

BRARA Station Limited Reopening June 5, 2021

Our long wait is nearly over! It will soon be possible to once again operate from the BRARA shack.

Based on present conditions and our need to comply with PBC Parks Department requirements, the Board of Directors has instituted a PHASED reopening of the station. Phase One will commence on Saturday, June 5th, 2021. We are not yet allowed to have group gatherings in the station, but operating is now possible on a controlled basis.

The number of persons permitted in the shack at present is very limited, so individuals wishing to operate will need to reserve a time slot and cannot be accompanied by additional persons. Our webmaster N1QFH has created an online signup system (linked elsewhere in this email) to reserve your time, as well as a brief video on how to use the signup system.

We are changing the gate key and door combination on the shack (we were overdue to do this anyway). In order to obtain a key and operate during this time, everyone must meet the club's current requirements for having a key:

- Be a club member in good standing for at least twelve contiguous months
- Hold a current U.S. Amateur Radio License granting operating privileges for the frequencies and modes you will operate
- Participate in a short briefing on safety, station setup and shack lockup procedures
- Sign and submit a copy of BRARA's standard liability waiver

A one-page checklist of essential procedures and practices has been posted on our website and will be provided to you in printed form when you have your briefing.

To make it easy for everyone to get the new key and turn in your old one (if you have one), we are having a "key day" at the shack on two upcoming Saturdays:

- Saturday May 22 from 2pm to 4pm
- Saturday May 29 from 2pm to 4pm

At either of these times, you will be able to have your briefing, sign the waiver, and swap or receive your key and the new door combination.

While we're not yet back to the old days, we hope you'll agree that this is a healthy step in the right direction. We hope to return to our full set of shack activities soon.