

2009 United States Amateur Radio Direction

Finding Championships

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Organizer: Vadim Afonkin KB1RLI June 5-7, 2009

What is it? Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) is the sport of finding radio transmitters on foot, using radio receiver, map, and compass in diverse, wooded terrain. The meet is conducted as a competitive timed event. ARDF is for all ages. All are welcome!

Schedule:

THURSDAY – 30 APRIL: Registration Postmark Deadline

FRIDAY - 5 JUNE: Arrival, Practice Day, Mandatory Competitor Meeting

SATURDAY - 6 JUNE 144 MHz Competition, Group Dinner

SUNDAY -7 JUNE: 3.5 MHz Competition, Awards, Departure

Location: Blue Hills Reservation, Boston. More details will be posted on www.bostonardf.org

Organizers: Vadim Afonkin KB1RLI and Volunteers

Course setter: Vadim Afonkin KB1RLI

Categories: Entry categories are divided by gender and age.

Women (W)	Men (M)	Age
W19	M19	19 and younger
W21	M21	Any age
W35	M40	35/40 and older
W50	M50	50 and older
	M60	60 and older

Competitors belong to the M19 or W19 category up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 19. Men competitors aged 40 or older or women competitors aged 35 or older qualify for each category from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the given age.

Map: An orienteering map of Blue Hills East and Blue Hills West will be used on both competition days. Scale: 1:15,000 minimum. Contour interval: 5 meters. Map size 8.5x11 (letter size)

Equipment: The following equipment is recommended: comfortable running shoes or hiking boots with good traction, long pants or long nylon running pants for protection against underbrush, eye wear

for protection against branches, a watch as there is a time limit (3 hours unless noted otherwise), a whistle to call for help if you are injured, amateur radio receiver with directional antenna, and a compass. Competitors may wish to bring their own water and food on course.

Electronic punch system: The event will use SportIdent electronic punches for all timing and control scoring. Competitors with their own SportIdent cards should include their SI card unique identifier on their registration forms.

Rules/Safety: ARDF is an individual sport. Giving or receiving assistance is not allowed. Do not ask for assistance unless you are in fear for your safety and you are willing to be disqualified. The Blue Hills Reservation bounded by major highways and located inside 128 belt. Almost impossible to get lost. Please assist any injured person you find. All competitors must report to finish within 3 hours of starting. Use whistles only to call for emergency help.

Awards: Medals will be awarded on both days. Individual medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for each entry category based first on number of required transmitters found, second on time to complete the course.

Accommodations: Blue Hills Reservation located on south side of Greater Boston area and only 15 minutes away from downtown Boston, and about 20 minutes from Logan International airport. There are plenty of hotels available and here are [some withing 5 -10 minutes](#) drive from competition area.

Logan International airport has great number of rental car companies an anyone should be able to get one with reasonably low price.

As alternative there are two more airports withing driving range from competition area - Manchester, NH(about 70 miles) and Providence, RI(about 60 miles). It will take you about hour and half to get to Boston.

Manchester International has flights to Europe.

Please note - accommodation and transportations to and from competition area is sole responsibility of competitors and NOT part of \$50 start fee.

Web Site: Additional information about the meet, including detailed information regarding the rules of the competition is available at: <http://www.bostonardf.org>

Fees Notes: To encourage first-timers and foreign visitors, the competition fee will be waived for persons who have never participated in the USA ARDF Championships(yes no fees for first-timers and for those outside of North America) , and for persons coming from outside of North America. Those persons will have the option of purchasing event T-shirts. The competition fee for all others will be \$50 per person, including T-shirt. Extra T-shirts and extra dinners (for spouses, children, or guests) may be purchased at additional charge.

All participants must submit a completed registration form and waiver. Those without a completed waiver will not be permitted to participate in the event. Please complete the following in pen.

Registration Form (Deadline May 15th 2009)

Name: _____

Sex: (M/F) _____ Age: _____

IARU Society: _____
(See Categories above) (i.e. ARRL, DARC, RSGB, etc.)

Category: _____ T-shirt Size: _____ SI Card ID: _____
(W19,W21,W35,W50,M19,M21,M40,M50,M60) (S,M,L,XL,XXL) (N/A if you need to borrow one)

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fees

	Price	Quantity	Total	
Competitor Registration:	\$50.00	1	\$50.00	
Additional T-shirt:	\$15.00			(Size: _____)
Extra group dinner:	\$15.00			
Total:				

Make checks payable to Vadim Afonkin

Complete and sign the entry form and waiver. A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM WITH SIGNED WAIVER IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PERSON ENTERING THE WOODS. A PARENT MUST SIGN FOR ANYONE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD.

Mail to: Vadim Afonkin , 1731 Beacon Street 1511, Brookline, MA 02445

Waiver for Event Participation

All participants must submit a completed registration form and waiver. Those without a completed waiver will not be permitted to participate in the event. Please complete the following in pen.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Country: _____

Waiver of Responsibility

If you do not fully accept the following and do not sign this waiver, you will not be allowed to participate. I, the undersigned, know that Amateur Radio Direction Finding, as an outdoor action sport, carries significant risk of personal injury. I know that there are natural and man-made hazards, environmental conditions, and risks, which in combination with my actions, can cause me serious or possibly even fatal injury. I agree that I as a participant must take an active role in understanding and accepting these risks, conditions and hazards. I also agree that I alone am responsible for my safety while I participate in this event, and not the organizers and officials of this event, the New England Orienteering Club, the United States Orienteering Federation, the American Radio Relay League, the land owners or managers, the municipality/county/state of the event location, or any sponsors. In consideration of acceptance of this entry, intending to be legally bound, I do for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the United States Orienteering Federation, the New England Orienteering Club, American Radio Relay League, the event sponsors and organizers, the landowners, and the State of Massachusetts, and their representatives, successors, and assigns, for any injuries or damages to me during or because of this event. I further attest that I am physically fit and capable of participating in this event.

Parent or Guardian MUST sign if entrant is under 18 years of age.

NAME (Please Print)

SIGNATURE (or signature of parent/guardian)

DATE