Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association to Activate Fairport Harbor Lighthouses for International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

Event Details

Date: Saturday, August 15
Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT (13:00–21:00 UTC)
Location:
Fairport Harbor Lighthouse Museum
129 2nd Street
Fairport Harbor, OH 44077

The Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association (SARA), club callsign **W8WKY**, will be participating in **International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (ILLW)** by operating amateur radio stations from the Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse.

Weather permitting, a second team will travel to the Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse to activate both Fairport Harbor lighthouses during the event.

Lighthouse Activations

- **US 0189 / ARLHS 279** – Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse
- **US 0188 / ARLHS 280** – Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse (weather permitting)

About the Event

International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend is an annual worldwide amateur radio event that encourages the preservation and public awareness of lighthouses and lightships. Amateur radio operators set up temporary stations at participating lighthouses and make contacts with other lighthouse stations and amateur radio operators across the United States and around the world.

The event began in 1998 and has grown into one of the largest annual amateur radio operating events, with hundreds of participating lighthouses in dozens of countries.

Visitors to the museum will have the opportunity to see amateur radio in action, learn how operators communicate across the globe without relying on the Internet or cellular networks, and observe live contacts being made with stations throughout North America and beyond.

About Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association

The Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association (SARA), based in Doylestown, Ohio, promotes amateur radio through public service, emergency communications, education, and operating events. The club regularly participates in activities such as Field Day, Parks on the Air (POTA), contests, and community

outreach programs that introduce the public to amateur radio.

Additional Information

- Club website: https://w8wky.org/
- International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend: https://illw.net/
- QSL requests: QSL@w8wky.org
- SARA contact: Josh Van Dyke / W8HRF – ke8vka@gmail.com

A commemorative event QSL card will also be available for stations that contact the Fairport Harbor lighthouse activations.

We invite the public to stop by throughout the day, meet local amateur radio operators, learn about the hobby, and watch live radio contacts being made from one of Ohio's historic lighthouses.