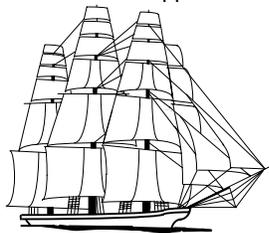

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Captain's Cabin

Don Toman - K2KQ

Since Jeff's skillful persuasion resulted in my taking the ultimate CHALLENGE...that of presiding over this great club, I've thought a lot about what to write in the June Scuttlebutt. Anyone who likens running YCCC to steering a ship is understating the problem. It's more like running a whole navy!

To run a navy, lots of attention has to be paid to establishing and fulfilling missions rather than steering individual ships.

I've decided to focus in the near term on the immediate and foremost mission...that of KICKING BUTT one more time.

It's not easy following this past year's success with another, but you can bet that we will do it. We will win again, and have even more fun than we did last year. Now we know that we can do it, and we won't accept less than it took last time.

We're going to need higher scores, because our competition isn't going to sit still.

Now that we have reached the number one position we have some new responsibilities. The runners-up get plenty of slack, but the guys on top of the heap get plenty of scrutiny. I'm sure you share my vision that YCCC is the standard by which other contest clubs are measured...the one everyone will want to join if they were eligible...the very paragon for contest clubs. From that position, we now must be careful about our behavior, both on and off the air. Let's set the highest possible standards. Remember gang, the world is looking at us now!

For those of you who have been active contributors in the past,...we're counting on you.

For those who have been eligible but not active, we're going to do everything we can to help you to get active, whether from your own station or as part of a multi-op team. We need you whether you are a sleeping old f**t or an unmined newbie gemstone.

We have an expanded DXpedition base this year. The navy has aircraft carriers! We will now have YCCC participation in the Grenada J3A operation on SSB as well as CW.

We will have some powerful new multi-op stations coming on line.

To help us focus our talents, Art, W1RZF has done a great job of aligning and handicapping the Challenge teams. Take a look in this edition to see who is on what team.

Art has equalized the odds without major team disruptions. The inactive but eligible members have been reassigned randomly, so the team captains have the interesting job of finding the wild cards among the rosters that can produce a team winner. Last year's non-active member can become this year's surprise star.

We want everyone to want to come to meetings to have fun, meet with old friends and make new ones and pick up useful information.

Glen is working on a program for the coming year that will be interesting, entertaining and informative. We've decided to organize meeting schedules to make more break time available for socializing and for team get-togethers.

I have other initiatives that I will mention in this space as the year progresses. I will be asking some of you to help out with some of these initiatives that tap the wealth of talent that we have in this club.

(See Captain's Cabin - p. 4)

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1998/1999 YCCC Awards Update

Mark Wilson - K1RO

Mugs for the 1998 CQ WW DX Contest were distributed at the April meeting. Given our apparent victory over FRC in that contest, K1ZM asked that we get a mug for *everyone* who submitted a score of any size for our club total. Several YCCers volunteered to make sure that mugs would be available at the June meeting and other summer gatherings, so plan to pick one up if you didn't get one in April. Mugs for the 1999 ARRL International DX Contest will be distributed at the October meeting, along with the YCCC Challenge awards.

Certificates for the 1998 CQ WW DX Contest and 1999 ARRL International DX Contest have been completed. We distributed a number of certificates at the April meeting, and in mid-May I mailed all remaining certificates for this contest season (plus any on hand from last season). To qualify for a certificate, single ops must have made at least 400 QSOs. All operators at multiops with 1 meg or more received certificates (if the score was less than 1 meg, 400 QSOs per operator were required).

A number of people took mugs and certificates for YCCC members in their areas who could not make the meeting. If you have certificates and mugs for others and have not delivered them, please do so (or at least let folks know that you have their awards!). If you're due a certificate but did not receive it, please check with folks in your area who attended the meeting. If you have any questions, contact me at k1ro@arrl.net.

Days Of Future Past

Doug Scribner, K1ZO

Highlights from the pages of past Scuttlebutt Issues.

20 Years Ago - June 1979 #18 - Presidential Palaver by K1DG. York vs Hampshire. The \$1.98 Bash.

10 Years Ago - June 1989 #81 - Captain's Cabin by K2TR. NP4A The FUN Way by K1ZM. DG's Dayton Diary.

5 Years Ago - June 1994 #111 - Captains Cabin by K2WR. Contest U. with ON4UN. Dayton '94 by K1DG. Simple Reve Loop for 80/160 by K1ZM

April Meeting Minutes

Charlotte Richardson - KQ1F

The April, 1999, general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club was held on Saturday, April 3rd, 1999, at Worcester State College. Coffee, donuts, and Passover cookies and cake were served. Club President Jeff, K1ZM, called the meeting to order with introductions of the 88 members present and their guests. Jeff reminded everyone to send in their club dues mailers, or to see Club Treasurer Ric, KV1W, at the break in the meeting.

Club Scorekeeper Dave, K1HT, then talked about results of the club competition in the ARRL DX Contests. His records show 185.5M points on CW (representing 122 entries from 171 members) and about 135.5M points on SSB with some scores still not accounted for (135 entries from 183 members). The claimed total so far, 321M, easily beats FRC's total of about 281M. Dave expects the logs to receive more scrutiny than in the past, so expect some score reductions. He noted that the phone log deadline is Tuesday (April 6th) and urged members who had not yet submitted their scores to get them in on time. By comparison, last year the CW total was 108.3M (77 entries) and the SSB total was 107.9M (71 entries), for a total club score of 216.2M. The main difference this year has been much more careful attention paid to member eligibility to submit scores for the club aggregate score. Dave also had this year's entries broken down by category. There has been a lot of growth in the single op assisted and low power categories. Preliminary numbers based on the claimed scores for the YCCC Challenge in the ARRL DX Contest show team 17 (the Buccaneers, CQ WW YCCC Challenge winners) again in the lead with 33.2M points, followed by teams 13, 8, 23, 19, 12, 21, 25, and 9. The teams will be redistributed next year. Mark, K1RO, had club mugs for all CQ WW 1998 participants, plus mugs and certificates from prior years, which members could pick up at the break.

Mark, K1RO, and Jeff, K1ZM, produced and passed out bright red, square, Dayton badges that read "YCCC We Be Kickin' Butt". Jeff urged everyone to wear one at the Hamvention, and had bags of extras for members not at the meeting. Club Treasurer Ric, KV1W, reported a balance of \$6480.00 in the club bank account.

The club then welcomed five new members (see New Crew for details): Dave Smith, WQ1H, Roger Demers, W1JI, Jim McCobb, Jr., W1LLU, Eric Fitch, N1NVX, and Steve Moynihan, W3SM.

Jeff then led a discussion of where the club should next focus its efforts, after winning both the CQ WW and the ARRL DX Contests this year. Most members want to first prove that this was no fluke by doing it again next year. Some members think we should add more emphasis for

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smaller contests such as SS. Jeff noted that the club DXpeditions this year were a big factor.

Glen, K1GW, then talked about the new member's pamphlet he is putting together. He passed out samples of what has been written so far, and is looking for volunteers to flesh out the various sections.

Charlie, K1XX, then talked about operating the ARRL DX SSB from J3A. He said he had an 11KV power line about 70' from his 80/160 sloping dipole and so had very high line noise on those bands. He had certificates for members working J3A on six bands for K1ZM, W1FJ, and K1TTT.

We then held elections for the 1999-2000 club officers:
 Don, K2KQ, President
 Bill, N1AU, Vice President
 Charlotte, KQ1F, Secretary
 Ric, KV1W, Treasurer
 Glen, K1GW, Activities Manager
 Also, Doug, K1ZO, will continue as Scuttlebutt editor and Art, W1RZF, as Scuttlebutt publisher for the next year.

Jim, K1IR, then talked about the mentoring program. He noted that there are now twenty people (mentors and students) in the program. You can sign up for it on the web page. Whitey, K1VV, then talked about his experiences as a mentor and what he has been doing with his students. He ran two classes on two nights on CT on his local repeater, having students set up CT on their computers and walking them through it, and then supplied each student with a copy of PED (the CQ WW CW exercise program). He noted that this was much easier than inviting all the students to his own shack, plus this way each student ended up with CT installed on his/her own shack computer, ready to use.

Peter, WB1GEX, was the lucky winner of \$100 in the 50-50 raffle.

Jack, W1WEF, is still looking for tidbits for his Flotsam and Jetsam column.

The meeting wrapped up with Jeff, K1ZM, showing slides of his visit to the big Friedrichshafen hamfest in Germany, including photos of many well-known European testers.

YSA PacketCluster Update

Dick Pechie - KB1H
Charlie Ross - NC1N

The recent PacketCluster funding appeal produced excellent results, and YSA--The YCCC Sysops Association--is putting a new management team in place.

A few months ago, YSA sent out nearly 1100 letters to users who had logged into the YSA PacketCluster network. This was the first funding appeal in several years. About 200 replies were received, yielding almost \$7000. This funding pool will be used to help strengthen and maintain the network throughout the Northeast. If you still haven't sent yours in, we encourage you to do so. The system generates all its own funding, either from sysops/owners, local clubs that sponsor nodes, or through the funding appeal.

As YSA gears up for a new year's activities, it has also put together its new management team:

Dick, KB1H, returns as YSA President. He has been one of the driving forces behind the group since its inception.

Charlie, K1XX, will continue as our general technical coordinator. He has been the key to the system's reliable connectivity and architecture.

Tom, K1KI, continues as link coordinator, helping to ensure all the link frequencies are properly utilized and documented.

Pete, W1RM, will become the new Treasurer. He's replacing K1XX, who has been pulling double duty for many years.

Richard, W1JO, continues on as Equipment Manager.

Charlie, NC1N, will serve as YSA secretary. He's replacing K1RI (ex-NE1R), who has served for the past few years. Charlie's objectives include strengthening the group's communication and updating the YCCC packet web pages over the summer. Charlie is one of the sysops of the W1FY node.

The address for donations to the PacketCluster Fund is:

YCCC PacketCluster Fund
P.O. Box 3
Rindge, NH. 03461-0003

ARRL Contest Advisory Committee

Dave Hoaglin - K1HT

As a new member of the CAC (representing the New England Division), I'm still learning the ropes. The Hudson Division is represented by Rich, K2WR. Both of us would be happy to hear from you at any time on contesting issues that affect the ARRL.

For the CAC, the word "advisory" is key. We undertake studies, and make recommendations, on specific topics at the request of the ARRL Membership Services Committee. So far this year we have received two items for study: operator classifications in Sweepstakes and the rover rules for VHF contests.

In Sweepstakes, now that use of Packetcluster is widespread, it may be time to revise the rules. Possibilities that have been mentioned range from prohibiting the use of Packetcluster through adding a Single-Operator Assisted category to allowing unrestricted use of Packetcluster in all categories. For the Multi-operator category, use of packet interacts with the question of whether the number of band changes per hour should be limited (e.g., to 6, as now).

For rovers in VHF contests, the issue is whether the current rules are fair to participants in all parts of the U.S. Some claim that the geographic distribution of the amateur population favors rovers in some areas. The CAC has been asked to look at empirical evidence, pro and con.

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In one of these, we're going to design a unified database that serves all the club's needs and we're going to make it accessible via the Web. We'll run the design in parallel with what we have until we are happy with the performance before cutting it over. The first task will be to do an analysis of requirements, from which we will generate a system design. Any of you computer science types out there who want to join a challenging project that will leave a significant legacy to the club, let me know. I need a team and a leader.

I look forward to directing this great navy and unleashing some of its great talents. I know you will enjoy being a part of it. Now the fun begins!

New Crew

Charlotte Richardson - KQ1F

Please welcome these new and returning members who joined at the April meeting in Worcester, Mass.:

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CT Area Meeting - 3/13/99

Jeff Briggs - K1ZM

A special meeting was held 3/13/99 in Wallingford, CT. The meeting agenda included a review of the YCCC results in ARRL DX 1999 vs. FRC as well as the viewing of some contest videos brought by K1ZM.

Of special interest was a review of construction practices and station design techniques that was presented by Lou Maglione, KS1L. Lou walked us through the design of several vertical systems as well as the techniques he uses for effective receiving antennas on the low-bands.

There was lots of the requisite socializing and contest story-telling in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

Attending:

Jeff Briggs - K1ZM - President YCCC
Hank Kiernan - KF2O - Southern NY Area Manager
Gene Scopal - AE2F - Member
Dean Spencer - K1FRD - Potential member
Lou Maglione - KS1L - Member
Lucy Briggs - "WN2KID" - guest and chief rebel-rouser

K1HT Wrap-Up on ARRL DX

Dave Hoaglin - K1HT

By now most of you know that we had an excellent turnout for this year's ARRL DX Contest. After all, you were part of it! All those efforts paid off, to the tune of 322,622,269 points --- our claimed club score. The totals by mode were

CW 184,066,271
SSB 138,555,998

All this adds up to a comfortable lead over our nearest competitor; but we'll need to wait for the results of the log-checking, which promises to be more intensive this year than in the past (and is likely to be even more rigorous next year!).

The point totals came from a total of 125 entries on CW and 142 entries on SSB. And on each mode, the Single-Operator Assisted category was a major factor (57 entries on CW and 68 on SSB), attesting to the popularity of this approach and the effectiveness of our packet network. (You have responded to the YSA fund appeal, haven't you?!)

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Keeping those stations on the air were 168 eligible YCCC members on CW and 197 on SSB. The number who participated on both modes was 135, so the total number of YCCC members involved (on at least one mode) was 230. Thus, even this year's fine effort leaves lots of room for growth and improvement!

ARRL DX was the second leg of this year's YCCC Challenge. The accompanying list shows the claimed totals, CW + SSB, for the 26 teams. As in last fall's CQWW, Team 17, captained by wily Buccaneer Scott KA1CLX, came out on top by a sizable margin. The other members of Team 17 who contributed scores were N1DG, KIIG, K1HT, K1IR, K1LZ, N1NQG, WR1P, NZ1Q, W1VE, K1ZM, K2RD, N3MLV, and W6PH. Aside from some large individual scores, part of The Buccaneers' "secret" was plain old activity: 10 of the 14 got on for both modes --- more than any other team. (It was "Get on, or walk the plank!")

Second place in the ARRL DX Challenge went to Team 13, captained by Ric KV1W. Hot on their heels were Team 12 (Ann WA1S, captain) and Team 19 (Dan W1QK, captain). All this is preliminary, of course. We'll have the final results when the published scores are released next fall.

I'd like to thank everyone for sending me their scores so promptly. At times I was a little slow in posting the lists, because of a heavy schedule at work. For ARRL DX and CQWW, please include the number of your Challenge team when you send me your scores; it helps my record keeping.

Art W1RZF has agreed to organize the YCCC Challenge for the 1999-2000 contest season. He has all the scores from this season's four Challenge events in a database, and he's looking into ways of rearranging the team rosters, so that all teams start on an equal footing. It should make for an exciting season.

Final Claimed Totals for 1999 ARRL DX Challenge

Team 17	33,254,281	The Buccaneers
Team 13	17,630,780	Lucky 13
Team 12	15,808,586	The Keystone Breakers
Team 19	15,430,966	Yankee Clipper Spinnakers
Team 8	14,704,336	Aces & Eights
Team 21	14,649,465	The 21 Club
Team 25	14,638,210	The Two-Bit Contesters
Team 9	14,300,047	Number 9
Team 5	13,301,163	F Troop
Team 3	13,182,179	Mainely Lids
Team 23	12,864,640	The 599'ers
Team 14	12,349,002	Rainbow Warriors
Team 2	10,813,324	The Spice Boys
Team 10	10,467,572	Clam Diggers

Team 15	10,089,385	The Wire Weirdos
Team 16	10,023,339	AR's Aces
Team 4	9,827,579	Freddie & the Whizzers
Team 11	9,778,431	The Pi-Squares
Team 20	8,714,899	The Roaring 20's
Team 1	8,379,001	Team One
Team 18	7,878,346	Tom's Tigers
Team 7	6,669,693	Lucky 7
Team 6	6,516,117	Team CT
Team 22	5,892,486	The Crushers
Team 24	5,732,333	The X-Ops
Team 26	3,552,210	The Megawatts

Flotsam & Jetsam

"Barnacle Jack" Schuster - W1WEF

This column is intended to be a forum for exchange of contest related ideas that might be of help to our fellow members. Let me hear from you! Packet, snail mail, w1wef@snet.net all work! Remember, it doesn't matter if it's original...we will try to give credit where due.

Some radios today have so many features they can be very confusing. This is especially true if you don't operate a lot between contests and forget how to use your radio. Here's what happened to BJ in ARRL CW:. An FT1000MP remembers which sideband you last listened to on each band. If you didn't set it up before the contest, say to listen on USB on every band, it gets very confusing. It happens that if you listen to the USB with a 500 or 250hz filter, the radio likes to have the Shift knob set ever so slightly CCW from 12 O'Clock.(I can say this from experience with 4 MP's I've owned!). If you hit the CW button it changes to the opposite sideband. If you inadvertently somehow go to lower sideband , and don't move the shift slightly CW, signals sound weird. If you were using RIT you're now way off zero beat.

Now the real kicker that had me baffled. I set up the radio for USB on all bands, including both frequencies on each band that can be selected by hitting the band select button twice. Every once in a while I would discover that I was on lower sideband! It turned out that if I changed frequency from the computer keyboard, using the latest the version of my logging software, it ALWAYS moved to the LOWER sideband!!! I've included this long winded dissertation because I know many are using the MP.

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During our last RV trip, I had the pleasure of visiting Bill Fisher's station (W4AN), in the Georgia mountains near the start of the Appalachian trail. Bill can remotely operate the station from his home or office, an hour's drive away. He can select any of about 20 antennas, QSY, turn equipment on or off, even read his power output to the nearest watt!

One idea I saw for the first time was a homebrew rotating tower, made from standard hardware. A rotor in the top of a Rohn flat section turns a mast that goes through a sleeve bearing. Attached to the mast was an upside down Rohn section (may have been a sleeve type) with a second Rohn section attached to it, if I remember right. Several yagis were mounted on the top Rohn sections.

Bill had phased beverage pairs. He uses a MFJ 1026 noise canceller to null one pair against the other., then switches them in phase and signals come way up.

One of Bill's secret weapons is his operating chair. You can get one too, from Herman Miller for \$850. It comes with a lifetime guaranty!

John, K2SIG recently took down something that was wrapped with Scotch 88 tape...35 years ago. He found it unwrapped like the day he put it up. Another idea John mentioned...that could be used in conjunction with W4AN's rotating tower idea, is to use a thrust bearing on top of the rotating section for rotating guys. If you rigged a mast to come out of the top of the rotating section you could put a set of guys from the top of the tower off a thrust bearing.

K5FUV, Bill, found that mating Rohn tower sections that didn't want to go together when you were up the tower was made easier using a sling wrapped around the horizontal rungs of the upper and lower section, then going through itself so you could step on the inside of the sling. Slings and caribeaners are very handy tower working accessories available from Eastern Mountain Sports.

PVC pipe endcaps make neat caps for the top of a mast. (in case you want to cap it off!)

YCCC Team Challenge

Art Holmes - W1RZF

Don, K2KQ, has asked me to coordinate the team challenge for the coming year. I think that the competition between the teams and the additional leadership provided by the team captains were key to our success this past season. So I signed up. I see us having two goals: KICK BUTT AGAIN, and have FUN doing it.

Coming in # ONE is not going to be easy, I expect we will have to increase our score by at least 30%. That is a CHALLENGE. That will be FUN.

My first challenge is how to make the teams more competitive, i.e. equal. Seems like there are two ways to do this; a random drawing or tweaking the existing teams. I opted for the tweak as it maintains the leadership, retains the bonding established with recruits, and we don't have to start all over again. I.E. if it ain't broke don't fix it.

I have a complete score database for the four contests of the last season. The average team score for the four contests is 31.7 million, with a range from 9 million to 80 million. I found by moving 20 members to other teams I could change the minimum to 31.2 million and the maximum to 33.3 million.

There were 146 people assigned to teams who did not participate in any of the four contests. Eighty eight of these people are eligible for CQWW and I have randomly assigned them to teams other than their original team. IE, give someone else a chance to activate them.

Each team has 15 to 16 members and all are eligible for CQWW. Each team is free to grow to 20 members recruiting new or inactive members. each team will select their own captain.

The battle lines are drawn. The teams are equal. Each team should establish a goal to do at least 30% better, I.E. 31.7 mil * 1.3 = 41.2 mil. I am sure that won't win the challenge, but if all the teams meet this challenge we will sure KICK BUTT.

1999-2000 YCCC CHALLENGE TEAMS

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6	TEAM 7	TEAM 8	TEAM 9	TEAM 10
K1AM	K1AE	AB1T	K0TV	K1CA	AA1SU	AA1AA	AA1CR	AA1MY	AA6PN
K1JE	K1EP	AD1C	K1AJ	K8CH	AE2F	K1KU	AE1B	K1EO	K1OZ
K1MBO	K1HI	K1EU	K1TH	KA1NCN	AK1N	K1MY	AK1O	K1MA	K1WCC
K2XF	K2EK	K1MV	K2ONP	KA1R	K1DC	K1RQ	K1ST	K1OX	K2ZZ
N0ICI	KB1CHS	K5FUV	K2TR	KC1F	K1DX	K1YR	K1TW	K1XM	K5MA
N1MD	KM1P	K5ZD	KA1ULN	KS1L	K1EA	K2LUQ	K1YT	K1XX	N1AFC
NF1A	KR1G	KD1YN	KD1KI	N1AU	K1OA	KS1J	KB1WH	K1ZO	N1HOQ
W0MHK	N1RWM	KM2P	KU4BP	N1KB	K1TTT	KW1DX	KE1FO	K2KQ	N1TB
W1ES	N1UVA	KT1O	N1RL	N1KRT	K1VR	N1SOH	KF2O	K2ZP	N1UJV
W1LRY	N1ZRO	N1AO	N1RR	N1TM	KB1W	N1UEQ	KK1DX	KA1YTR	W1BK
W1MK	W1BHL	N1EZC	N6RFM	N1XJA	N1DG	NM1W	N4XR	KK1L	W1EK
W1NT	W1DEO	N1RHY	NK1F	N1XS	N1FIY	W0AD	NC1N	KQ1F	W1LW
W1OD	W1MD	N1RLI	T93M	N2LBR	N1IUN	W1FM	NY6DX	KZ1A	W1OHM
W1ZT	W1MKM	W1AX	W1IA	N8RA	N1TPY	W1TQ	W1AZ	NY1E	W1RZF
WA1QGC	W1RH	W1KT	W1ZK	NA2M	N1XYR	W2XX	W1NG	WA1ZYX	W1TO
WA2SPL	W1TE	W1UK	W2ZU	WA1KKM	N2UN	WC1D	WW1E	W1LLU	W2GDJ
	W9WBA					WT1O			

TEAM 11	TEAM 12	TEAM 13	TEAM 14	TEAM 15	TEAM 16	TEAM 17	TEAM 18	TEAM 19	TEAM 20
K1BV	AI3E	AA1IZ	K1BD	AA1SI	AA1CE	K1BB	K1KI	K1GE	K1MD
K1EPJ	K1BV	AA2MF	K1MO	K1JB	K1AR	K1BW	K1SD	K1SF	K1NU
K1RV	K1EBY	AH0M	K1RM	K1RX	K1KRY	K1GRS	K1VA	K2BX	K1SM
KE4GI	K1WD	K1RO	K1VW	K1VV	K1LD	K1HT	K1VUT	KE1IH	K1TR
KV1J	K3UU	K1TEX	K2DO	K2WR	K1PR	K1IR	K1YL	N1KO	K2XA
N1BB	K8LT	K1ZZ	KM3T	N1JP	K2LE	K1LZ	K2EP	N1LJA	KA1GJ
N1BSO	KA1O	K2LS	N1QMM	N1QDA	K2WE	K2RD	KA1CI	NB1U	KA1PRD
N1EDM	KB2HZI	KA1ZD	N2GA	N2FF	KA1UQ	KA1CLX	KE1KD	NQ1K	KB2HZI
N1PFC	KD2TT	KE2DX	NA2NA	W1CU	KB1AWE	N1NQD	N1DD	W1CSM	KF2XK
W1CC	KE2NL	KV1W	NB1B	W1FJ	KD1HN	N3MLV	N1GA	W1CWU	N2TX
W1KM	N1IXF	N1KWJ	W1BIH	W1NA	KD2RD	NZ1Q	N1IO	W1QJ	W1ABC
W1WFZ	N1PGA	N1ND	W1JCC	W1RY	KF1V	W1VE	N2YHK	W1QK	W1CB
W1YG	N1TVL	N2IX	W1RE	W1SU	N1DS	W6PH	N9KAU	W1WEF	W2RE
WK2H	W1FV	W1CC	WK1V	WB1H	N1LYA	WR1P	W1JR	WA1FCN	WB1GEX
WR2I	W1RM	W1US	WO1N	WM1K	W1XK	WQ1H	W1NR	W1JI	WF2B
	WA1S	W3TB	WW1Y		WB1S		W1SJ		WN1V

TEAM 21	TEAM 22	TEAM 23	TEAM 24	TEAM 25	TEAM 26
K1CC	AA1ON	AA1V	K1GQ	AA1QD	K0TF
K1PVT	AA2DY	K1KP	K1TI	K1DG	K1IK
K1RU	K1CN	K1VSJ	K1TS	K1LOM	K1NG
K7CTW	K1GW	K1ZR	K2SS	K1RWS	K1TXH
KA2CIW	K1MEM	K2TE	K2UU	K1TWF	K2AJY
KB1SO	K1MK	KB1FJ	KA1YED	K2SIG	K2YR
N1GS	K1TEV	KX1X	KB1DFB	K2SX	KI1G
N1KWF	K1ZM	KZ1M	KB1H	N1TMG	KI6EZ
N1NY	KT1M	N1I WV	KG1D	NY1L	N2MG
N1TO	W1AY	N1SNB	N1SR	W1EQ	N2ZX
W1GQ	W1UQ	N1SP	N1TIV	W1IX	NJ1F
W2AX	W1ZZ	NC1I	W1BR	W1MA	NT2X
W2II	WR1X	W1JK	W1QA	W1OG	W1AO
W2SF	WT2Q	W1ZS	W2LK	W1OJ	W1XF
W3IQS	WA1AES	WV1M	WF1B	WS1M	W2YG
WA1ZAM	N1NVX	N1RWS	W3SM		

YCCC CLUB RESOURCE INFORMATION

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP STUFF Dues (currently \$20) are payable as of the April election meeting, which begins our club "contest year", with a grace period until the end of June, at which time your membership lapses if dues are not paid up. In order to rejoin, a lapsed member must attend a meeting, like any new member, or may simply become a subscriber to the Scuttlebutt by paying up (see below). Club members who move out of club territory and so are not eligible to contribute to club aggregate scores automatically become subscribers. New members who join at the February meeting are credited with dues for the year beginning the following April. You can tell if you owe dues by checking your 'Butt mailing label. Only paid-up members are eligible to contribute to the club score in contests. **Mail your dues** to the club treasurer, Ric Plummer, KV1W, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158.

FAMILY MEMBERS Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive only one copy of the Scuttlebutt. One member of the family must pay full dues, enabling the rest of the family to join as family members, which is free. **STUDENT MEMBERS** Full-time students are eligible for dues at half the regular rate.

SCUTTLEBUTT SUBSCRIPTIONS Anyone may subscribe to the club newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*. The subscription year begins in April. Subscribers who sign up between December and April are considered paid-up for the upcoming year. You can tell if your subscription is current by checking your 'Butt mailing label. The grace period for late subscriptions is the same as for late memberships.

SCUTTLEBUTT ARTICLES should be sent to the Scuttlebutt editor, Doug Scribner K1ZO, preferably by E-mail at k1zo@arrl.net or on 3½" disk (in MSWord format or text file) by snail mail to Doug Scribner, 52 Manchester Street, Keene, NH 03431. The deadline for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. **CONTEST SCORES** should be sent to the club scorekeeper, Dave Hoaglin, K1HT, preferably by packet or by E-mail at dave_hoaglin@abtassoc.com. Please include details such as numbers of QSOs, QSO points (if appropriate), and multipliers (all types); entry category; and power.

CLUB GOODIES **BADGES** YCCC badges are available from Ric, KV1W. Send \$2, name and call desired on the badge, and your mailing address to: Ric Plummer - YCCC Badge, PO Box 1158, Berlin, MA 01503-2158. **APPAREL** Contact Brad, W1NT bradld@sprynet.com

QSL CARDS are ordered through John Dorr, K1AR. To order, send John packet mail, or E-mail at k1ar@contesting.com, detailing exactly what you want the card to say. There are 2 lines of text available for awards, etc. You will receive a proof by return mail. Approve the proof, making any corrections, and return to John *with payment* (make checks out to John, not YCCC). Current price is \$62 for 2000 cards. Normal turnaround is 30 days after approving proof. **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** is mailed annually with the August issue of the Scuttlebutt, and to new members when they join. Updates are published in 'Movers and Shakers' when members move or change callsigns.

COMPUTER STUFF **INTERNET REFLECTOR** There is an Internet mailing list for YCCC members. To subscribe, send mail to yccc-request@yccc.org. Include the words "subscribe yccc" in the body of the mail message. **WWW HOME PAGE** Come visit us at <http://www.yccc.org>. Our Webmaster is Doug Scribner, K1ZO. **CT CONTEST LOGGING SOFTWARE** is available from Matt, KC1XX. Orders: 603-878-4600. Support: 603-878-4200 CT-BBS: 603-878-1900 (28.8k, 8,N,1). As of this writing there is no E-mail address, but Matt says something is coming. There is an Internet mailing list for CT users. To subscribe, send email to CT-USER-REQUEST@contesting.com, and put only the word SUBSCRIBE in the message body. The CT reflector is also the best way to get CT country file updates. These updates may also be obtained from the CT BBS, or send a blank formatted disk and \$1.00 for postage to Jim Reisert, AD1C, 7 Charlemont Court, North Chelmsford, MA 01863-2306.

ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF **The W1 QSL BUREAU** is sponsored by the YCCC. Keep your account up to date with SASEs, or send a check. Stamps are sold at face value, envelopes are 10 cents each. Address: W1 QSL Bureau, YCCC, PO Box 80216, Springfield, MA 01138. Email address: w1qsl@yccc.org. **PACKET NETWORK** information is available from Charlie Carroll, K1XX, Candlelight Rd., Rindge NH 03461. **ARRL COMMITTEE REPS** are **CAC New England** Dave Hoaglin, K1HT; **CAC Hudson** Rich Gelber, K2WR; **DXAC New England** Jim Dionne, K1MEM; **DXAC Hudson** Rich Wujciak-K2RW. **ARRL LIAISON** is Tom Frenaye, K1KI.

Upcoming Meetings

Date	Type	Place
June 6 (Sun)	General	Worcester, MA

Ship's Log	June, 1999	Issue 142
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YCCC Awards Update	Mark Wilson - K1RO	2
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CT Area Meeting	Jeff Briggs - K1ZM	5
ARRL DX Wrapup	Dave Hoaglin - K1HT	5
Flotsam and Jetsam	Jack Schuster - W1WEF	6
YCCC Challenge	Art Holmes - W1RZF	7
1999-2000 Challenge Teams		8

The next general meeting of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club will be held Sunday June 6th,
at 1:00 PM at the Student Union on the campus of Worcester State College in Worcester, MA

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