



Associazione **Radioamatori**
Marinai Italiani
Gruppo "Golfo di Gaeta"



ITALIAN NAVY DAY

9th A.R.M.I. International Contest
of *"Santa Barbara"*



Patron of Italian Navy

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The A.R.M.I. – Associazione Radioamatori Marinai Italiani is an organization which brings together Italian and foreign radio amateurs with a military or civil maritime background (also Police).

In order to celebrate the Saint Patron of Italian Navy (Saint Barbara), we are now promoting the A.R.M.I. International Contest of "Santa Barbara".

Rules:

DATES

The contest will be repeated each year and will begin on the December, 4th, day of Saint Barbara in Italy: if the 4th of December is a working day the contest will start the before or next week-end.

For 2013 contest will start 12:00 UTC Saturday, December 7, 2013 and end 12.00 UTC Sunday, December 8, 2013 (total 24 hours).

BANDS

The following bands are allowed according to the Band Plan IARU Region 1: 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 and 160 meters.

EMISSION MODES

The following emission modes are allowed: CW, SSB, DIGITAL (PSK &, RTTY).

CATEGORIES

Two categories are allowed: N = Naval, I = Independent.

The N cat includes all OM and SWL belonging to A.R.M.I. or any other OM naval club (for example: INORC, MARAC, MF, RNARS, ANARS, FNARS, BMARS, MFCA, YO-MARC, etc.).

The I cat includes all OM and SWL of any country with no partnership to any naval club.

For each category, N and I, the following sub-categories are allowed, according to emission modes: CW, SSB, DIGITAL.

All contacts in RTTY and PSK will be considered as DIGITAL sub-category.

Extra Jolly stations will be available and will operate in multi-operator, multi-band and multi-mode, from fixed location and from "Maritime Mobile".

CALLS

The following calls are allowed: CQ ARMI, CQ ARMI TEST.

Stations belonging to N cat will add "/N" to their name during calls.

As an example: CQ ARMI TEST de IKØJFS/N.

REPORTS

All A.R.M.I. or other naval clubs stations must pass their RST report followed by the club's code and the inscription number.

The Jolly stations must pass their RST report followed by the exact time of the contact as logged.

I-cat stations must pass their RST report followed by a progressive number starting from 001.

SCORES

A.R.M.I and other Naval Club stations score 10 points.

Jolly stations from fixed location score 25 points.

Jolly stations from Maritime Mobile score 50 points.

All I-cat stations score 1 point.

QSO between 1 point stations WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED in total score.

Instead QSO between 10 points stations will be considered in total score.

Each station must be contacted only one time per band.

MULTIPLIERS

A.R.M.I stations, Jolly stations and other Naval Clubs stations are considered as multipliers.

A.R.M.I. Stations, Naval Clubs Stations and Jolly stations can be counted only once, careless of band.

FINAL SCORES

Obtain final score by multiplying the sum of QSO points by the sum of multipliers.

SWL

OM rules are applied, as followed examples:

- QSO between 1 point stations WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED;
- QSO between a 1 point station and a 10 points station will score 11 points;
- QSO between 10 points stations will score 20 points;
- Each station can be heard only one time per band.

N.B. SWL reports are appreciated. To enter classification for this category a minimum of traffic is not needed, but the Contest Manager will appreciate hard working Logs.

LOG

Logs, built in a standard mode (Cabrillo or ADIF) and together with a resume sheet, filled with category, QSO number, points, multipliers and score, divided per band, besides the total score, must be sent my email, within 31st January 2014, to the Contest Manager at the following address:

s.barbara@aribassolazio.it

Incoming logs with date beyond the above mentioned deadline will be considered "Control Logs".

Note: *Logs sent by e-mail must contain in the object: "ARMY CONTEST S.BARBARA"*

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Participants will be disqualified if:

- They don't respect time and dates (described above);
- They don't respect the Band Plan IARU Region 1;
- They operate in couples or groups;
- They combine QSY or sked with correspondents to repeat QSO on other bands.

Participants who send incomplete Logs, with QSO doubled not declared, with wrong score or with QSO found non bilateral will be penalized or disqualified.

CLASSIFICATIONS

For each sub-category described above in this document there will be a distinct classification (e.g. Naval-CW, Naval-SSB, Naval-MGM, etc.).

For SWL there will be a separate classification.

PRIZES

Participants 1st classified in each category will receive a prize, 1.000 personalized QSL cards full color front/rear sponsored by WWW.QSLITALY.IT by Emilio IZONNI.

The winners will come contacted by the Contest Manager (**Carlo Avallone - IZØEGC**), or his nominee, to agree the delivery of the prize.

JOLLY STATIONS

For the 2013 contest, the following Jolly stations will be valid:

- ^ IQØAL operating from the A.R.I. Section "Capoterra" - Sardinia Island;
- ^ IQ3GA operating from the A.R.I. Section "Marcon" - Venice.

As usual since the first edition of contest, for errata corrige, changes in classifications and / or last-minute warnings, please refer to website:

www.aribassolazio.it or www.assoradiomarinai.it