

## How to check in to a VBARC net with Winlink

### Prerequisites:

- No special equipment is necessary to get started - just Windows PC and Internet connection. (Take ample time to make RF equipment decisions.)
- Download "Winlink Express Install" from <http://downloads.winlink.org/User%20Programs/> and install it
- Open a Winlink account with your callsign from within Winlink Express (RMS Express). A donation would be nice.
- Send yourself a test email from Winlink to activate your account

### Check-in:

1/ Launch Winlink Express (RMS Express) and create email message on day of the net, between hours 0600 and 1800 - must be done using Winlink (Message, New Message)

2/ **To:** W4OT

3/ **Subject** line should say the Band, Mode and Name, for example:

VHF, Packet, James

HF, ARDOP, Patricia

Internet, Telnet, Bob

4/ **Body** of message is optional and can say the power source and QTH. No other information is needed.

5/ Click "Post to Outbox"

6/ Make sure Mode to be used is correctly set: Telnet Winlink, Packet Winlink, etc.

7/ Click "Open Session"

8/ Click "Start"

9/ Wait for "Disconnect" message

10/ Done.