VOIP Skywarn - Hurricane Prep Net 0000/0100 UTC Sunday (Saturday Evening- US)
Net Control Script   (January 2025 KD4RAA-KD5WX-KD1CY)

Tools: UTC time conversion see: **http://www.dxing.com/utcgmt.htm**

Telegram: Telegram is the cross-functional chat system being used by VoIP Hurricane Net – Net Controls and Net Management team members for collaboration. You can message individuals who have the app/pc client individually or message the VoIP Hurricane Net chat room. You can get Telegram loaded on your PC via the following link: https://desktop.telegram.org/ and for those that would like to have it on their cell phone as well, you can go to the Google Play Store or Apple I-Store and search for Telegram. You can request access to the VoIP Hurricane Net - net control/net management team room by emailing Rob-KD1CY at kd1cy@voipwx.net

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OPENING -

This is (*your name_____ call sign_____, from location_____*) opening the VoIP SKYWARN - Hurricane Prep Net. I will now break for any Emergency Traffic. Please call _____ (say phonetically here)

[break] *RESET*

This net meets on the first Saturday of each month at 8 PM Eastern Time during the non-hurricane season months of January through May and 7 PM Eastern Time in the month of December. During the Atlantic Hurricane Season months from June to November, the net meets weekly at 8 PM Eastern Time. We meet on the *WX_TALK* Echolink conference node: 7203/IRLP 9219 reflector system with numerous other VoIP modes cross linked to this system.

This net is called for the purpose of preparation training when a response net is needed for reporting changing storm conditions during hurricanes and assisting with emergency communications. This net can give the National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service Offices and other emergency response agencies around the country and internationally immediate access to Amateur Radio SKYWARN Spotters and Emergency Management officials who are in and around the affected areas.

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This net also provides skills training for our net controls, educational information sharing for SKYWARN spotters and agencies, testing of proper configurations for linked repeater setup and to allow Amateur Radio operators to give comments and weather related observations.

This is a directed net and all stations should direct their calls to Net Control. Please remember when checking in, to key up for a full second before speaking to allow all of the repeaters on the link system to rise.

During the net, EchoLink stations can make use of the text chat window to make comments or relay messages to the backup net control operator. Again, my name is <name>, my call sign is <call sign> and I am located in <location>. I will be your net control for this session of the VoIP SKYWARN Hurricane Prep Net.

I will now ask for a backup net control station to monitor traffic on the chat windows. Do I have a volunteer NCO station with Echolink and Telegram that can act as a backup net control? Please call now. (Note: You may have two stations that can do one or the other ---- both are desirable.)

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Is there a liaison to the National Hurricane Center in Miami, WX4NHC, a liaison to the Canadian Hurricane Centre in Halifax Nova Scotia Canada, or any VoIP Hurricane Net Management Team members on the system that would like to check in with any information, comments, announcements or a "question of the week" for the net? Please give your call sign ONLY.

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Are there any SKYWARN Coordinators or liaisons to National Weather Service Offices, CANWARN Coordinators or liaisons to the Environment Canada Weather Service or any State EOC or other Emergency Response Agency liaisons that would like to check in with information, comments, or announcements? Please give your call sign ONLY.

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This is *(your call sign_____ and my name is _____)*
for the VOIP Skywarn - Hurricane Prep Net.

All stations are requested to check in with their call sign ONLY. Once checked in, you will be asked for your name, location and any comments or traffic you may have for the net. If you have any questions concerning the VoIP Net, technical VoIP questions, weather related or other questions, net control will get them answered on the net if possible and if not, they will be answered via the VoIPWXNet email list or at the next weekly net.

[If there is a question of the week] We'll also take answers to our "Question of the Week" when we get your name, location and comments for the net.

I will now accept check-ins from:

Any non-continental United States Stations from the Pacific/Hawaii and other US territories and any international stations, please give your call sign only

USA: The US needs to be broken into regions. Net Control can do the groupings in any manner. A sample/recommended grouping of stations by region follows:

Any Stations with "1", "2" or "3" in their call, please give your call-sign only
Any Stations with "4", "5" or "6" in their call, please give your call-sign only
Any Stations with "7", "8", "9" or "0" in their call, please give your call-sign only
I will now go to the backup net control station to list any Echolink text-box check-ins that have joined in during the call-up of stations via voice.

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[If scheduled] **We will now proceed with the information and training portion of the net. *** *Special guest program or presenter.*

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Do we have any further general questions, comments *(or questions, comments for the special topic presented to the net if applicable)* **or late check-ins including any late Echolink text box check-ins from any US region, non-continental US stations from the Pacific/Hawaii and other US territories and any late international check-ins, please give your call-sign only.**

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Thank you to all stations, which checked into the net this evening with their comments and questions. We also thank each of the owners of the local IRLP and EchoLink repeater networks for the use of the system. Special thanks to Kevin KD5WX for the use of the WX-talk conference, and to Danny KD4RAA, Tony-VK3JED, and the Raleigh Reflector IRLP group for the merge of the various VoIP systems for this combined net.

For more information on the VoIP Net, please check out the web site at https://www.voipwx.net. The web-site features net activation status, an email list and other information concerning the VoIP Net.

If you would like to participate as a net control operator, we welcome your involvement. Please contact Rob-KD1CY and he will work with you and the net management team on involvement. He can be contacted via the web site.

Remember, SKYWARN needs YOU, the spotter, in order for this system to work. Thank you for your willingness to serve. This is Name/Call _____ and I will now conclude the VoIP SKYWARN Hurricane Prep Net from City _____ State _____ . This is <call-sign> saying 73 and signing clear.