



NEW YEARS DAY 2026 WINLINK VARA HF P2P
CHECK-IN NET
SPECIAL EVENT

EDM will host an open Winlink VARA HF P2P Check – in Net on New Years Day 2026.

It will run from 7:00 AM EST 01/01/26 – 10:00 PM EST 01/01/26 OR 1200 UTC 01/01/26 – 0300 UTC 01/02/26.

This event is open for participation by all EDM Members.

All EDM Members are encouraged to invite Ham radio operators who are Winlink capable from outside of the ranks of EDM to participate as well. You may copy and distribute this information to those you invite.

For our non-member Invitees:

At EDM, we are all about Emcomm Training via Direct Messaging. Our primary objective is to train members to use the tools needed to perform Emcomm if/when/where the internet is not available. Everything we do over the air is done without the use of internet.

To accomplish this objective, EDM has a comprehensive training program that supports our stated mission goals. This program includes training in the use of Winlink Vara HF Peer-to-Peer (P2P) messaging, and in the use of VarAC's many Emcomm capabilities. You may not know what one or even both of these products are. As a member, you will.

**For more information on EDM including possible membership, please visit;
<https://groups.io/g/EDM-Target-Stations>**

This will be a simple Winlink VARA HF P2P check – in net. There will be 3 NCS stations which you may attempt to contact.

KD2LQA in SC is the PRIMARY NCS

N9JYJ in OK is an ALTERNATE NCS

WJ0L in MN is an ALTERNATE NCS

Message Preparation

- **Use a basic Winlink message. No templates or attachments.**
- **Put your check – in message in the new message subject box using ALLCAPS,COMMA,NOSPACES**
- **If you are an EDM Member add yes to the end of the message, if not add no.**
- **Enter the following;**

<CALLSIGN>,<FNAME>,<COUNTY>,<STATE>,<BAND>,<YES/NO>

EXAMPLE:KD2LQA,ANDY,CHESTERFIELD,SC,40M,YES

- **Leave the body of the message blank.**
- **Save message to outbox as a Peer 2 Peer message. (NOT A WINLINK MESSAGE)**

TRANSMIT MSG:

- **Select “Vara HF P2P” session in the session drop-down box**
- **Click on “Open Session” to open the Vara HF Peer-to-Peer Session window**
- **Check the Vara HF TNC window to verify 500 Hz. If not 500, go to session window, then Settings>**
- **Vara TNC Setup> Maximum signal bandwidth 500, click Update**
- **NOTE: As always make sure your signal bandwidth is set for 500**
- **Enter the correct center frequency in the center frequency box.**
- **Check the rig Dial Freq is correct, which will be 1.5 kHz lower than the Center Frequency above.**
- **Listen on audio and evaluate waterfall to make sure frequency is not busy.**
- **Then click “Start” to initiate radio transmission. Monitor progress of session**
- **Review session summary to confirm message sent. If it didn’t send, correct your error and resend.**

All stations are welcome to check- in as many times as they like on all bands.

NET SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS DAY EST

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>Center Freq.</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM EST | 80M | 3569.5 |
| 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST | 40M | 7085.5 |
| 1:00PM - 4:00 PM EST | 20M | 14089.5 |
| 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EST | 30M | 10119.5 |
| 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST | 40M | 7085.5 |
| 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM EST | 80M | 3569.5 |

NET SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS DAY UTC

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>Center Freq.</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 1200 UTC - 1400 UTC | 1/1/2026 | 80M | 3569.5 |
| 1400 UTC - 1800 UTC | 1/1/2026 | 40M | 7085.5 |
| 1800 UTC - 2100 UTC | 1/1/2026 | 20M | 14089.5 |
| 2100 UTC - 2300 UTC | 1/1/2026 | 30M | 10119.5 |
| 2300 UTC - 0100 UTC | 1/1 - 1/2/26 | 40M | 7085.5 |
| 0100 UTC - 0300 UTC | 1/2/2026 | 80M | 3569.5 |