Brunswick County Emcomm Winlink Net Session #030

Net Session Start: Monday November 23rd at 12:01 AM

Net Session End: Saturday December 5th at 11:59 PM

Send your completed Winlink message to: K1MJJ@winlink.org or just K1MJJ

Notice:

- Please maintain your monthly ICS 214a for the month of November stating the time you spend working on the Winlink exercise(s) you have completed for the month of November. I will ask for the 214a at the end of the month.
- Please keep all Winlink correspondence for the month of November exercises in a separate folder within Winlink. If you do so, then it will be straightforward to collect them in an ICS 309 communication log to send to me at the end of the month.
    - I have sent all of you a document on how to create a personal folder within Winlink
- You should have the two documents that I sent to you explaining how to create an ICS 309 document within Winlink and the document explaining how we will use an ICS 214a.
    - If you don't have either or both documents, then send me an email and I will provide them to you.

You should also have a blank writable ICS 214a PDF that I sent to you. If you don't, then send me an email and I will send you a copy.

Note:

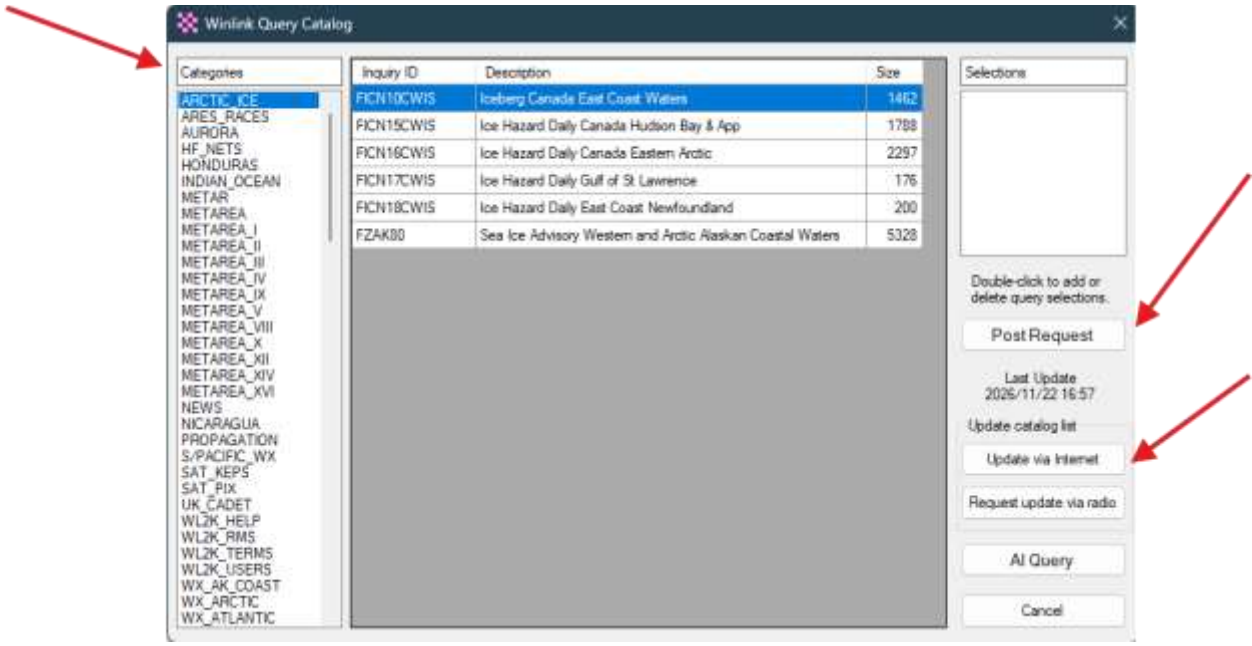
- I would recommend that you send me you ICS 214a and ICS 309 via Telnet. PDF files created the way I have asked you to create them are quite large. If you try to send them via VHF or HF then you will be sending them through a slower medium.

The Scenario:

- For this Winlink exercise we are going to acquire a weather forecast from the National Weather Service via Winlink.

- **Consider**: Under emergency conditions you may not always have Internet service. The radio may be your only way to get the weather forecast.
- If you have RF capability to use Winlink then for this exercise I would like you to send and receive your Winlink weather request using your VHF, UHF or HF.
    - The weather forecast that the Winlink service will send back to you will not be large and if band conditions are good, it will not take long if you use RF.
    - If band conditions are lousy and it is taking too long, then by all means stop the transmission and use Telnet.
    - It is good to experience a long transmission via RF.
- If you do not currently have RF capability, then please use Telnet.

Steps to complete this exercise:

1. Open Winlink Express and go to Settings → Winlink Catalog Request.
2. The dialog box should like the drawing below
    a. 

3. Click the Update via Internet button.
4. Scroll down the Categories list until you find the weather for your state and click it.
5. In the middle Inquiry ID window double click the zone closest to where you live.
6. Your selection should appear in the right most Selection window.
7. Click the Post Request button and your request will be sent to the Outbox.
    a. If you can please send your request using RF.
    b. Wait a few minutes to give the Winlink service time to prepare your request.

    c. Start your session again and the Service request will be available to you in your Inbox.
8. Find the NWS forecast closest to you and copy that forecast.
9. Paste that forecast into an ICS -213 message and send it to K1MJJ.
    a. Please also write in the ICS-213 message the following:
        i. Your callsign, name, town, county, state, Band and Mode of transmission that you used to complete this exercise.
10. Send your ICS 213 message to K1MJJ via Telnet, VHF Packet, Vara FM or Vara HF.

Folks if you can, please try to send me your work via RF. The only way you will be comfortable using the radio with Winlink is to practice.

Have fun and learn from this exercise.

Please send me any questions you have to my Winlink account or to K1MJJ.Ham@gmail.com.

Good luck!!!