



OVERVIEW AS OF 3/8/2021

What: Hudson River Radio Relay featuring Bannerman's Island Special Event

When: June 12th from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM

Where: This is a multi-site special event. A small expeditionary force will be operating from the island while a network of 7 historic "shore" stations will be located across the Hudson Valley will be using special 1x1 call signs to generate additional community involvement.

Why: Bannerman's Island is rare "DX" right in our own backyard and has never been on the air until HVDN is about to help make local IOTA history along with the help of other local area amateur radio clubs which will change that.

The main goal of the event is to help raise awareness of Bannerman's Island and its need for donations to help protect this historical monument. The overall goal is to literally help put the HV on the map and highlight how great of an amateur radio region we are that can work together to do amazing things across county and club boundaries!

How: The 7 "shore" stations will be located at historically significant locations in Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster and Rockland Counties. Each station will practice being able to communicate across specific modes and frequencies in our region while at the same time being able to make contact across the world while raising awareness for not only Bannerman's Island, but also other historical locations and our great community of local clubs such as HVDN, PCARA, OMARC, OCARC, QSY, MBARC, USMA and Crystal Radio Club.

Specifics: The event is being managed by HVDN and exact frequency bands will be 40m/20m/17m plus 6m/2m/70cm. All details will be advertised in QST magazine as well as the ARRL website plus a special landing page at hvdn.org/bannermans21

Rewards: A special certificate has been designed to support the event which will be issued to all participants with the help of each sponsoring club to ensure that we reach our event goals. Members of the general public will be able to observe amateur radio while being safe and will create a great opportunity for local clubs to give a taste of public service to those curious about what are doing. A range of nice information cards will be provided to share with the public visitors. Additional rewards/goals will be discussed in later meetings.

Benefits: Given that this event takes place during the ARRL VHF June Contest, there will be many more people on the air, from home and likely from our area summits. This may attract new interest at the club level to increase membership and create a nice reason for them to come and visit your upcoming ARRL Field Day event at the end of June. This gives us a great chance to help Bannerman's Island and our wider Hudson Valley area!