



## 2011 FM VHF/UHF SIMPLEX SPRINT AN EASY CONTEST FOR BEGINNERS, IMPORTANT PRACTICE FOR ALL!

### OFFICIAL RULES

New Providence, NJ - Today, the New Providence Amateur Radio Club (NPARC) is proud to announce our 2011 FM VHF/UHF Simplex Sprint, scheduled for **Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. The sprint welcomes all ages, station types, and locations. The main emphasis is getting younger hams on the air and participating in contest activities, as well as continuing to encourage all hams to refine their skills beyond repeaters. Contesting will occur over two and a half hours, on four bands, on specific simplex frequencies between 14:00EST and 16:30EST as follows:

2m	(14:00EST to 15:00EST)	146.550, 146.565, 146.580, 146.595 MHz
70cm	(15:00EST to 15:30EST)	446.025, 446.050, 446.075, 446.100 MHz
6m	(15:30EST to 16:00EST)	52.530, 52.550, 52.570, 52.590 MHz
1.25m	(16:00EST to 16:30EST)	223.520, 223.540, 223.560, 223.580 Mhz

The National Calling Frequencies of 146.520, 446.000, 52.525, and 223.500 are off limits and will be monitored. Any participating station heard on any of the calling frequencies or the 2m guard channels will be automatically disqualified. These must stay clear for emergencies in accordance with good amateur practice.

The following are the classifications for entry:

Base: Per the ARRL low power standard for VHF/UHF contest, less than 150w on 2m & 6m, less than 100w on 70cm & 1.25m.

Mobile: Must work from a minimum of 2 different grid squares, using the same power standards defined for base.

HT: Using 5w or less, non-amplified. No base or mobile radios at reduced power levels. Meant to encourage innovation.

Kids: Yes! Kids! Entries under age 18 will be eligible for an additional award in their own category as well.

**So get your younger hams involved!**

Awards will be given by overall score, by band, by class, and by age. All participants will receive a certificate of participation regardless of score or finishing place. Awards will be presented at April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the NPARC meeting, or mailed to those who cannot attend.

Scoring: 2m - 1 Point/QSO      70cm & 6m - 2 Points/QSO      1.25m - 3 Points/QSO

A contact with our club station N2XJ is 5 Points on all bands.

Stations may only be worked once per band.

Multipliers: Each grid square may be used as a multiplier once per band.

Score is totaled by multiplying total QSO Points by total multipliers

Under age 18 multiply total score by 1.5

Exchange:      Callsign, Your Grid Square

Logs must be received by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and should include the following information:

Header:      Callsign  
                 Name  
                 Adult or Kid  
                 Entry Class  
                 Grid Square Multiplier(s)  
                 QSO Points  
                 Total Claimed Score

Log:      Band      Local Time      Call of Station Worked      Grid Square

Cabrillo format is preferred, but not required. Logs may be submitted via e-mail to the contest director (Matthew Ryan, W2MJR - w2mjr@yahoo.com) or in person at a NPARC meeting.

Logs submitted after March 20th, 2011 will be disqualified.

***DON'T FORGET! MRAC, The MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB WILL ALSO BE HOLDING THEIR VHF/UHF SIMPLEX CONTEST AT THE SAME TIME ON THE SAME FREQUENCIES! IF YOU CAN, TRY FOR THEM! THEY'LL BE LISTENING FOR YOU!***

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