Harbor now has parking spots available, especially on weekdays. They are now charging \$5 on weekdays and \$10 on weekends. Free parking is available in the lot at Beacon and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, behind the Green Onion. It used to be an LA County Lot for the Mental Health Department, but they are no longer at that location. Museum staff is parking there also. It is a two block walk to the museum. Steve reports that free parking is often available on Harbor Blvd, near the Museum.

Propagation has been mixed lately, with good DX on some days, and the solar flares knocking out SSB on the HF bands on others. Please join us and become an operator. Contact Scotty K6ZNL (see page 5 for contact information)

~ December 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> World AIDS Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> URAC BOD Meeting, SKYPE 7 pm	<b>7</b>
<b>H8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Human Rights Day URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> URAC Holiday Luncheon, 1:30 pm, Think Café, San Pedro 
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Winter Solstice (Northern) 
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	 <b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Years Eve 	<b>N</b>			

~ January 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> URAC BOD Meeting, SKYPE 7 pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> URAC Luncheon, TThink Café, San Pedro, 1:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Human Trafficking Awareness
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> URAC General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, SKYPE	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Inauguration Day	<b>21</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Australia Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>29</b> Chinese New Year	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## URAC 2024 Executive Board

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Check out the special events page on [k6aa.org](http://k6aa.org) for the latest from ARRL and e-ham net.

### *Additional Calendar Notes*

**VE Session for Amateur Licenses by appointment or as listed at [hamstudy.org](http://hamstudy.org).** Go to <http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/> If no candidate schedules an exam, there won't be an exam team or exam material available. Exams use [ExamTools.org](http://ExamTools.org) for testing and processing. You will need an account and FRN number.

#### **Club Roundtable**

Held weekly on Tuesday URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz at 8 pm

The Museum is at the Foot of 6th Street. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday 12 to 5. K6AA is open when the museum is open. To be cleared to operate the station, please contact Scotty, k6ZNL at [k6znl@arrl.net](mailto:k6znl@arrl.net)

#### **Club Meetings**

**1..Lunch meeting at the Think Café,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:30-4 pm**

2. Virtual meeting held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 7:00 pm, via Skype. Link sent by Tom K6IGY; if having difficulty, [contact Tom K6IGY](#).

